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ROOSEVELT:
**Station Area
Planning
Open House**

Roosevelt High School Cafeteria

Thursday Nov. 16

6 to 9 pm

Roosevelt & Northgate
Neighborhoods and
Seattle's Link Light Rail
Stations



NORTHGATE:
**Refining
Our Choices**

Location to be announced

December 1 & 2

**NORTHGATE/ROOSEVELT
STATIONS**

Station Area Planning Information Update
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General

Light Rail is Coming to Seattle!

In 1996, Puget Sound citizens voted to construct a new mass transit system. At the heart of this system is Sound Transit's Link light rail—a safe, reliable light rail system that will carry up to 120,000 riders a day by 2010. Construction on some parts of the light rail system will begin as early as 2001, with the first trains in service in 2006. Current funding for the project allows Link light rail to reach from SeaTac Airport to the University District.

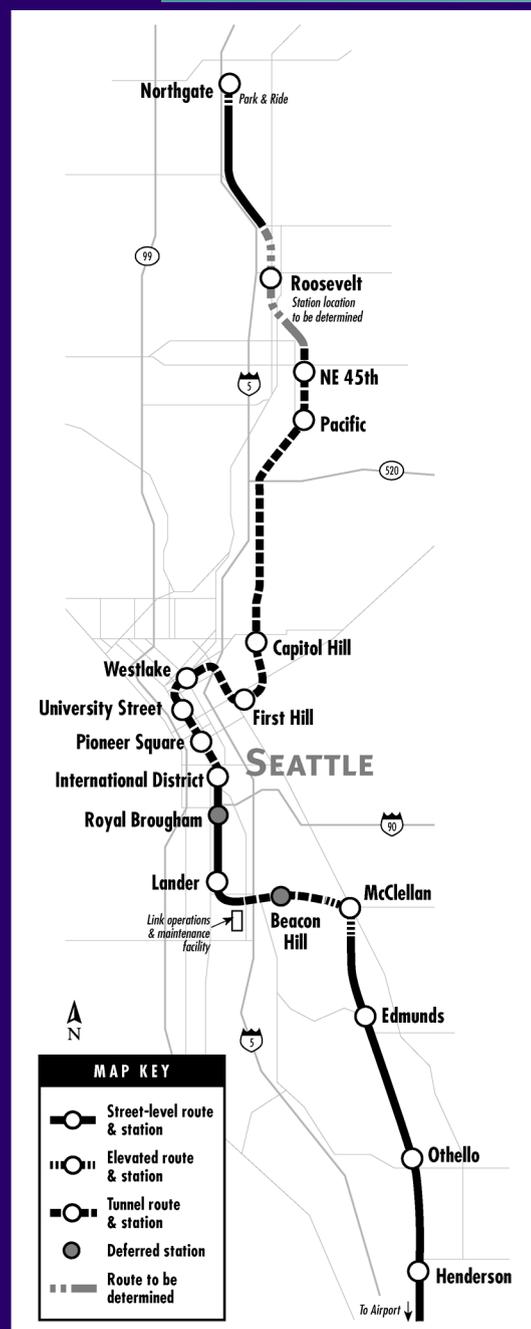
Sound Transit is attempting to extend the route to Northgate in the project's first phase and is actively pursuing funding to make this happen.

What is Light Rail Station Area Planning?

Station Area Planning is a City of Seattle sponsored program to encourage lively mixed-use development, housing, pedestrian & bike connections, open space and other community services within walking distance of Seattle's proposed light rail stations. Station Area Planning is an opportunity to build on the light rail investment and help make our neighborhoods great places to live, shop, play and work.

How Will Station Area Planning Benefit My Neighborhood?

What happens around Seattle's new light rail stations is important for the future of our city and for making the most of our transit investment. With this in mind, the Seattle City Council has adopted goals and strategies for light rail station areas. The City wants to encourage more people to ride transit. We also want the transit system to improve the quality of life in Seattle, for those that live and work here now and in the future.



The Seattle City Council has adopted the following goals for light rail station areas :

- Encourage housing, commercial, and retail uses that support transit and generate pedestrian activity.
- Use urban design to enhance the community identity of station areas and make them attractive, safe, and convenient.
- Provide public facilities that encourage transit ridership.
- Create a safe environment around stations.
- Enhance the existing transportation network, support transit-oriented development, and promote good walking, bicycle, and transit connections.
- Promote economic vitality within station areas.

(Resolution 29867)



Information



Check Out Our Websites

City Website:
www.cityofseattle.net/planning/homesap.htm

Sound Transit Website:
www.soundtransit.org



How has the community been involved?

Neighborhood Planning Efforts—Many citizens have spent years developing neighborhood plans and defining the visions and goals for our communities. We want to build on these efforts—involve new people, focus on partnerships, and capitalize on the opportunities that Sound Transit's light rail system will provide. The City's work to ensure light rail fits into the community is directed by these neighborhood-specific planning recommendations.

Station Area Advisory Committees—These volunteer groups, representing a broad cross-section of neighborhood interests, form the core of station area planning and help City staff develop actions to ensure that light rail enhances their community.

Sound Transit Public Meetings—Hundreds of citizens from the community have participated in several public open houses, workshops and hearings. Comments have been received on route and station locations as well as environmental and construction impacts. Sound Transit staff continues to brief community groups, meet with individual residents and businesses, and participate in walking tours and other public events.

Where Are We Now?

Since 1998, the City's Station Area Planning staff have worked with Seattle's neighborhoods to develop conceptual visions and recommendations for station areas from Southeast Seattle to the University District. Now that Sound Transit is attempting to reach Northgate in the first phase, the City is beginning this process for the Northgate and Roosevelt stations and setting the stage for Sound Transit's Station Design. A description of upcoming work in Roosevelt and Northgate is presented on the following pages.

Roosevelt and Northgate Station Area Advisory Committees (SAACs) began meeting this past summer and will continue to work on Station Area Planning issues into 2001. The groups meet regularly each month, and all meetings are open to the public.

Choose Your Level of Involvement

- **Station Area Advisory Committee**— meetings held up to twice a month. Contact information is listed on the back page.
- **Attend a community event** in your neighborhood on station area planning or station design.
- Monitor our progress by **getting on our mailing list** and **checking our website** (website information is at left).
- **Pick up information** about station area planning at Seattle branch libraries, Neighborhood Service Centers, and community centers near the light rail route.
- **Provide input** at a Sound Transit public meeting.
- **Invite Sound Transit** to your organization or your next community meeting.
- **Provide written comments** to the City or Sound Transit.

Alignment

Light Rail is coming to Roosevelt and Northgate!



The Northgate station will be on the east side of 1st Avenue NE, near the existing King County Transit Center.

Funding & Construction Time Frame

The Sound Transit Board resolved that construction of the University District to Northgate segment is the highest priority for the use of new funds and that Sound Transit will actively seek to obtain such funds. While funding options have been proposed for this segment, no funding sources have been secured. If enough funding is secured early in the process, the Northgate extension could begin operating with the rest of the system in November 2006.



8th Avenue Retained Cut Option: an elevated station would be adjacent to I-5 on the west side of 8th Avenue.



Project Info

NORTHGATE ALIGNMENT AND STATION COORDINATION ISSUES

On July 27th, 2000, the Sound Transit Board selected the Northgate station location. The light rail route will parallel I-5 north to approximately NE 95th St, where it transitions to an elevated structure and crosses to the east side of 1st Ave NE. An elevated station near the existing King County Transit Center will be the end of the line for the first phase of Link Light Rail.

In the Northgate neighborhood, there is a unique opportunity to merge the City's Station Area Planning process and Sound Transit's Station Design process with other important decisions being made in the neighborhood. The siting of a new library and community center, potential development scenarios for the Northgate Mall south lot, redevelopment of the King County Transit Center, and the site layout of the Northgate light rail station itself will all have a major impact for the future of the Northgate community. Sound Transit presented several station site concepts to the community on October 12 for review and

comment. The City, King County, and Sound Transit have developed a coordinated public process for these efforts. Station Area Planning and Sound Transit's station site planning will be linked to this process and will help inform Sound Transit Station Design (see timeline, next page).



ROOSEVELT ALIGNMENT OPTIONS

A number of routes have been considered for extending the light rail line from the University District through Roosevelt. On July 27th, 2000, the Sound Transit Board narrowed these options down to two: the 12th Ave tunnel option, and the 8th Ave retained cut option. The Sound Transit Board is expected to make a final decision on the Roosevelt route by the end of the year. The two options are as follows:

12th Ave Tunnel

With the 12th Ave tunnel option, the route continues north in a tunnel from the NE 45th Station, remains underground through the Roosevelt District, crosses under Lake City Way and emerges from a portal next to I-5 at approximately NE 76th St. An underground station would be located in the Roosevelt Business District with an entrance mid-block along NE 65th St between Roosevelt Way and 12th Ave NE, and another entrance at the southeast corner of NE 67th St and Roosevelt Way.

8th Ave Retained Cut

The 8th Ave retained cut option continues the tunnel route from the NE 45th Station to a portal structure near the I-5 off-ramp at Ravenna Boulevard. The route transitions from tunnel to elevated and crosses over Ravenna Boulevard and NE 65th St at a similar height to the freeway and continues north in a retained cut next to I-5. An elevated station would be located between the Greenlake and Roosevelt neighborhoods on the west side of 8th Avenue NE between NE 65th St and Ravenna Boulevard.

12th Avenue Tunnel Option: entrances to an underground station would be located on the northwest corner of the QFC site and mid block along the north side of NE 65th St.



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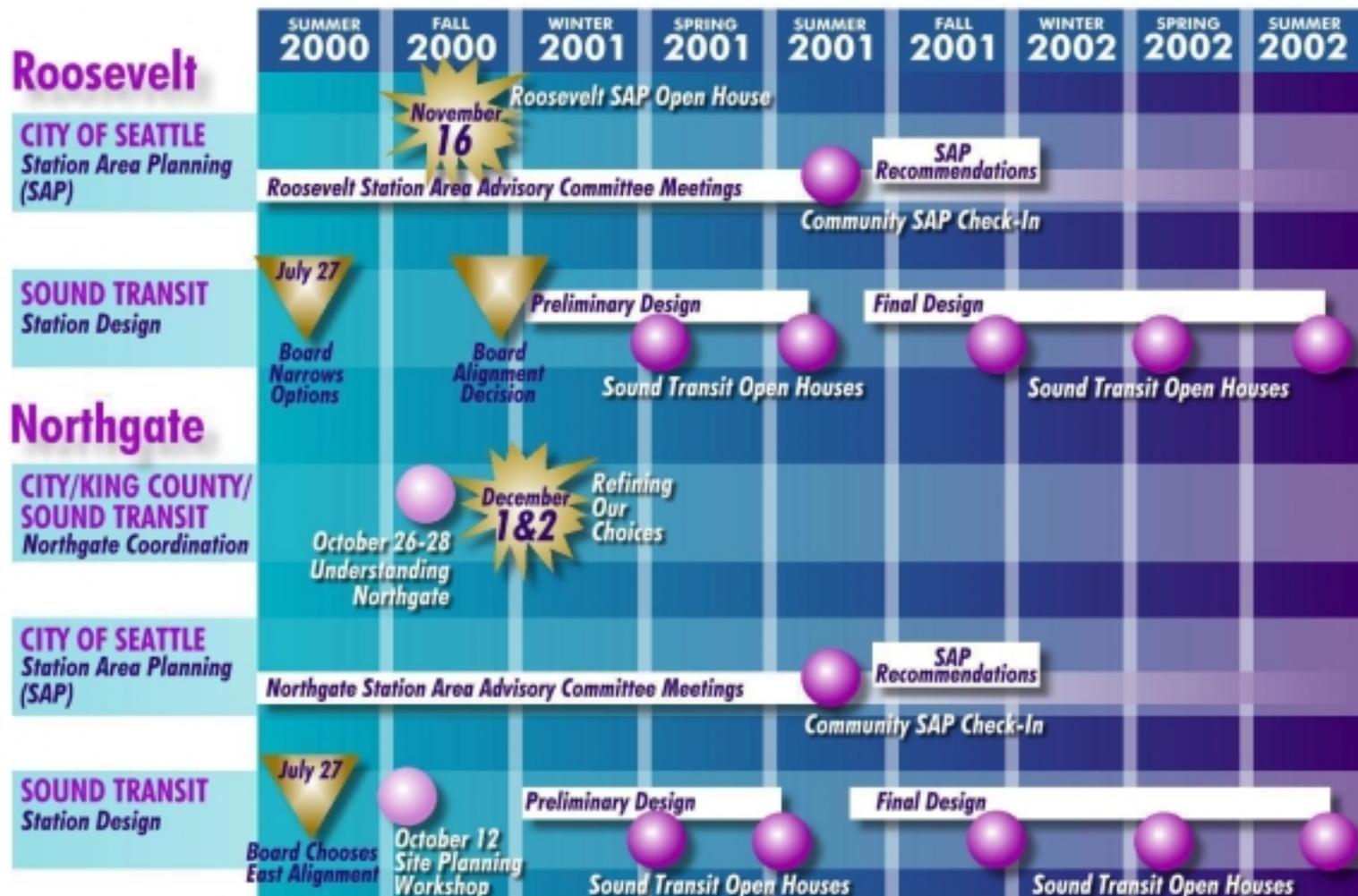
ROOSEVELT & NORTHGATE INFORMATION

Learn More! Get Involved!

Station Area Planning and Station Design will be continuing through 2001 and there are many opportunities to get involved. These events will be announced through mailings, our web sites and notices as dates and locations are determined.



What's Next!



LEGEND



Roosevelt Open House

Roosevelt High School Cafeteria

Thursday Nov. 16
6 to 9 pm

Roosevelt SAP Open House – November 16, 2000

On November 16th, Station Area Planning will sponsor an open house in the Roosevelt High School cafeteria. Prior to this event, City staff, Sound Transit staff and consultants will develop preliminary concepts for station area planning, drawing on issues and ideas from previous community workshops, neighborhood planning goals, and stakeholder interviews. This work will focus on integrating the station with the surrounding neighborhood and on key development opportunities in the station area which are grounded in economic reality.

These concepts will serve as the basis for Station Area Planning recommendations to City Council in 2001. These recommendations could potentially include development concepts and opportunity sites, zoning and land use policy amendments, streetscape and infrastructure improvements, parking strategies, and other recommendations for City action.

Explaining the Process (see opposite page)

Station Area Planning (SAP) Recommendations: Based on feedback from the advisory committees, Station Area Planning events, and Sound Transit events, City staff will draft and refine station area concept plans for the Roosevelt and Northgate stations. There will be a Community Check-In event to make sure these plans meet the needs of the community before they are submitted as legislation to the Seattle City Council.

City Council will review these Station Area Planning recommendations as legislation, with appropriate opportunities for public review and comment. Specific zoning recommendations may also be proposed to City Council around this time and would be reviewed and tracked through a separate City Council process.

Sound Transit Preliminary Station Design: Sound Transit's design process begins with preliminary design. **Most of the major design decisions about the stations are made during this first phase of design.** The general "big picture" station concepts, such as site layout and pedestrian circulation, are developed and issues are identified for further work. During this phase, Sound Transit will hold two open houses to get feedback from the community.

Sound Transit Final Station Design: During final design, the focus is on the fine details of the route and station design, and preparing the actual construction drawings for contractors. Issues like station materials and finishes are dealt with at this time. Sound Transit will hold three more open houses during Final Design.



Northgate: Refining Our Choices

Location to be announced
December 1 & 2

Northgate: Refining Our Choices – December 1-2, 2000

In the Northgate neighborhood, the City, Sound Transit, and King County developed a coordinated strategy to ensure that all the public investments planned for Northgate enhance one another and create opportunities for open space, pedestrians, transit oriented development, and a focal point for the community. Building on the recent Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan review and evaluation, the May Planning Commission Northgate Town Center Vision charrette, and the recent Understanding Northgate stakeholder workshop, City, County, and Sound Transit staff and consultants will refine ideas and concepts for major siting decisions in the Northgate core area.

These concepts will be presented at the Refining Our Choices workshop on December 1st and 2nd, location to be announced. This meeting will allow community members, stakeholders, and agency staff and consultants to work together to further refine and evaluate various siting and development alternatives. The results of this process will help inform final decisions by participating agencies. The results of this community process will also then be reflected in the Station Area Planning process and refined as SAP recommendations and developed for City Council in 2001.

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If you are unable to attend the events, you can provide feedback by contacting staff listed here.



Want more detailed information?

Visit our Website at
www.cityofseattle.net/planning/homesap.htm

- Schedule of Upcoming Events in Your Neighborhood
- Information on Station Area Planning Throughout Seattle
- Background Information on Station Areas and Transit Oriented Development

In addition to our website, information on Seattle Station Area Planning is available at the Seattle Public Library and Neighborhood Service Centers.

Don't miss these events!

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Northgate: Refining Our Choices

Location and times to be announced

**Friday
December 1
and Saturday
December 2**

Directions to these events will be posted on the Station Area Planning web page.

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