



# DAC Meeting #5



Westlake Design Advisory Committee  
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# SDOT's mission & vision

Mission: delivering a first-rate transportation system for Seattle.



Vision: a vibrant Seattle with connected people, places, and products.

# SDOT's values

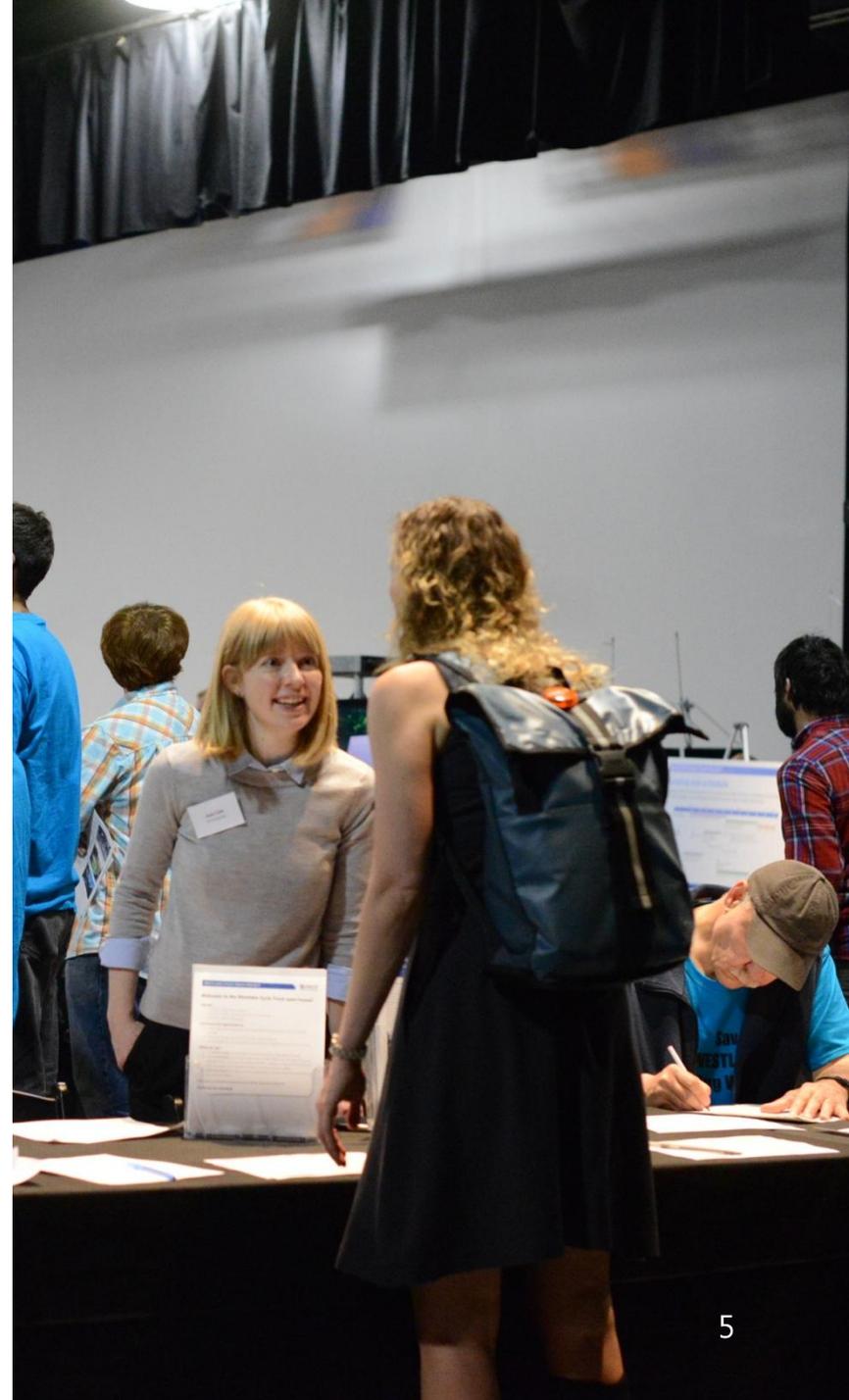


# Meeting overview

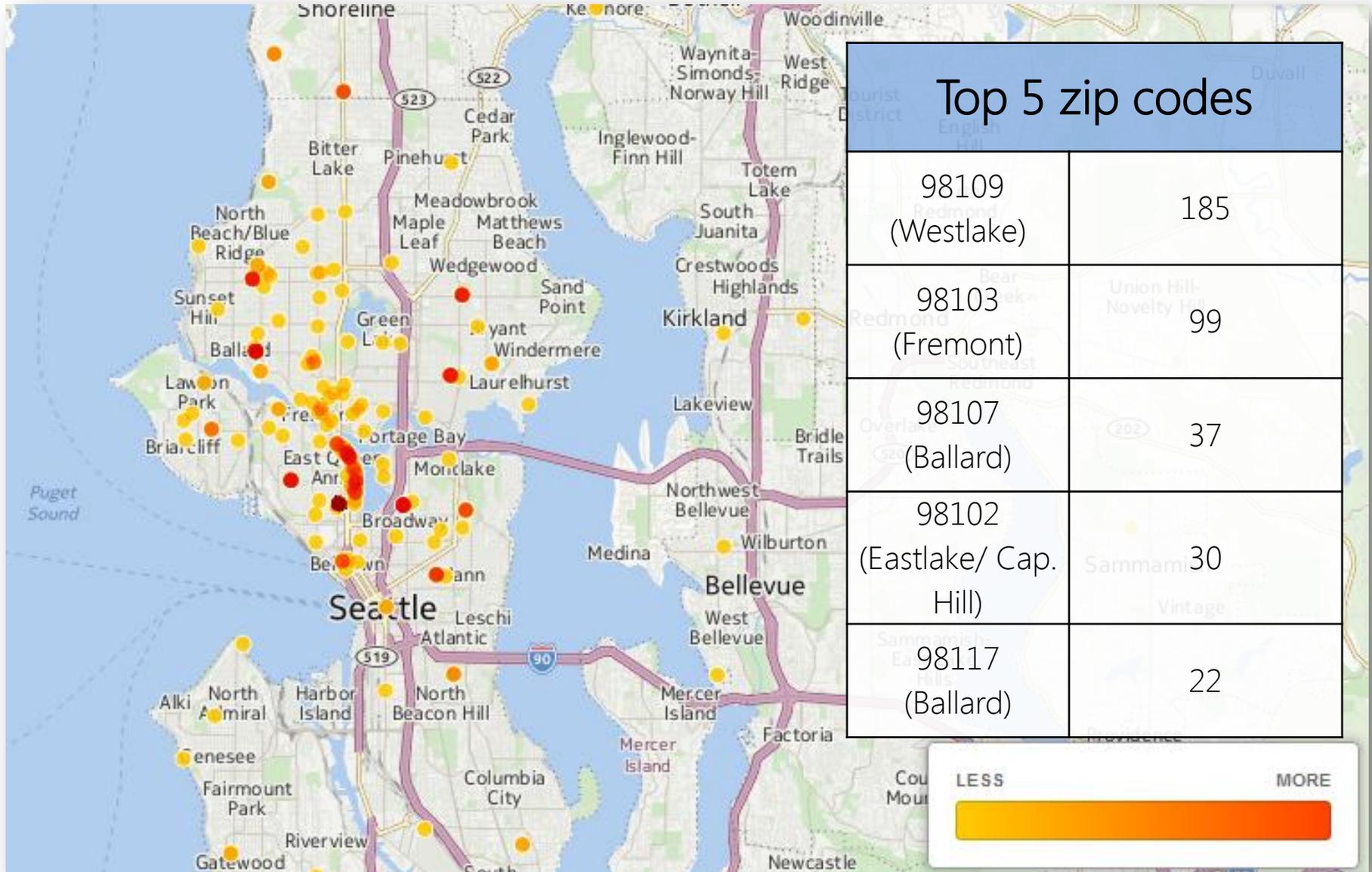
- Open house summary
- Other design ideas considered
- High Capacity Transit update
- Westlake zoning and planning
- Upcoming activities and work plan

# Project open house

- May 21, 2014
- Fremont Studios
- 5:30-8 PM
- 480+ attendees
- 230+ comments



# Attendee demographics



## Top 5 zip codes

98109 (Westlake)	185
98103 (Fremont)	99
98107 (Ballard)	37
98102 (Eastlake/ Cap. Hill)	30
98117 (Ballard)	22

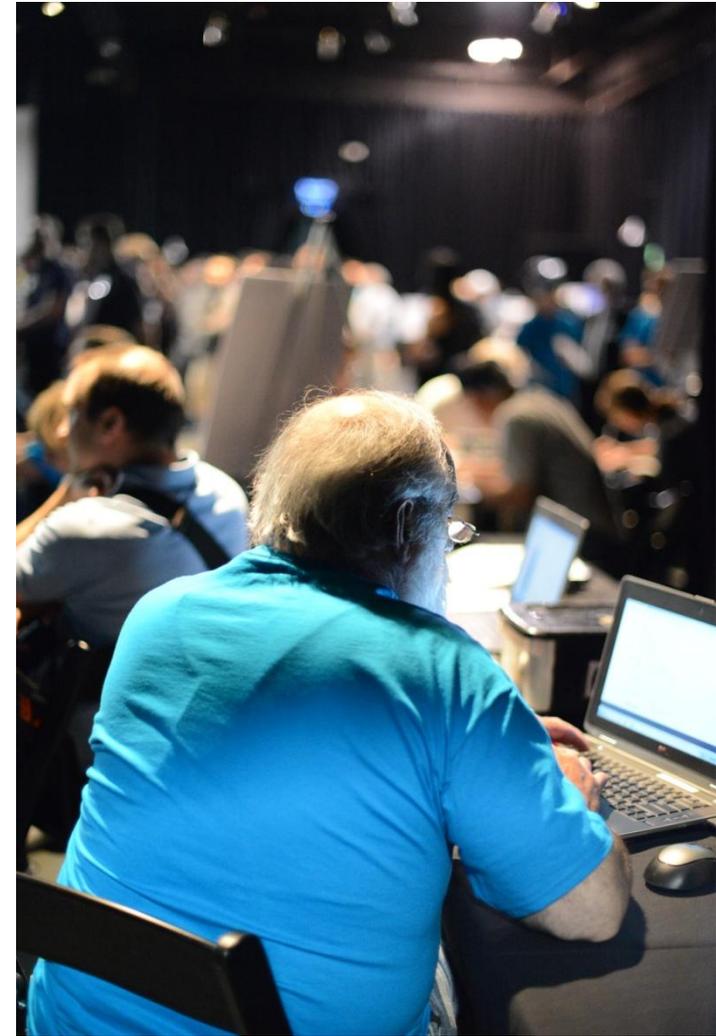
# Open house activities



# Presentation, Q&A



# Comment opportunities





# What did we hear?

- Safety
- Parking concerns
- Parking ideas
- Business impacts
- Bicycle concerns
- Design ideas
- Other ideas (elevated, Dexter Avenue, etc.)

# Safety

- Highest priority among all comments: 45%
- Shared alike by cyclists, drivers, and pedestrians
- Key concerns:
  - Unpredictable behavior
  - High speeds of cyclists and drivers
  - Some cyclists not comfortable now, but would be if bike facility built
  - Traffic rules need to be enforced

# Parking concerns

- Shared by 36% of commenters
- Key concerns:
  - Parking loss could severely hurt Westlake businesses
  - Residents need parking to access floating homes and liveaboards
  - North end parking spaces needed for boat owners
  - Many spots used as park and ride

# Parking ideas

- Solutions/concepts shared by 35%
- Sample ideas:
  - Charging for all of the parking
  - Limited-time parking zones
  - Validated parking for businesses
  - Parking passes for residents and boat owners
  - Develop new over-water parking

# Business impacts

- Shared by 28% of commenters
- Key concerns:
  - Reduced parking for customers, marina users and staff
  - Challenge for customers to cross bike facility to access businesses
  - Economic impact study requested

# Bicycle concerns

- Includes general, commuting and recreation
- Key concerns:
  - Some ride to work, but would not want their families to ride the existing corridor
  - Preference for flat, direct connection from north Seattle to Downtown
  - Safety riding through parking lot, near misses with cars and pedestrians

# Design suggestions

- Feedback on potential design and alignment
  - Preference for east side alignment in parking area
  - Consider bike facility through center of parking aisle
  - Consider elevated option
  - Add speed bumps for cars and cyclists
  - Make bike facility wider than 10 feet
  - Change parking area circulation to one-way
  - Shift parking area into Westlake Avenue N

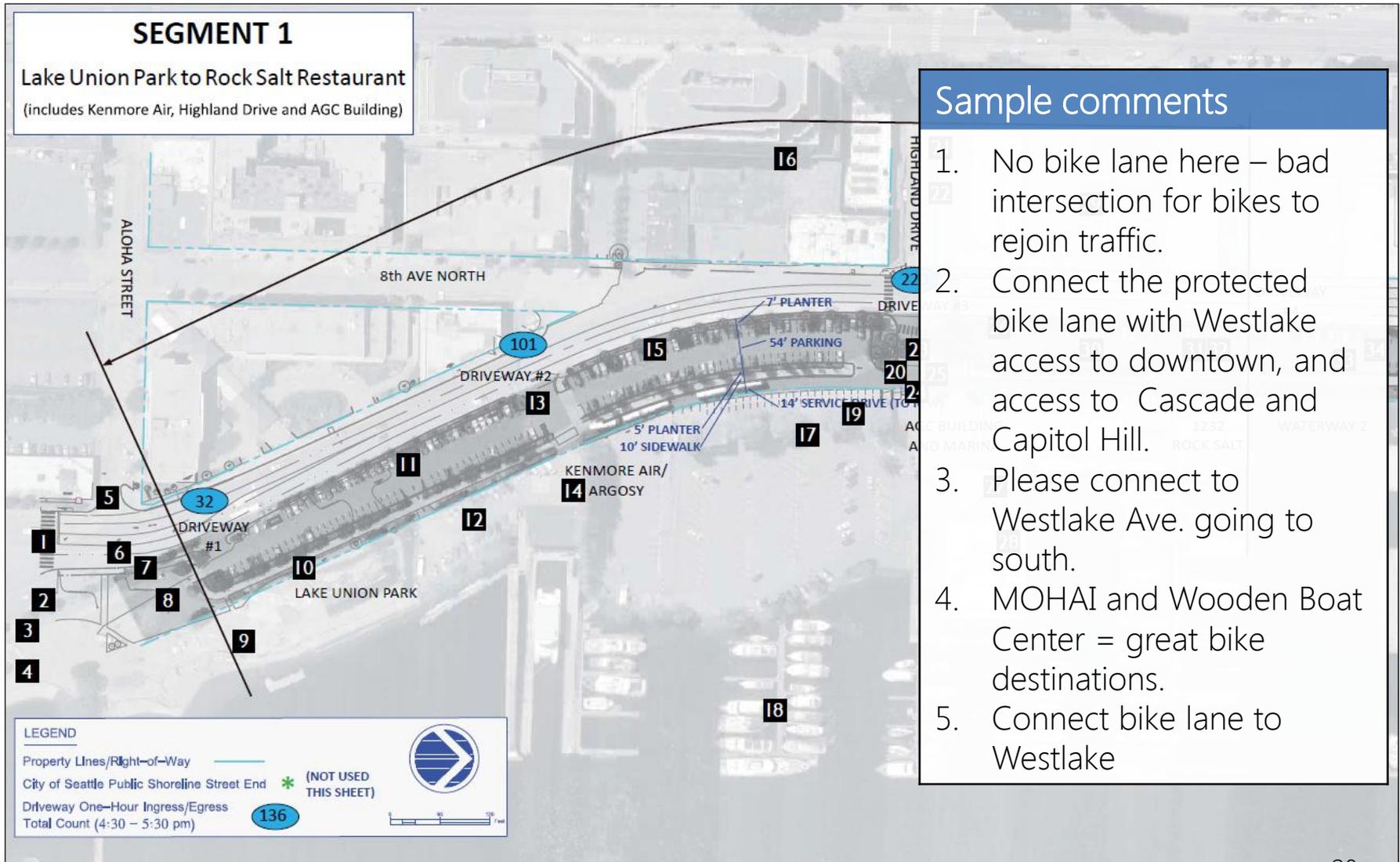
# Dexter Avenue N

- Several comments about Dexter Avenue N
- Key concerns:
  - City already invested funds on Dexter
  - Dexter is not viable alternative for all ages and abilities

# Other feedback

- Westlake is weak link in local/regional bike network
- Questions about design speed for bike facility
- Encouraged better signage
- Ensure access for freight/delivery vehicles
- Maintain/improve load and unload zones
- Reduce trees and vegetation to improve visibility
- License bike riders to fund project
- Concern about bicyclist behavior

# Roll plot comments



# Next steps

- Post comments online
- Launch moorage tenant online survey
- Host roundtables and DAC Tour
- Use input to inform concept design

# Other ideas from open house

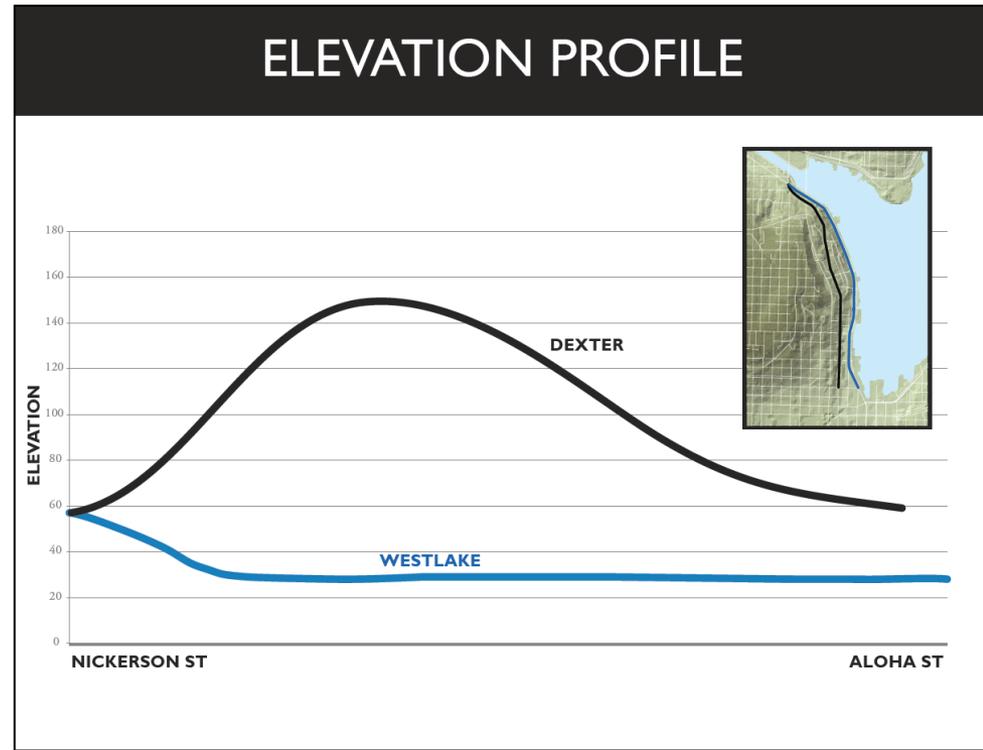
- Elevated track
- Dexter Avenue N
- Community suggestion

# Elevated concept



Thomas Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Overpass

# Dexter Avenue N



# Community suggestion



# Wrap-up

- We've heard great input from the community
- We're not developing additional alternatives
- We'll introduce a concept at the July 28<sup>th</sup> DAC meeting
- We'll work segment by segment to develop concept & address specific priorities

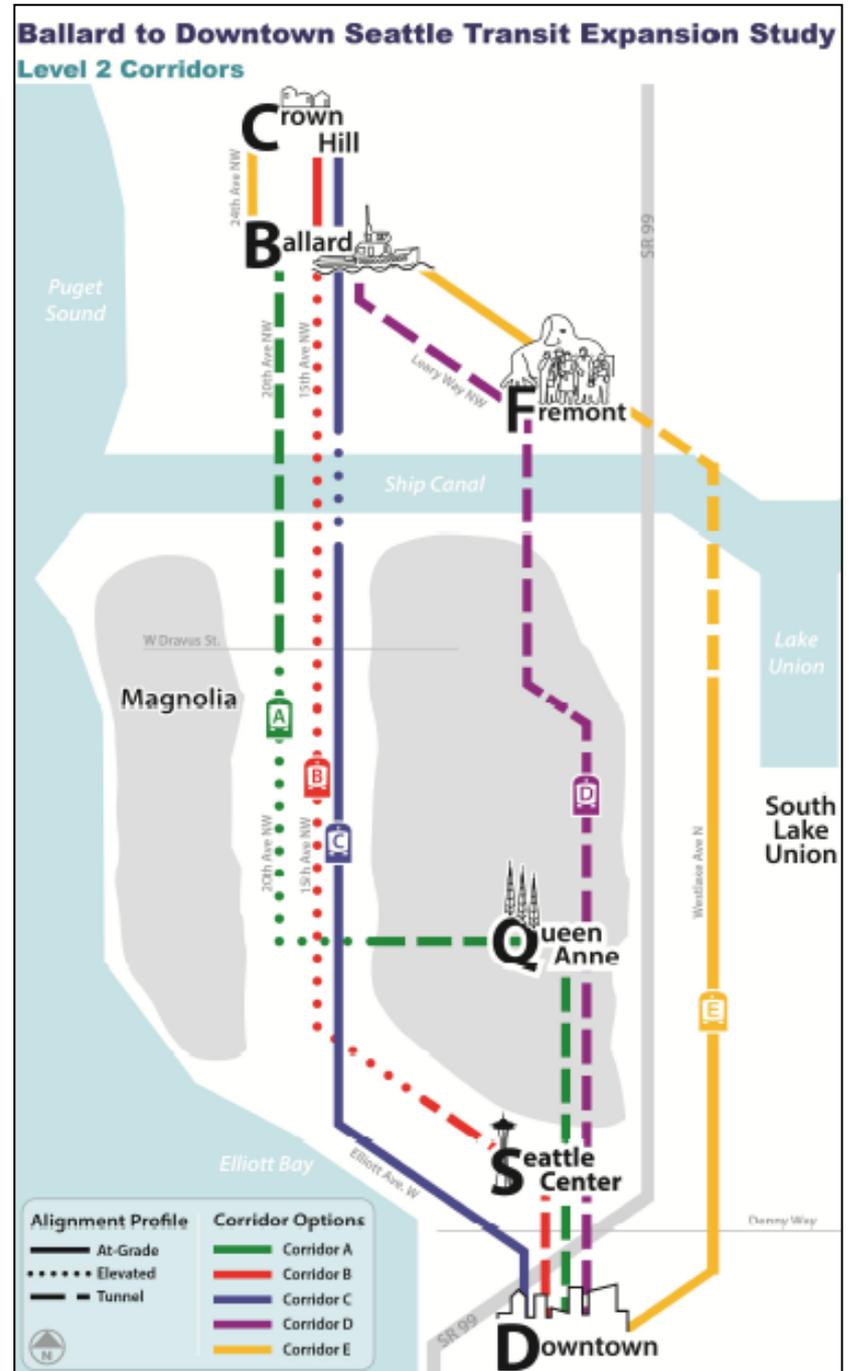
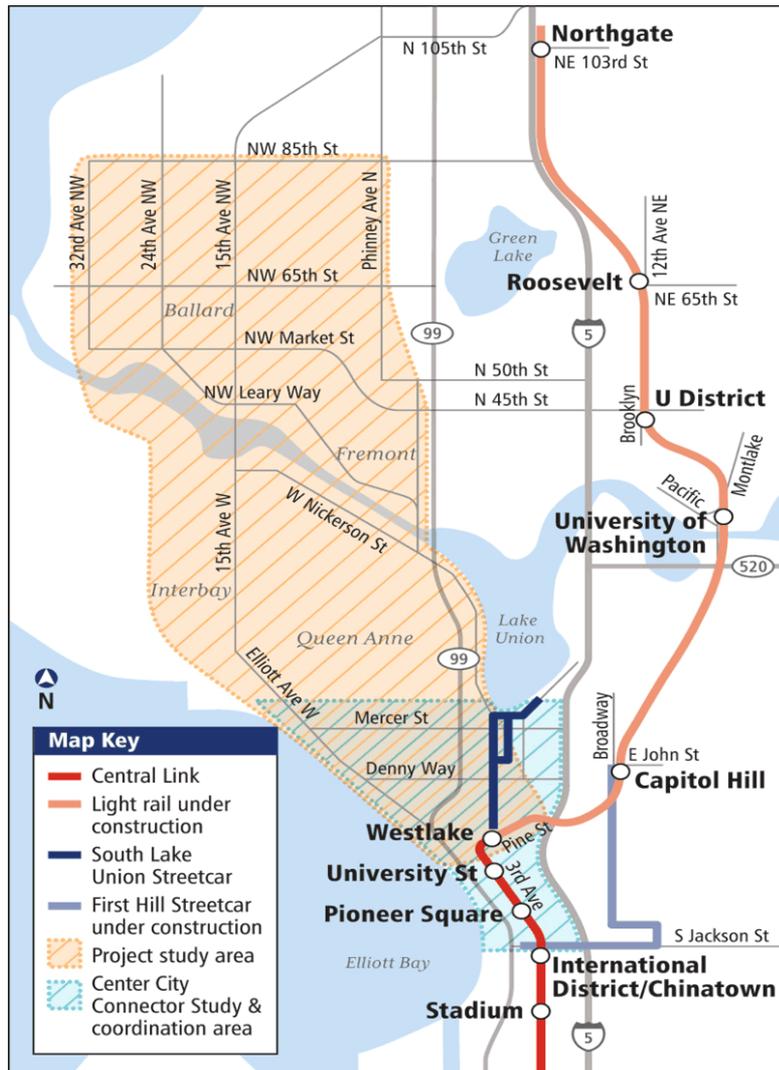
# High Capacity Transit

## Ballard to Downtown corridor study

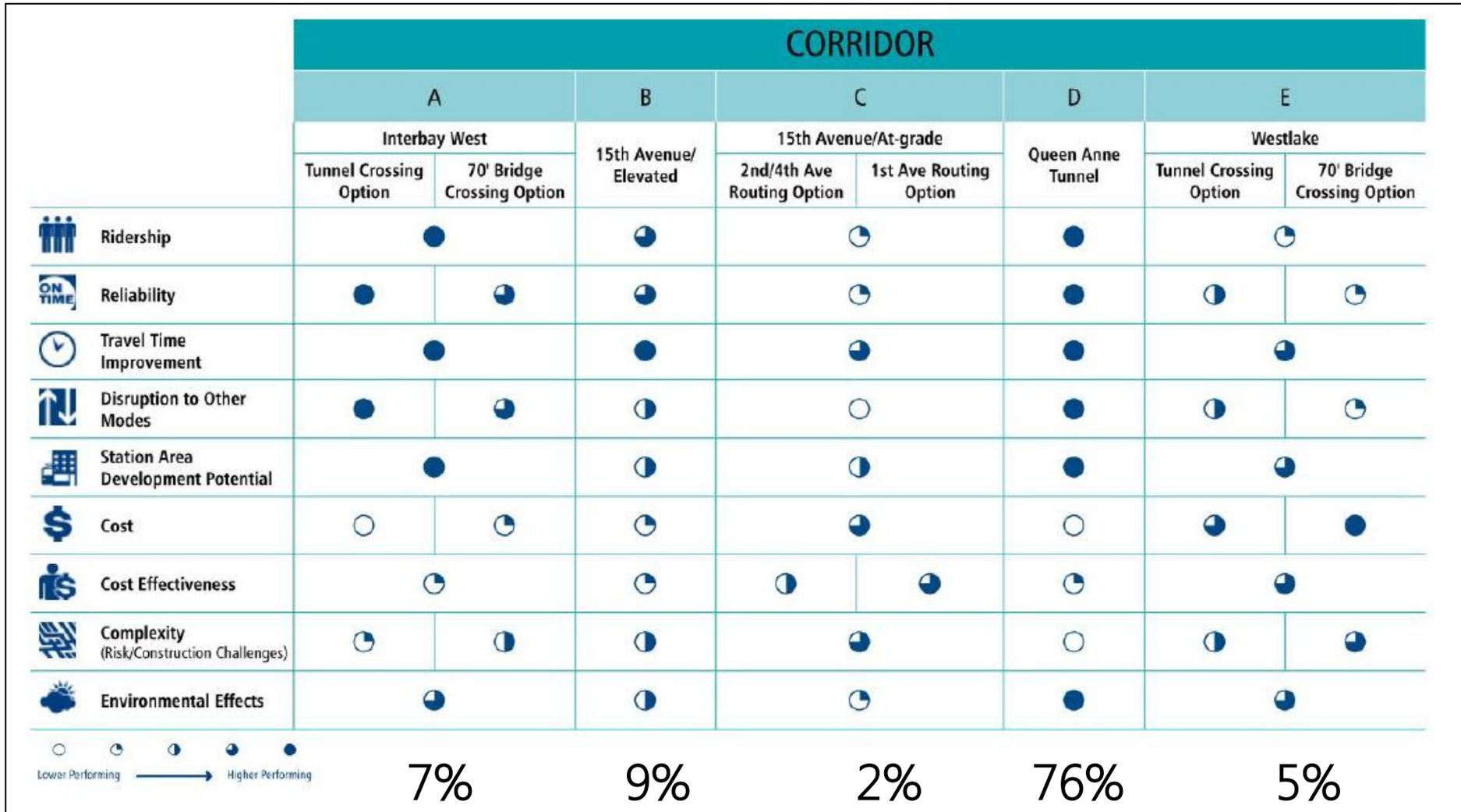
- High-level, technical and conceptual
- Provide information and possible options
- Inform ST Board's consideration of possible updates to *Long-Range Plan*



# Study area



# Evaluation results



Community Engagement Preference

# Evaluation results

	Corridor A – 20th	Corridor B – 15 <sup>th</sup> elevated	Corridor C – 15 <sup>th</sup> at- grade	Corridor D – Queen Anne tunnel	Corridor E – Westlake
Travel Time (minutes)	13-15	11-13	15-19	12-14	17-21
Conceptual Capital Cost*	\$3.2 -\$3.6 B	\$2.4 - 2.8 B	\$0.8-1.2 B	\$3.2-3.6 B	\$0.8-1.2 B
Ridership*	24-28k	22-26k	14-18k	26-30k	14-18k

# ST Long-Range Plan Update



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June 13 - July 28: Draft SEIS/public review + comment

- July 10; Union Station
- Open house 12–2 p.m.; public hearing 12:30 p.m.
- July 15; Museum of History and Industry
- Open house 5:30–7:30 p.m.; public hearing 6 p.m.

August - November : Complete Final SEIS

December : ST Board considers changes to Long-Range Plan (LRP) and possible adoption by resolution

2015: LRP updated; ST Board considers whether to begin System Plan development

# Next steps

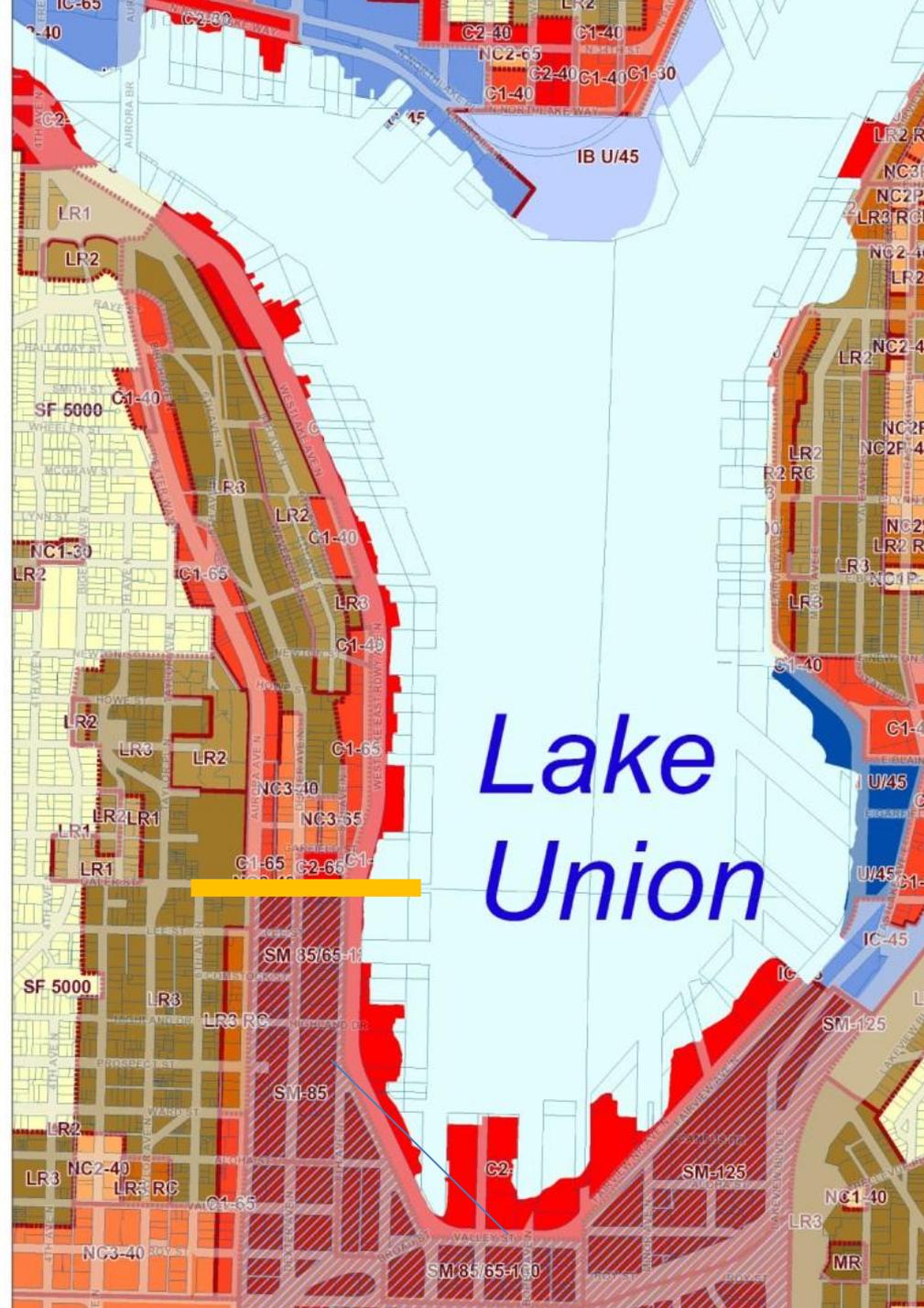
- Seek funding authority
- Determine which projects to include in a funding package
- Get voter approval (earliest 2016)
- If a Ballard project was selected\*:
  - 2017 to 2019 - Planning and Environmental
  - 2019 to 2027 – Design and Construction
  - 2028 – Service begins

\* Based upon Northgate Link Light Rail schedule

# Land use and development



# Zoning







# Parking requirements

## **Residential**

1.1-1.25 stalls per unit

## **Office**

1 stall per 1000 sf of office space

## **Marina**

1 stall for every 2 berths

1 stall for each 2,000 square feet of dry storage of boats

# Upcoming activities

- Community roundtable
  - Locations TBD
  - Sign up and share interests
- July 14 walking tour
  - Arrive in South Lake Union by 5 PM
  - Tour for DAC members and project staff
  - Summary will be posted online

# DAC workplan

- Current plan:
  - 7/14: Walking tour
  - 7/28: DAC meeting #6
  - 8/11: DAC meeting #7
  - 8/25: DAC meeting #8
  - Mid-September: Open house

# DAC workplan

- Proposed plan:
  - 7/14: Walking tour
  - 7/28: DAC meeting #6
  - 8/25: DAC meeting #7 (was 8/11)
  - Week of 9/29: DAC meeting #8 (was 8/25)
  - Mid-October: Open house (was Sept.)

# Questions?

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