

Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Draft Scoping Letter

- Sound Transit and the Federal Transit Administration are seeking input from the public, agencies and tribes on the purpose and need, range of alternatives, and topics to study
- Substantive comments provide information for the review agencies to consider, such as comments on impacts, resources, alternatives, mitigation, methodologies, or new data or studies
- Comments of support or opposition to the project are not considered substantive comments

Scoping Open Houses and Comment Period

- Sound Transit held 3 scoping open houses: West Seattle, Ballard, and Downtown
- 30-day public comment period has been extended to April 2
- Informs Sound Transit Board decision on a preferred alternative and other alternatives to study in the EIS

SPC Scoping Letter

- Draft letter revised to incorporate comments and discussion from February 28 meeting
- Final draft includes suggested edits after review by three Commissioners
- Comments organized by theme (Land Use, Race and Social Equity, Aesthetic and Quality-of-Life Impacts, Access to Stations) and segment-specific considerations
- Revisions prioritize subjects and impacts to study in the EIS

Next Steps

- 3/14: Approve scoping letter; discuss draft letters on Chinatown/International District and Level 3 recommendations
- 3/21: working session on Level 3 recommendations at Land Use and Transportation Committee
- 3/28: Approve C/ID letter (ELG meeting on 3/29)
- 4/11: Approve Level 3 recommendations letter (SAG meeting on 4/17; ELG meeting on 4/26)