Light Rail Communities

Stakeholder Meeting
February 25, 2020
Today’s Agenda

• Background

• Station Area Planning

• Subarea Planning

• Schedule and Upcoming Outreach Events

Station area planning does not include the design of the station itself, construction, mitigation, operation or maintenance of light rail; those are the responsibility of Sound Transit. Final decisions on the actual station location and alignment will be made by Sound Transit.
• ST3 approved in November 2016
• Includes Everett Link Extension:
  • Two funded unincorporated stations:
    • Ash Way
    • Mariner
  • One provisional (unfunded) unincorporated station:
    • SR 99/Airport Rd (Provisional)

• Service between Lynnwood and Everett begins in 2036
Big Picture Timeline

2015 - 2017
East/West Corridor HCT Access Study

2018 - 2019
Station Area Planning

2019 - 2020
East/West Corridor Feasibility

2021 - 2023
2023 Comprehensive Plan Update

Subarea Plan
Process of Identifying Options

- Consultant Evaluation
- Stakeholder Workshop

- Stakeholder Workshop
- Agency Support Team
- On-line Open House #2
- Consultant Evaluation

- Concepts Developed
- Agency Support Team
- On-line Open House #3
- 2 On-Site Open Houses
- Consultant Evaluation
- Stakeholder Workshop

14 Options

6 Options

4 Options

2 Options
Station Location Options

- Two near I-5 and 128\textsuperscript{th} St
  - 8\textsuperscript{th} Ave W
  - 130\textsuperscript{th} St

- Two near I-5 and 164\textsuperscript{th} St
  - Ash Way Park and Ride
  - 164\textsuperscript{th} East of I-5
130th St Option

- Central Park/Plaza
- Pedestrian Overcrossing
- Station Location
- Parking
- New 130th St
- New Transit Overcrossing of I-5
- New Ped/Bike Connection to Interurban Trail

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### Mariner Station - Option Comparison

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Ash Way Park & Ride Option

New Transit Connection to I-5

New Transit/Bike/Ped Overcrossing

Central Park/Plaza

Swift Orange Line Routed Around I-5/164th Interchange

Parking

Station Location
East of I-5 Option

- Direct Access Ramp Completion to I-5
- New Transit/Bike/Ped Overcrossing
- East Side Light Rail Alignment
- Station Location
- Central Park/Plaza
- Parking
- LRT Rail and Station Underground
- New Interurban Trail Crossing
- Swift Orange Line Routed Around I-5/164th Interchange

LEGEND
- At-Grade Light Rail
- Swift Orange Line Bus
- Bike/Ped
- Park & Ride
- Approximate Station Location
- New Street
- Half Mile Radius
- Quarter Mile Radius
- Eighth Mile Radius
## Ash Way Station – Option Comparison

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Joint Council/Executive Resolution

• Support 130th St as the locally favored option for the Mariner light rail station

• Support east of I-5 as the locally favored option for the Ash Way light rail station

• Support of use of these station locations for planning purposes

• Encourage Sound Transit to consider these locations as alternatives in their Everett Link Extension alternatives analysis process

• Resolution adopted February 18, 2020
Subarea Planning

- Prepare a subarea plan to guide future planning decisions
- Provide certainty to residents, property owners, developers and the community-at-large

2018-2019: Station Area Planning
2020-2022: Subarea Planning
2020-2023: 2023 GMA Update
Snohomish County Population Forecasts for 2043

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Source: Office of Financial Management
Goal for 75% of the region’s growth to occur near high capacity transit

Decrease Growth in Rural Areas

Better jobs-housing balance by shifting employment allocation from King County
Guiding Principles

- Preserve Neighborhood Character
- Cultivate Economic Development
- Strive for Equity
- Create a Walkable Environments
- Promote Sustainability
- Support Affordable Housing
- Maintain Healthy Communities
Topics to be Addressed

- Vision
- Parks and Recreation
- Land Use and Zoning
- Natural Environment
- Housing
- Public Services and Utilities
- Transportation
- Economic Development
Future Land Use:
- Urban Center
- Urban Medium Density Residential
- Urban High Density Residential
- Urban Commercial
- Urban Industrial
- Urban Low Density Residential

Zoning:
- Urban Center
- Urban Industrial
- Urban Commercial
- Urban Medium Density Residential
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Form Based Codes

• A Form-Based Code (FBC) is a means of regulating land development to achieve a specific urban form

• Fosters predictable built results and a high-quality public realm by using physical form (rather than separation of uses) as the organizing principle
Schedule and Upcoming Outreach Events
Schedule

**Snohomish County Light Rail Planning Projects**
- East/West Corridor HCT Access Study - Phase 1
- Light Rail Communities - Station Area Planning
- Light Rail Communities - Prepare Sub-Area Plan
- East/West Corridor HCT Access Study - Phase 2
- Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan Update
- Adoption of Comprehensive Plan Update and Sub-Area Plan

**Sound Transit Everett Link Project Development**
- Alternatives Analysis
- ST Board Selects Preliminary Preferred Alternative
- EIS Process
- ST Board Selects Project to be Built

Today: 2020
## Details

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*In conjunction with the 2023 GMA Comprehensive Plan Update

Dates subject to change
Online Community Survey

- Better understand the community preferences of people who interact within the subarea

- Opens March 6-Closes May 8
April Community Workshops

April 23
- TBD
- 6-8 pm

April 30
- Odyssey Elementary School
- 6-8 pm

- What amenities does the community want?
- Where do you see the most growth occurring in the future?
- What type of buildings should be used to accommodate growth and where should they be located?
April Stakeholder Workshop

April 30

- 9:30-11:30
- Robert Drewel
  Building Public Meeting Room First Floor (West Side)
Question 1
What are your top two concerns looking out over the next 20 years?

Question 2
Please identify your top two things you would like to see within the area being planned.

Question 3
Is there something missing that we should include within our process?
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