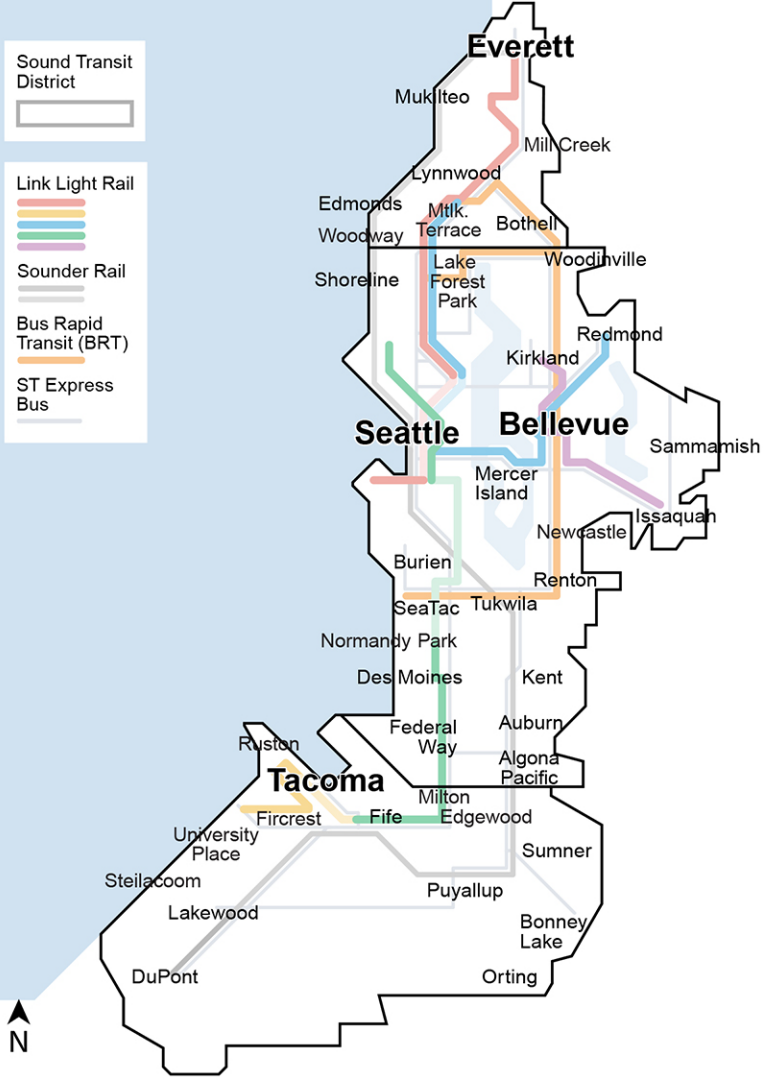




West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions

Seattle Planning Commission | 2.08.18



Sound Transit district

- 3 counties: King, Pierce, Snohomish
- More than 3 million residents
- 51 cities
- 800,000 more people by 2040

Previous studies

Forward Thrust

1968, 1970



Seattle Monorail Project

2005

ST2 Long Range Plan update

2005



HCT corridor studies

2013–2014

ST3 Long Range Plan update

2014



ST3 System Plan

2015–2016





Representative project

- Identifies mode, corridor, station areas
- Informs cost, schedule, operating needs

West Seattle Link Extension

- Opening 2030
- Four elevated stations at SODO, Delridge, Avalon and Alaska Junction; one at-grade station at Stadium
- New rail-only fixed span crossing of the Duwamish River
- Length: 4.7 miles



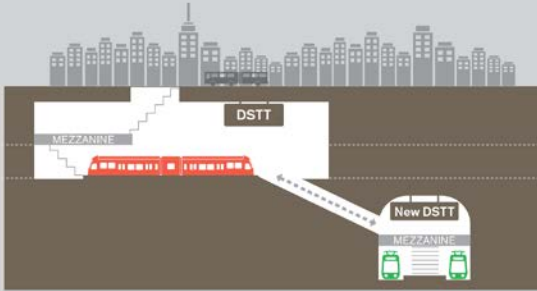


Ballard Link Extension

- Opening 2035
- Three elevated stations: Ballard, Interbay, Smith Cove
- Six tunnel stations: Seattle Center, South Lake Union, Denny, Westlake, Midtown, International District/Chinatown
- New rail-only movable bridge over Salmon Bay
- Length: 7.1 miles

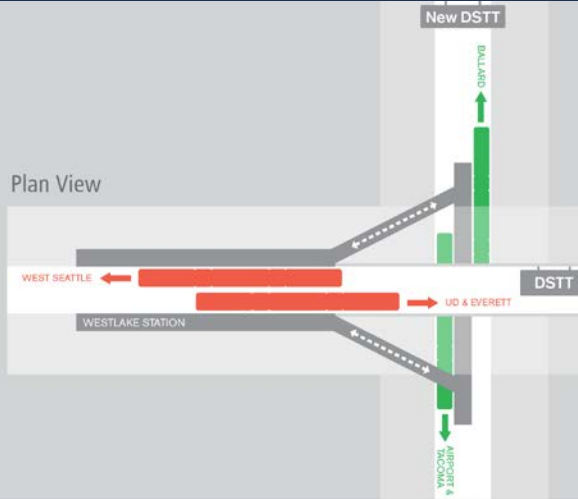
New Downtown Transit Tunnel

WESTLAKE/6TH AVE STATIONS



Cross Section

Plan View

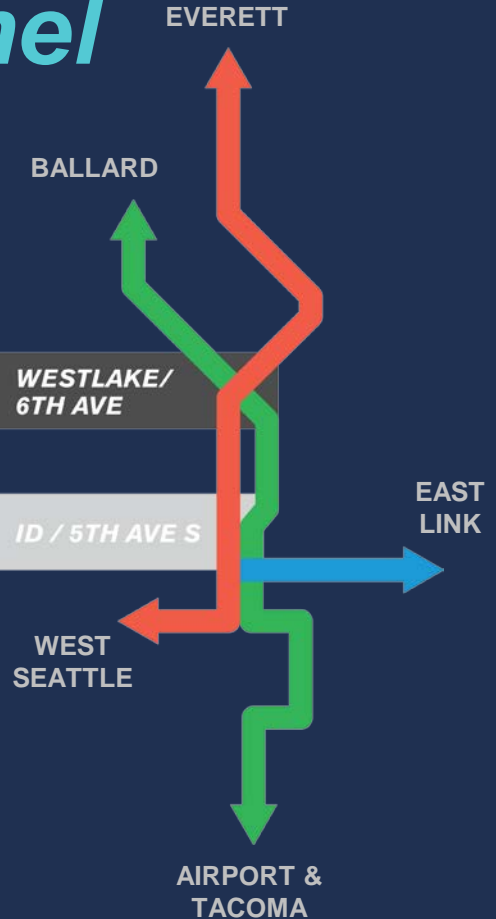


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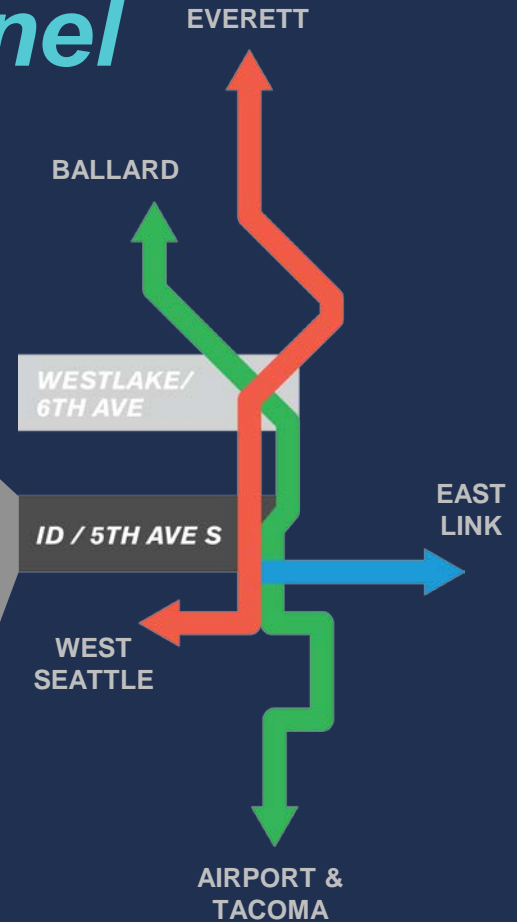
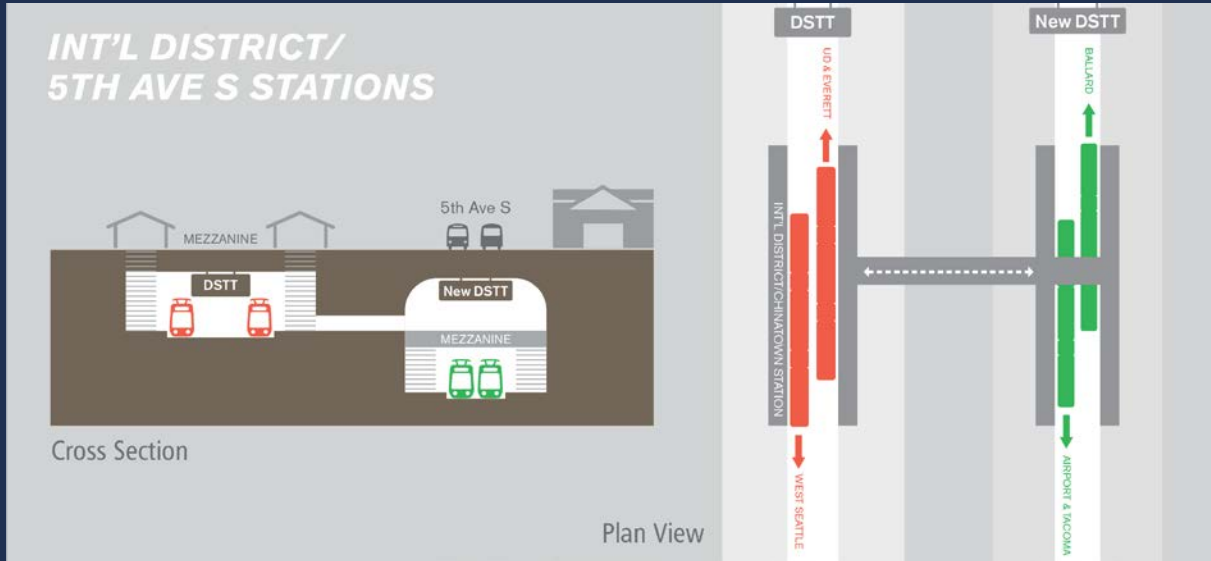


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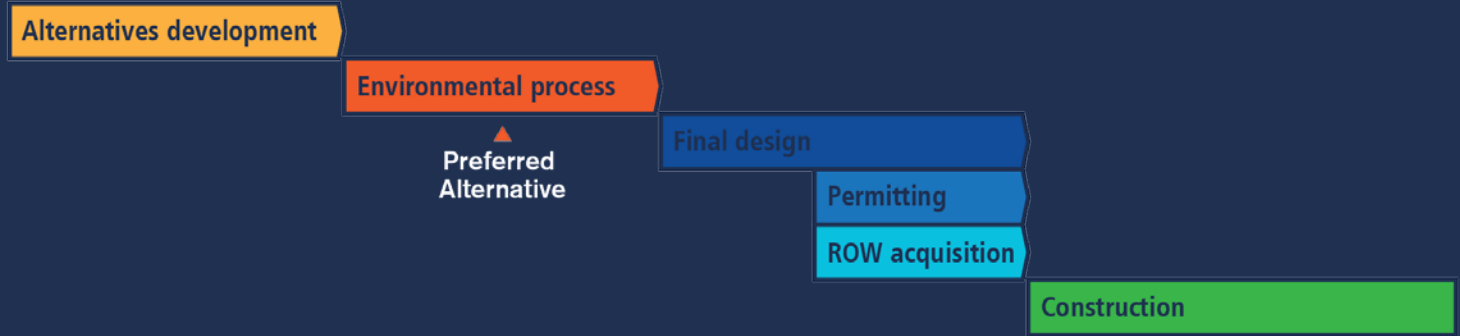
New approach to project development

- Enhance commitment to partnership, community engagement, collaboration, transparency and accountability
- Apply innovative ideas and lessons learned to streamline project delivery

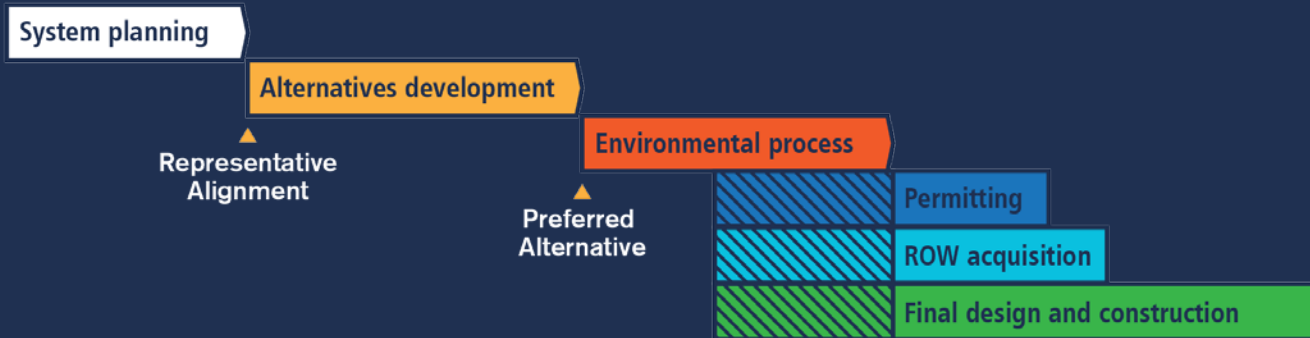


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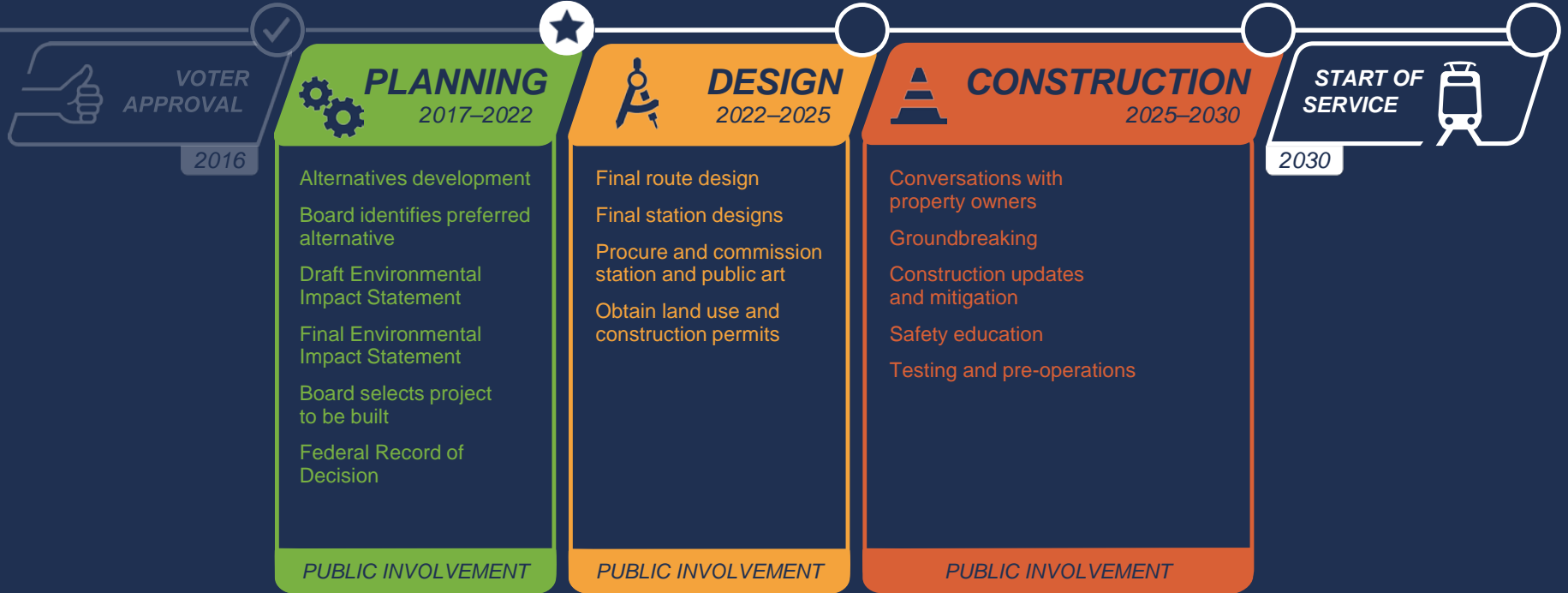
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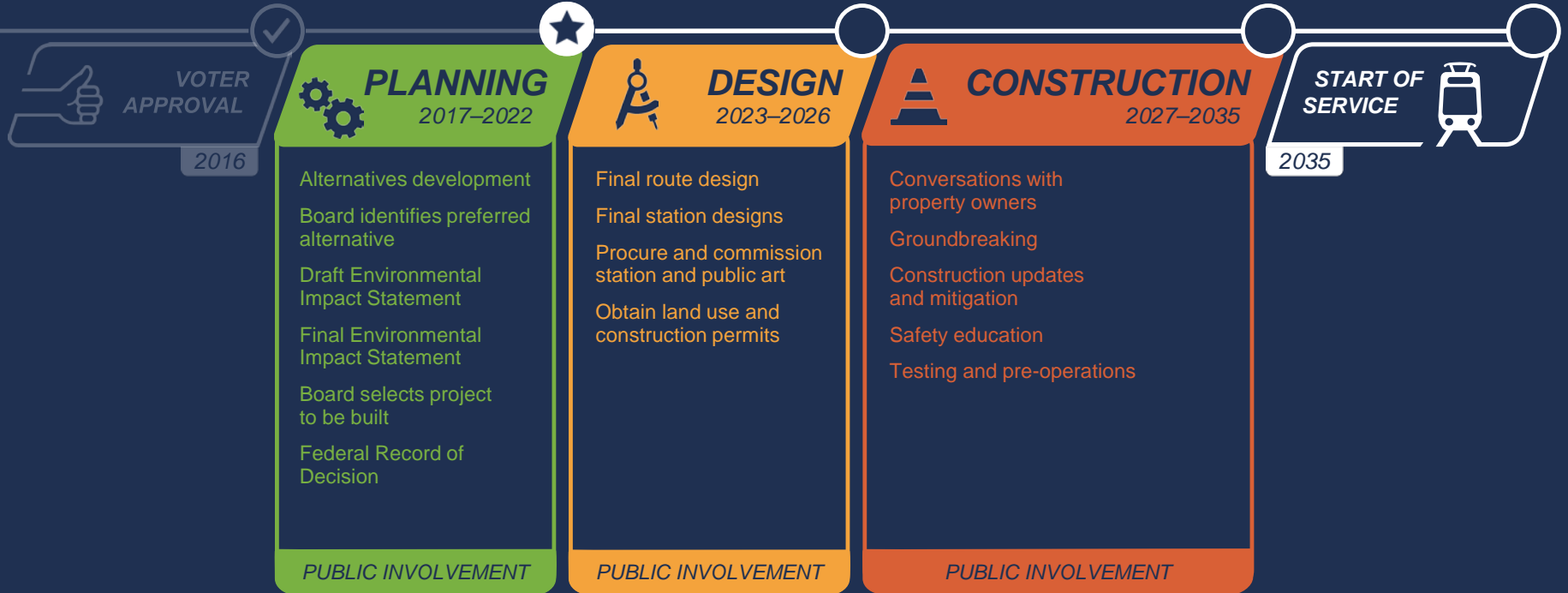
ST3 process



West Seattle project timeline



Ballard project timeline



VOTER
APPROVAL

2016



PLANNING



DESIGN

2017–2019

Alternatives
development

Board identifies
preferred alternative

2019–2022

Draft Environmental
Impact Statement

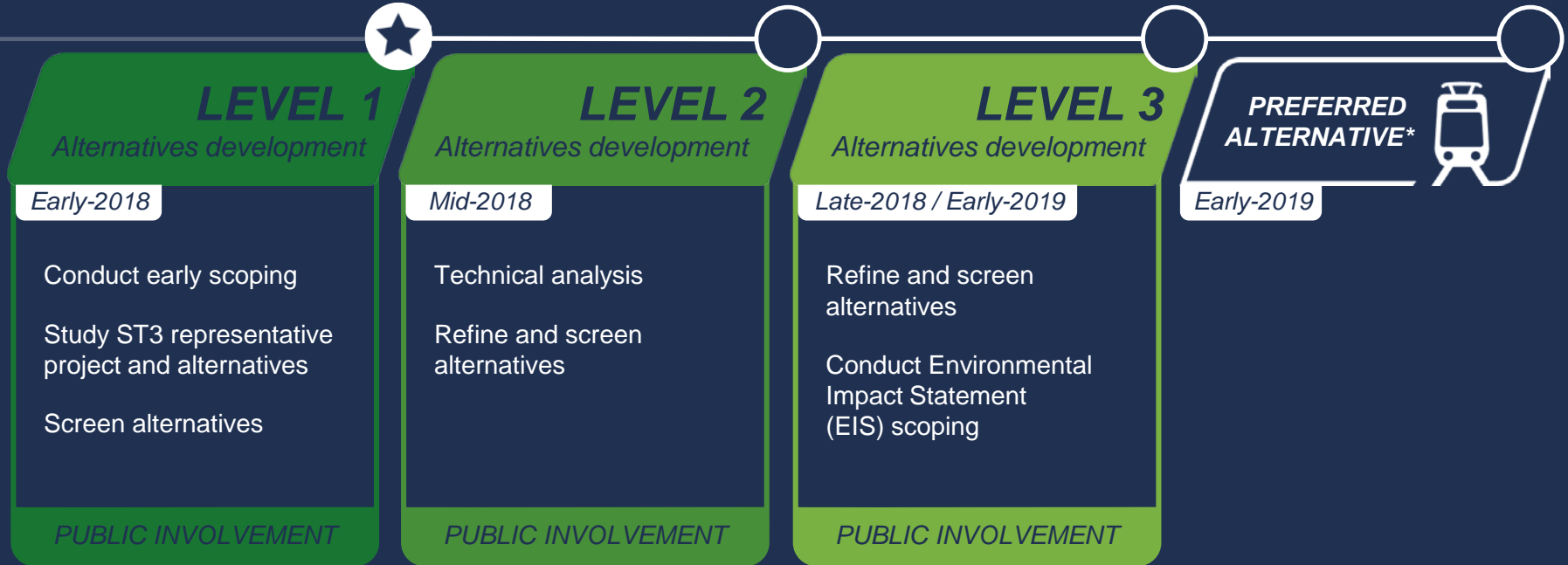
Final Environmental
Impact Statement

Board selects project
to be built

Federal Record of
Decision

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Alternatives development process



*The Sound Transit Board identifies preferred alternatives and other alternatives to study.

Community engagement and collaboration



Meeting dates subject to change.



***Station Planning
& TOD:
A New Approach***

Station Planning Scope

- › *Transit integration*
- › *Land use planning and TOD*
- › *Non-motorized access*



Transit integration in ST3

- Project allowances for funding bus-rail transfer facilities
- Concurrent long-range planning



Transit integration: Aligning Networks

- Collaborate with other transit providers to identify future network and optimize transfers
- Identify transfer and integration typologies
- Delridge, Alaska Junction, Smith Cove, and Ballard are assumed major connections



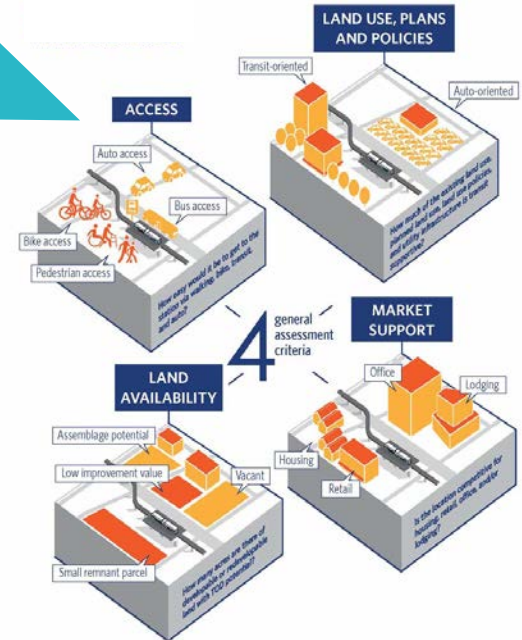
Land Use Planning and TOD in ST3

“Community TOD”

Coordinate with and support planning and development activities within ½ mile of station areas.

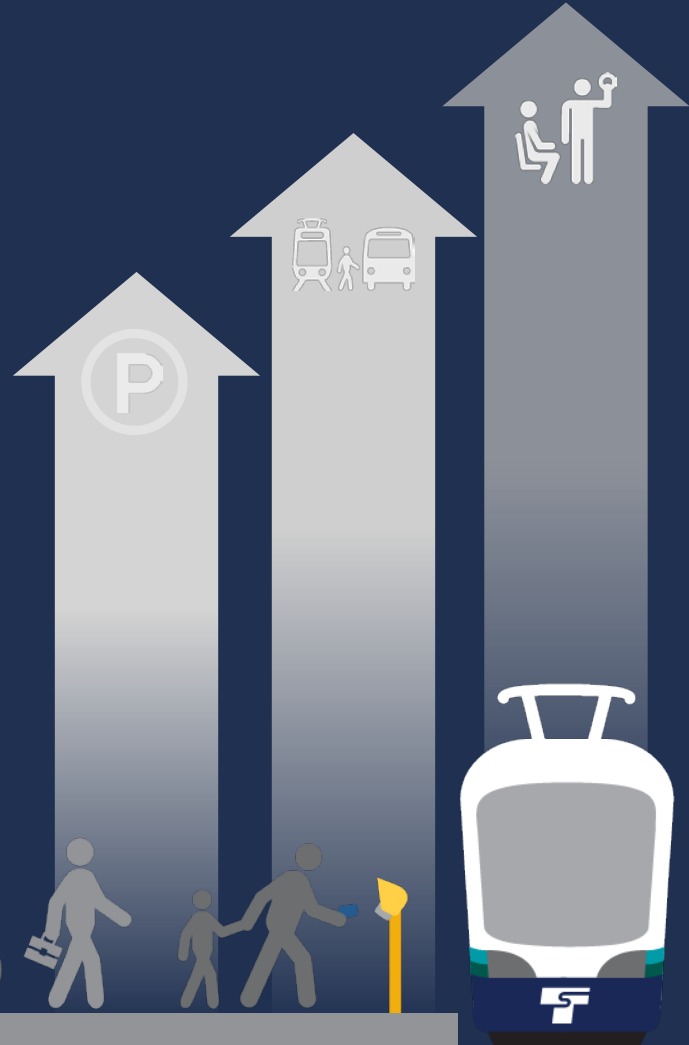
“Agency TOD”

Engage private, public, and non-profit partners in redevelopment of surplus Agency property or delivery of joint use facilities.



System Access in ST3

- Convenient access to Sound Transit's bus and rail stations is critical to growing ridership
- Station budgets accommodate design for station access by all modes of transportation
- ST3 plan includes funding to improve bus transfers at ST stations and facilitate biking and walking from surrounding areas



Station Planning Building Blocks

Existing Conditions and Past Planning

- Community conditions basemapping, plan review
- Key issue and vision identification
- ST3 representative project review

Opportunity Identification and Evaluation

- Transit service integration and analysis
- Land use and development opportunities analysis
- Development propensity and affordability analysis
- Non-motorized access inventory

Develop Station Concept(s)

- Station area program and configurations
- Urban design concepts at key locations
- Non-motorized access concepts
- Refinements

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Early scoping

Early scoping

› **Early scoping is an opportunity to:**

- Learn about the project background and timeline
- Provide input on the ST3 representative project and potential alternatives
- Comment on the purpose and need of the project
- Help identify and provide feedback on potential project benefits and impacts on your community, the environment and transportation

Early scoping comments

- **Early scoping comment period:** February 2 to March 5
- **Ways to submit early scoping comments:**
 - Fill out a comment card
 - Visit: ***wsblink.participate.online***
 - Email: ***wsblink@soundtransit.org***
 - Call: 206-903-7229
 - Mail to: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions
c/o Lauren Swift, 401 S. Jackson St. Seattle, WA 98104

Early scoping comments

- **Feedback received through early scoping will be:**
 - Documented in the Early Scoping Report
 - Shared with the Stakeholder Advisory Group and Elected Leadership Group
 - Discussed in greater detail at upcoming neighborhood forums
 - Used to help inform and shape alternatives that will be reviewed later this year



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