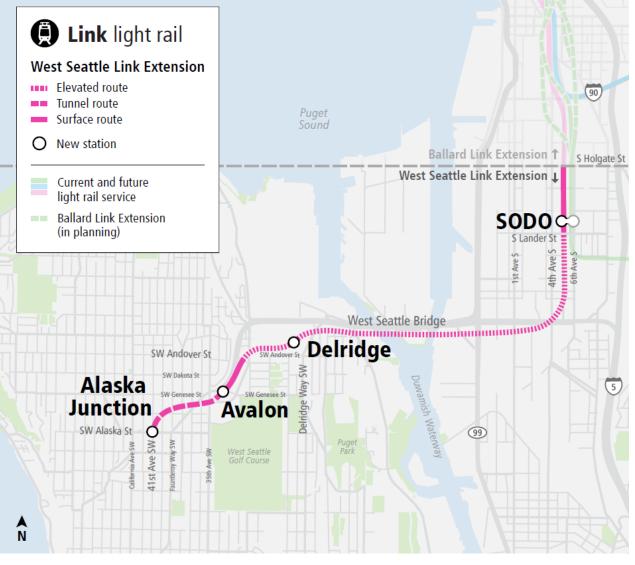
### West Seattle Link Extension

Seattle Design
Commission Briefing
Package 3: SODO Station

November 7, 2024



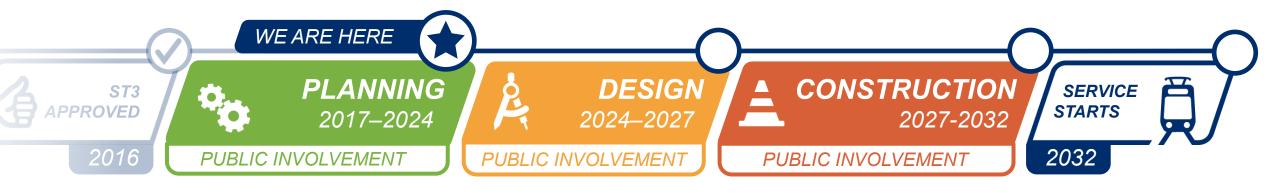




# West Seattle Link Extension (WSLE)

- ✓ Included in Sound Transit 3 (ST3) plan passed by voters in 2016.
- ✓ Provide fast, reliable light rail connections in the SODO, Delridge and West Seattle neighborhoods.
- ✓ 4.1 miles of light rail service with 4 stations.

# WSLE Project timeline





2016



# PLANNING



2017-2019

**Alternatives** development

- Feb-March 2018: Early scoping
- Feb-April 2019: Scoping
- May-Oct 2019: Board identified preferred alternatives and oth DEIS alternatives

2019-2024

**Environmental review** 

**Early 2022: Publish Draft EIS** 

Public comment period

Board confirms or modifies preferred alternatives

2024: Publish Final EIS

Board selects project to be built

Federal Record of Decision

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT



# PLAN



# DESIGN



2024-2027



### Final route and station design

Station naming

Identify artists for station art

Property acquisition/relocation

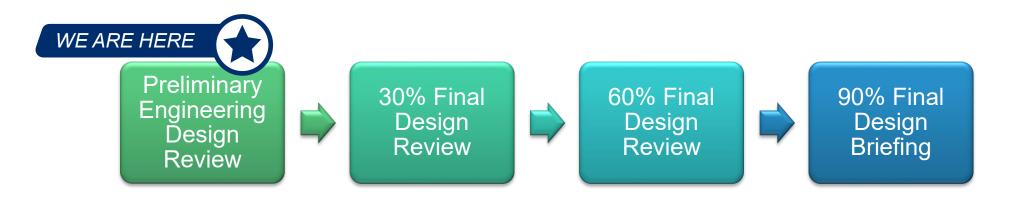
Early construction activities

**Construction contract procurement Permitting** 

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT



### Final Design Milestones



- Future design reviews in Final Design
- Each review informs the next phase
- Design Element Matrix identifies key elements for each phase



# Context and Engagement

# Tribal Engagement

Federal Consultation on Cultural Resources and Fisheries

Engagement with Federally and non-Federally recognized Tribes to understand concerns and desires for Project



# Tribal Engagement

### Themes from Tribal Engagement:

- Education of public on Indigenous history
- Preserve culture
- Restore natural environment
- Increase access to natural resources
- Protect cultural resources



Anthony Duenas, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Sounder Tacoma Dome Station, 2024.

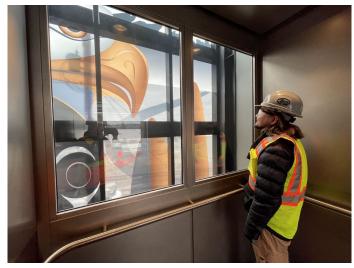
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# Tribal Engagement

# Project elements we have discussed with potential Tribal input:

- Station features
- Art
- Interpretive signage
- Landscape design and restoration
- Integrate Lushootseed into system



Qwalsius-Shaun Peterson, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, with his artwork for the Sounder Puyallup Station garage, the first artwork expressing the Tribe's heritage in the City named after the Tribe.





# Sustainability

### **WSLE Overview**

- Sustainability design priorities
- Sustainability certifications: LEED™ & Envision™
- Climate change vulnerability assessments
- Salvage and diversion goals
- Embodied carbon study and results
- Sustainability opportunities
- What's next



# Sustainable Design Priorities

### **Conserve Natural Resources – Efficiency**

- Use less (materials)
- Maximize resource efficiency (energy, water, materials)
- Implement restorative design features

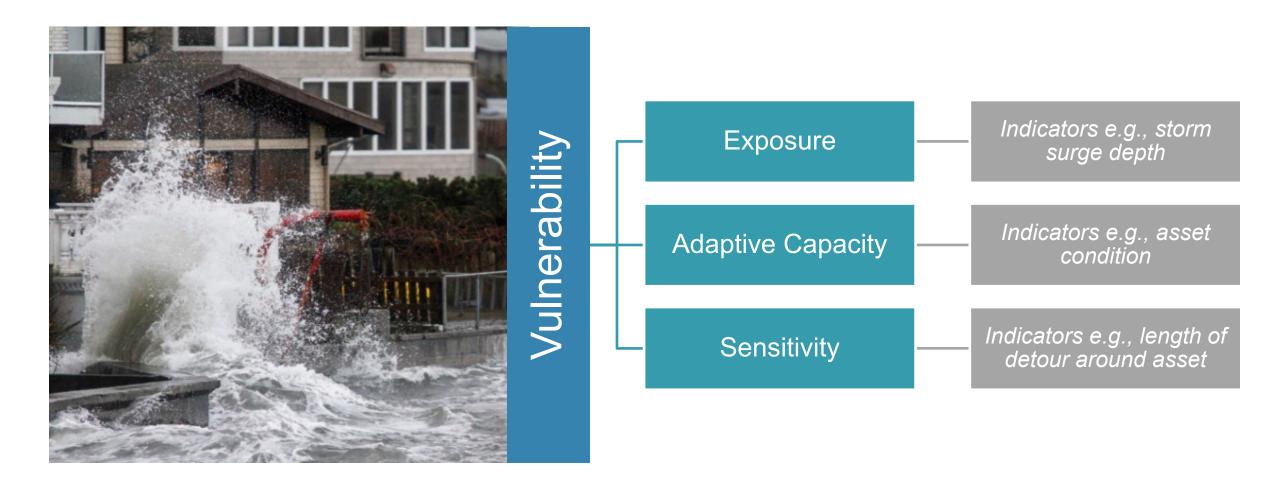
### **Design & Build for the Long Term – Resiliency**

- Consider materials with long life-cycles
- Evaluate use of materials for durability, service life
- Review for climate resilient design and operations

Plan sustainable infrastructure in coordination with Transit Oriented Development & Access Improvements – Integration



# Climate Vulnerability & Adaptation Options



# Construction Salvage

### Prioritize Salvage, Diversion & Recycling

- Sound Transit has no-cost salvage contracts
- Minimum requirement for waste
   diversion = 75%
- LEED(TM) stations likely to improve diversion rate









Photo Credit: Lovett Deconstruction and Salvage Shop





### **Embodied Carbon**

Study WSLE & BLE Material Reduction Potential

### Reduce Embodied Carbon (concrete)

- Piloting Global Warming Potential (GWP)
   Reduction in all Parking Garages achieved
   30%
- Looking to Expand Concrete GWP Reduction Beyond Parking Structures
- Coordinating Material Transparency Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) on all WSLE Stations

# Sustainability Opportunities

### **Design and Construction**

- Salvage Trees On-Site: Restoration
- Ground Source Heat-Pumps
- Balanced Fill On Site
- Watershed Improvements
- Green Stormwater Infrastructure
- Energy-Efficient Ventilation

### **Synergies with City and 3rd Parties**

- Improvement Projects: Utilities, Stormwater
- Fresh Water Infrastructure for Steam Plant





### What's Next

# **Sustainability Management Plan**

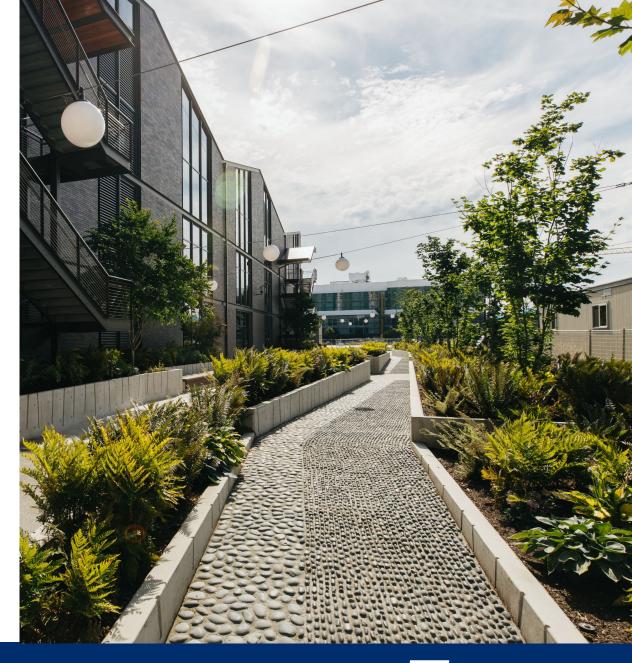
LEED™ Gold & Envision™
 Platinum Certification
 Strategies

### **Climate Resiliency Design**

Identify Adaptation Strategies

### **Embodied Carbon Studies**

Concrete & Other Materials





# Community Engagement

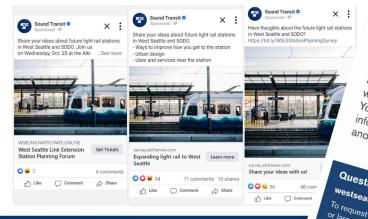
Building Public Awareness

Seattle輕軌擴建











Please join us on Tuesday, March 5 for a West Seattle Link Extension Station Planning Open House. We'll share a summary of community priorities for future light rail station design in West Seattle and SODO, based on feedback We heard from the public in fall 2023. You can see how your feedback is informing ongoing design for the project and learn about what's next.

West Seattle Link Extension Station Planning Open House Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Short presentation at 6 p.m.

Alki Masonic Center 4736 40th Avenue SW

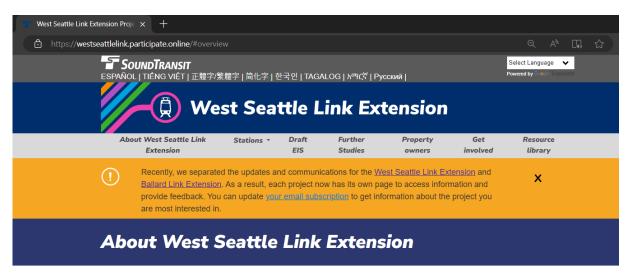
Spanish, Vietnamese, Somali, and ASL interpretation will be provided

Questions? Contact Sound Transit Community Engagement: westseattlelink@soundtransit.org or 206-903-7229

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### Adaptive, Creative, Accessible



The West Seattle Link Extension will provide fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers in the SODO, Delridge, and West Seattle neighborhoods. The West Seattle Link Extension is part of the regional transit system expansion approved by voters in November 2016.

#### West Seattle Link Extension

- Adds 4.1 miles of light rail service from SODO to West Seattle's Alaska Junction neighborhood
- · Includes four new stations from SODO to Alaska Junction.
- · Start of service scheduled for 2032.

#### West Seattle Link Extension project timeline

2016 Voter Approval ✓	
2017-2024 Planning	+
2024-2027 Design	+
2027-2032 Construction	+

#### West Seattle Link Extension Station Planning

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend our station planning events.

Oct. 25, 2023 meeting materials

Station and Access Planning
Engagement Summary

March 5, 2024 meeting materials

#### Stay engaged!

Get upcoming project news and public involvement opportunities.

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### Engagement – SODO Station

- Partnered with SODO Business Improvement Area (BIA) to host SODOfocused station planning events.
- Briefings and tours with community groups, including SODO BIA— Transportation Committee, Seattle Freight Advisory Board, SODO property owners' group, and more.
- Meetings with partner agencies, such as King County Metro, Port of Seattle, Northwest Seaport Alliance, United States Postal Service, and more.
- Ongoing one-on-one meetings with property owners and tenants, and door-to-door business outreach.

### SODO Station – Recent community feedback

### **Station design priorities:**

- Feels safe and vibrant, easy to move through, and welcoming atmosphere with quality materials.
- Improve safety at station with better lighting, visibility, more people using the station.
- Interest in easy transfers between lines and getting to the station.

### **Transit-oriented development priorities:**

- Businesses/services: Food/drink, shopping/retail, social services.
- Uses: Brewery/distillery, incubator/accelerator spaces, tech offices with production facilities.



### SODO Station – Recent community feedback

### **Improving access**

- Interest in improving bike and pedestrian connections, including protected bike lanes on Airport Way S and other SODO streets, and more sidewalks throughout SODO.
- Interest in additional protected drop-off zones at the station.
- Interest in additional signals or signal changes to improve access and safety.



SODO Station Planning Drop-In Session: Nov 29, 2023



## SODO Station Area – Community Feedback

#### Additional common themes

- Improving access to the station from S. Lander St.
- Interest in the potential for transit-oriented development in the station area.
- Concern about construction impacts, including event traffic and road closures for freight movement and neighborhood traffic.
- Concern about property acquisition and business displacement.

# WSLE Station Planning Engagement

(Fall '23-Spring '24)



1,232

Completed English and in-language online survey



2 In-person Open Houses

engaging more than

425 attendees



2

In-person WSLE SODO drop-in



In-language focus groups

Vietnamese; Somali and other East African languages



email updates

engaging more than

12,417 subscribers



Materials translated into multiple languages to support equitable engagement



10 Community briefings



6

Fairs, festivals and other tabling events



Ads

featured on **11** unique and local digital publications



360K Impressions

on social media posts

**2,000+** link click



900+posters

delivered along the corridor



Community liaisons engaging Delridge corridor's RET communities and local businesses

Racial Equity Toolkit (RET) Report

**Environmental Review** 

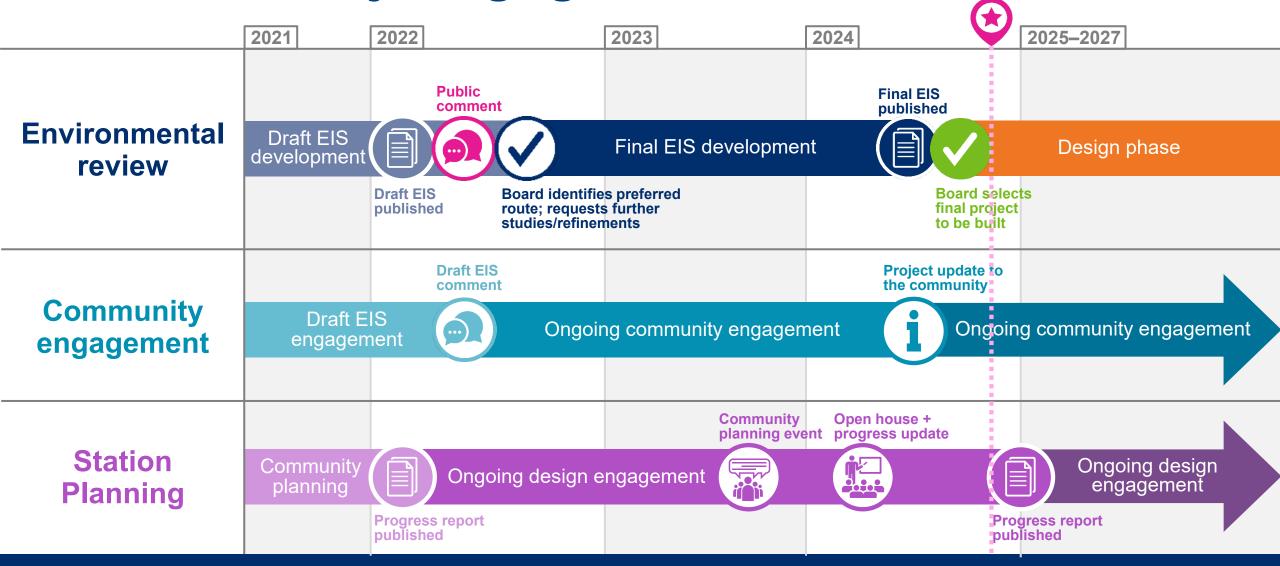
 Partnership with City of Seattle since 2017

- Sets forth RET Outcomes for RET focus areas and corridor-wide, including enhancing mobility and access, bus-rail integration and equitable transit-oriented development
- Updated to reflect Draft EIS comments and ongoing community feedback





# Community Engagement Schedule





# Q&A / Discussion

# PE Design Review: SODO Station





### Operating plan: 2032



### Operating plan: 2042







# Neighborhood



Neighborhood feedback gathered from in-person and on-line events during alternatives development 2018-2019.



# Area Context Existing land use in the station area [1] Single Family Manufacturing/ Industrial Ridership/daily boardings (2)

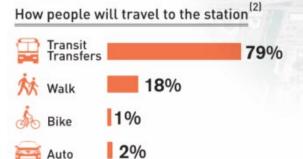
Planning and design priorities Planning and design priorities can help frame how a station and station area will look and function

- Provide "last mile" connections between the station and surrounding businesses by improving pedestrian and bike facilities, especially the east-west connections
- Support growth and development of existing businesses, and connect infrastructure to existing job locations
- Provide wayfinding throughout the station area
- Locate station entrances and vertical circulation to avoid or minimize circuitous pathways
- Integrate the SODO Trail with the guideway heading south and make improvements to the bike corridor
- Leverage development opportunities to support job creation, makerspace, light industrial, and modest retail amenities for local workers and transit riders

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Living and working in [1,4] the station area 2040

Potential station location

S Massachusetts St

S Walker St

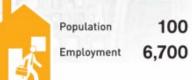
S Stacy St

S Lander St

S Forest St

S Holgate St

S Horton St



#### Footnotes:

- Data based on combined 10-minute walkshed unless noted otherwise. Source: City of Seattle and Sound Transit.
- Based on preferred alternative. Results for other alternatives are similar. Includes transfers from existing and new light rail as well as bus.
- Bike facilities include multi-use trails, bike lanes, and neighborhood greenways within combined 10-minute bikeshed.
- Based on PSRC future year forecasts and allocated to combined 10-minute walkshed.

# Station Environment Design Guidelines

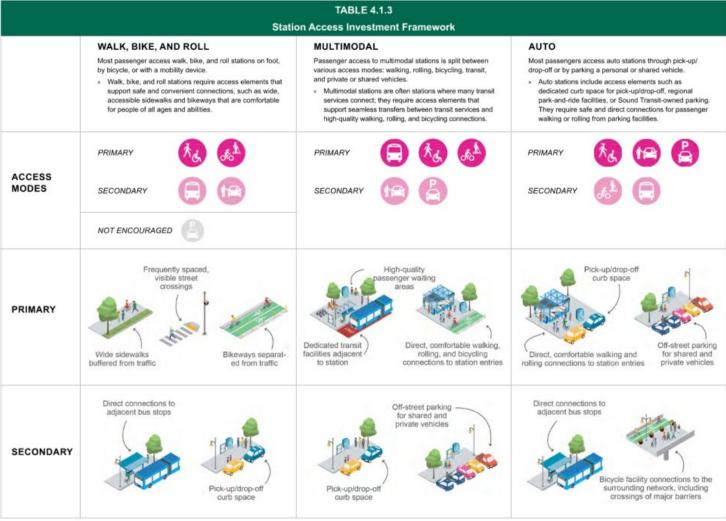
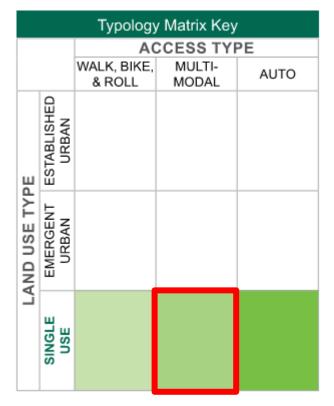
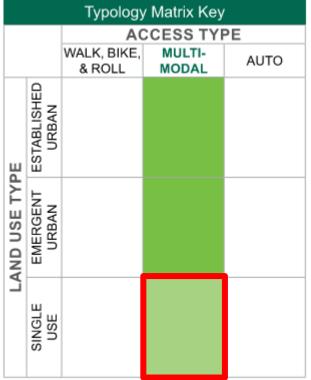


Table 4.1.3 Station Access Investment Framework



# Station Environment Design Guidelines





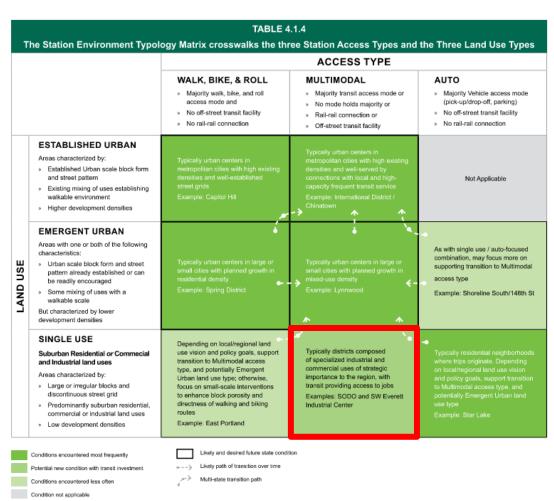
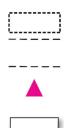


Table 4.1.4 Station Area Environment Typology Matrix crosswalks the three Station Access Types and the Three Land Use Types

# Concept evolution and past engagement

### **DEIS Concept:** At-Grade Station



TUNNEL STATION PLATFORM

**TUNNEL GUIDEWAY** 

STATION ENTRY POINT

STATION ENTRANCE

**ACTIVE FRONTAGE** 

PEDESTRIAN-FOCUSED PUBLIC REALM

PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION

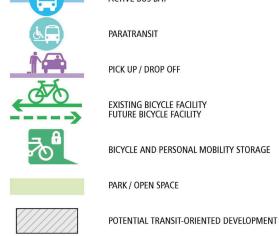
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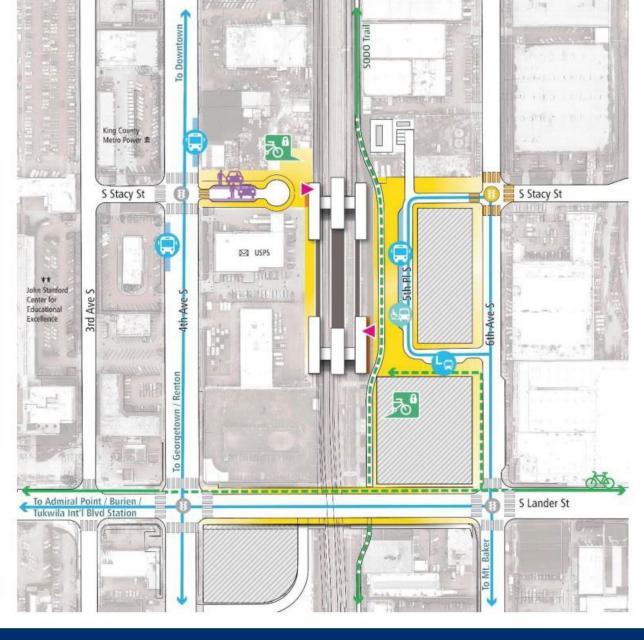


BUS ROUTE(S)

**ACTIVE BUS BAY** 

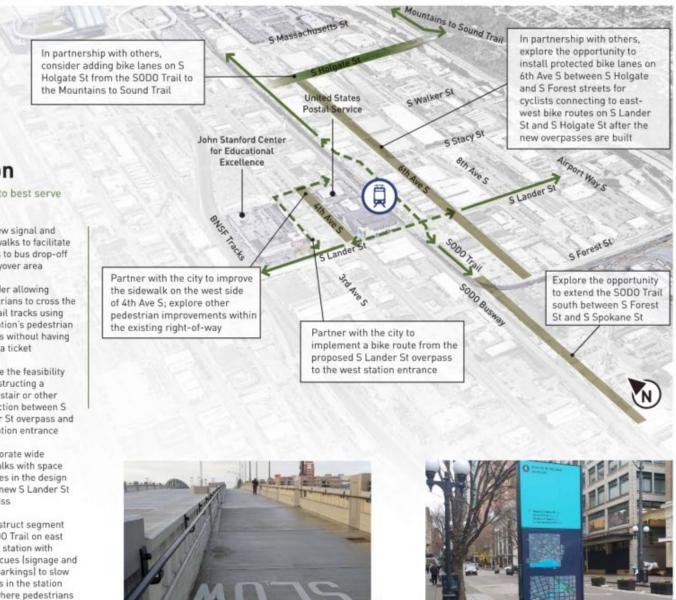
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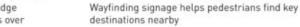












#### Walking, biking, and rolling to the station

Ideas and recommendations for potential improvements by agencies or partners to best serve passengers walking and rolling to the station.



- Add new signal and crosswalks to facilitate access to bus drop-off and layover area
- Consider allowing pedestrians to cross the light rail tracks using the station's pedestrian bridges without having to buy a ticket
- Explore the feasibility of constructing a public stair or other connection between S Lander St overpass and the station entrance
- Incorporate wide sidewalks with space for bikes in the design of the new S Lander St overpass
- Reconstruct segment of SODO Trail on east side of station with visual cues (signage and trail markings) to slow cyclists in the station area where pedestrians are present



A wide sidewalk on the existing S Lander St Bridge enables pedestrians and cyclists to safely cross over

#### To the extent feasible, locate bus bays and pickup/drop-off area off major streets to avoid impacting freight movements Partner with others to create United States s stacy St wayfinding to 1st Ave S Postal Service John Stanford Center businesses from the station Connecting to the station for Educational Excellence Ideas and recommendations for potential improvements by agencies or partners to integrate buses and other pickup/drop-off needs. Locate bus stops on 4th Ave S close to S Stacy St for simple transfers to the station Create off-street loop for transit and paratransit users that Provide intuitive connections between also accommodates 5 Stacy St S Stacy St = (1) 1 Line and 3 Line with direct routing bus layover space between platforms and clear wayfinding signage Locate pickup/drop-off area at the northwest station entrance to reduce potential conflicts with bus stops on 4th Ave S Explore station access improvements in partnership with new development(s) S Lander St Proposed signalized intersection and/or crosswalks Station entrance Bus route(s) transit oriented Active bus bay Existing signalized intersection development (TOD) and/or crosswalks Transit loop near a station Real-time signage provides current information on



bus connections

Paratransit

Pickup/drop-off area

Pedestrian

focused area

Consider potential development opportunities including industrial incubators, makerspaces, and other innovation/research and development uses with a scale and fit appropriate for SODO; balance the existing industrial uses and associated freight movement with access needed for future development

#### Living and working near the station

Ideas and recommendations for potential improvements by agencies or partners to support people living and working near the station.

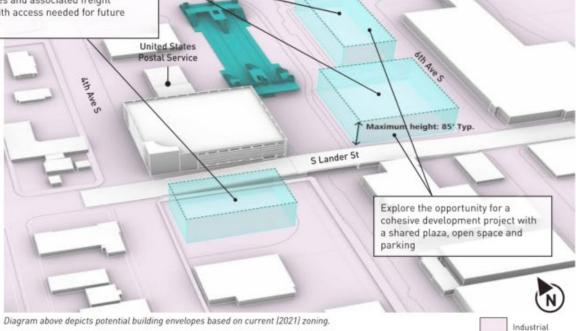


Existing signalized intersection

Assess potential for flex office and industrial use with some retail opportunities to take advantage of potential foot traffic generated by the station

Although station is in an industrial area, encourage new developments near the station to incorporate building frontages that are lively and focus on pedestrian scale design features

Explore opportunities to provide access to the station mezzanine from an upper floor of adjacent development





Large industrial development sites can include multiple tenants and uses



Vocational training to support local jobs is one possible future use near the station

S Stacy St



development (TOO)

Pedestrian

focused area

#### Create plazas and open spaces around station entrances with amenities such as landscaping, seating, and lighting to create a safe environment, especially during non-peak hours

#### Enjoying public space near the station

Ideas and recommendations to enhance and activate community public spaces - such as parks, plazas, and amenities - in partnership with others.



- Explore design opportunities for the Lander St overpass that would complement the existing Lander St overpass to the west
- Create a well-lit and safe environment for pedestrians and cyclists where the SODO Trail runs under the new Lander St overpass
- Consider creating a pedestrian-oriented plaza space with adjacent active uses that leads passengers to the station entrance



Postal Service

Recently completed Lander Street overpass with multi-use trail



5 Stacy S

S Lander St

Landscaping and bike racks are used to separate cyclists from pedestrians in an adjacent sidewalk and



transit oriented development (TOD)

Pedestrian

focused area

# PE Concept Design

Passenger Trips

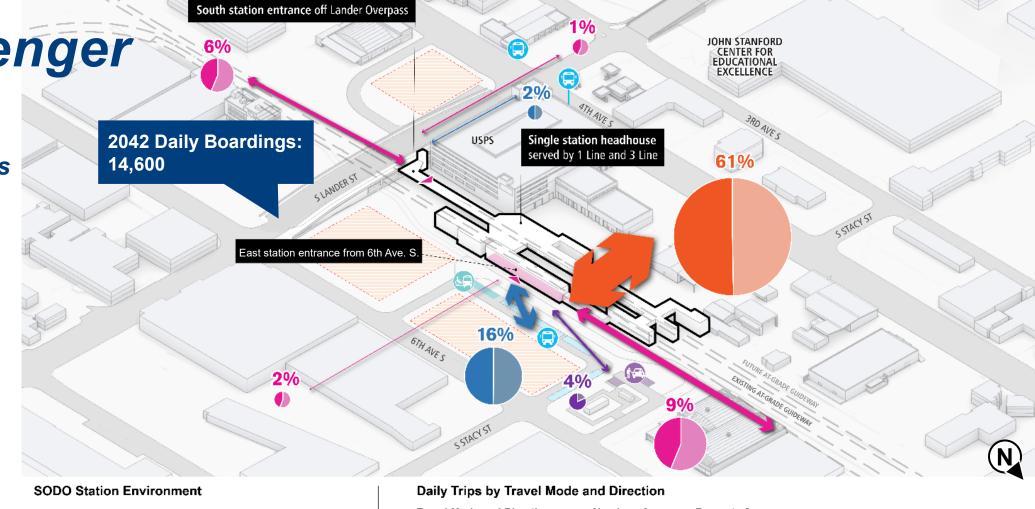
#### **Access Modes**

61% Transfer Train-to-train

18% Transfer Bus-to-train

16% Walk 2% Bike

4% Auto





Station Entrance



Bus Zones

Paratransit



Tunnel and Station Below



Pick-Up/Drop-Off Area



Potential Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Travel Mode and Direction

Walk

Bus Transfer

Light Rail Transfer

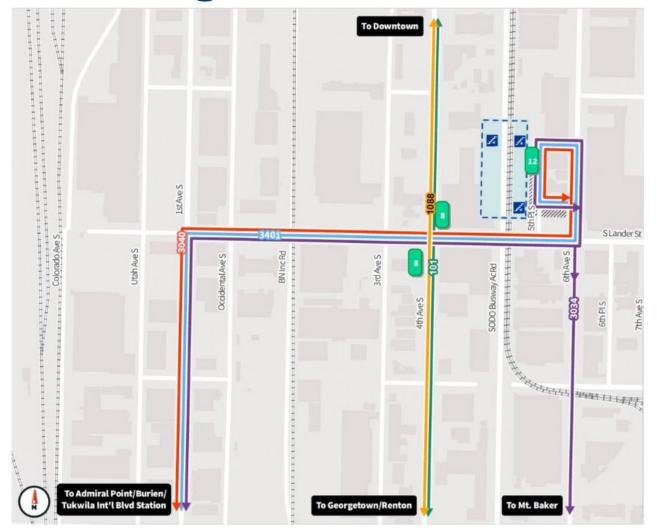
Pick-Up Drop-Off

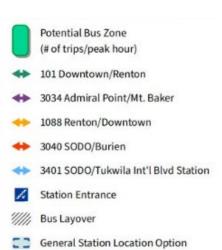
Arrows and pie charts are scaled based on percent of daily trips.

Note: Station access calculations based on the station design as of May 2023. Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding. Walk distribution indicates general directional assumption, not routing along specific streets.



## **Bus-Rail Integration**

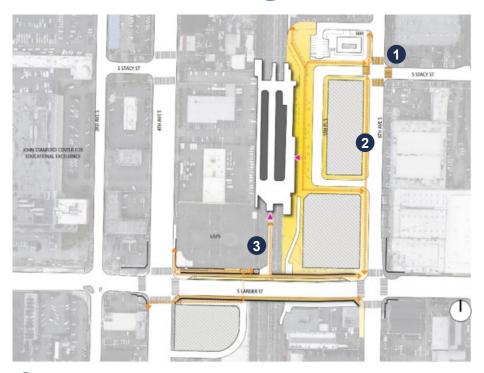




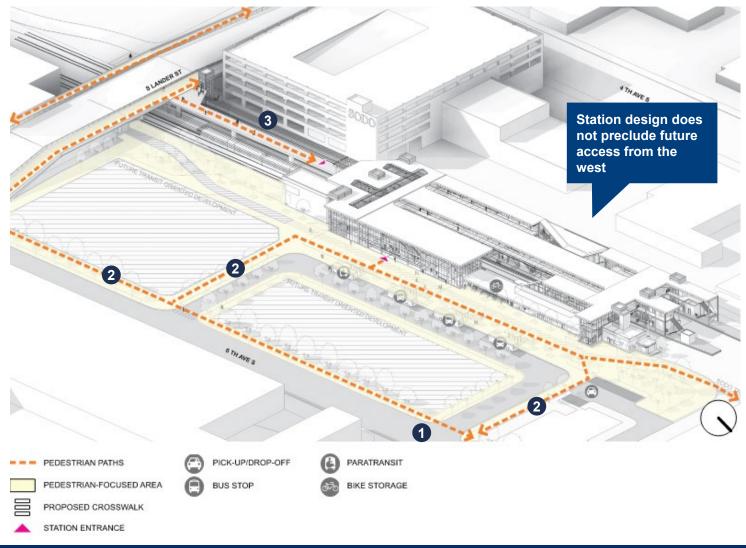
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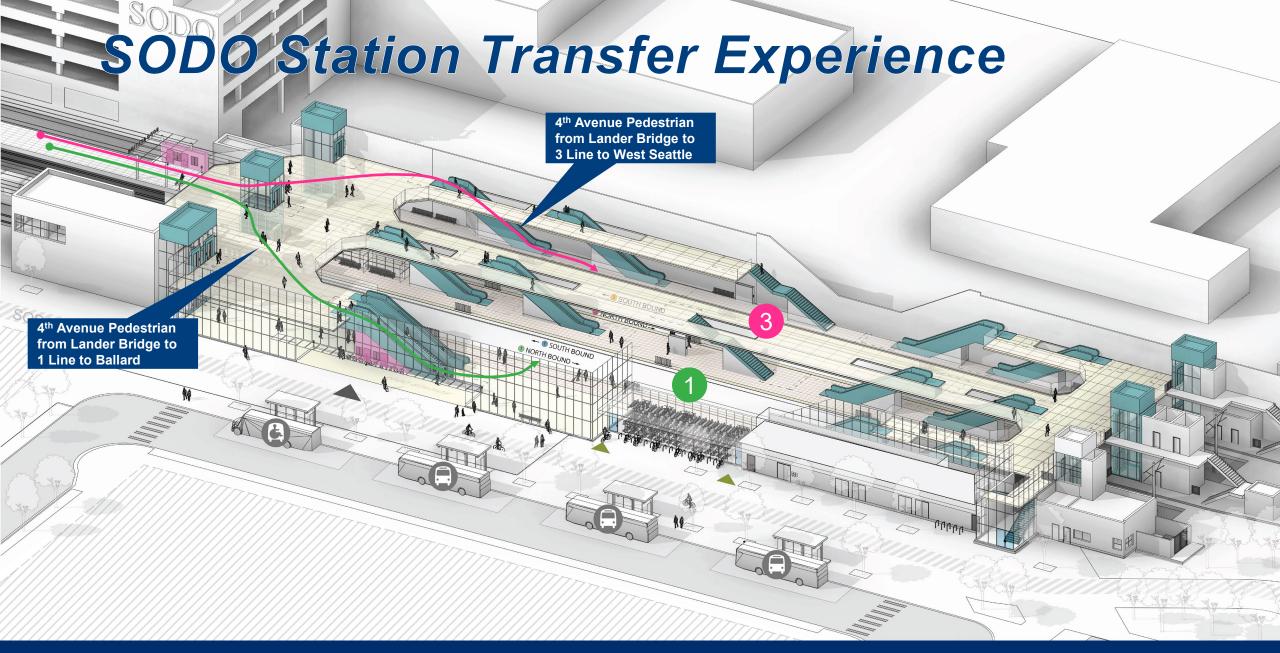


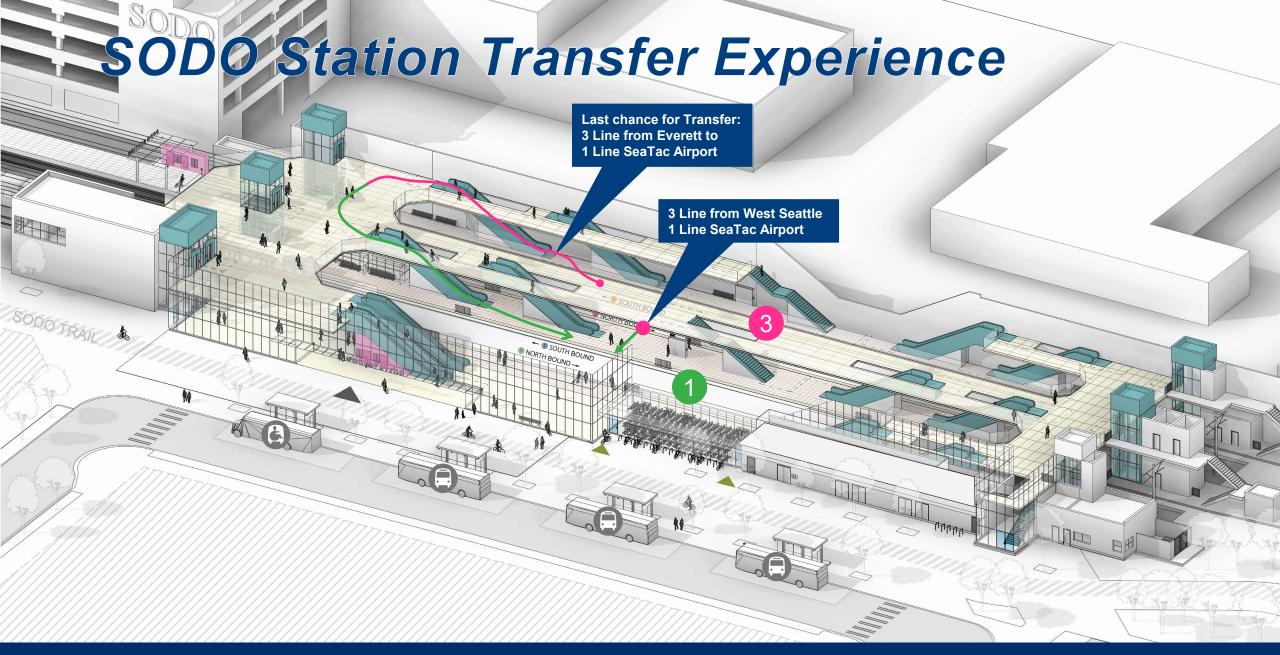
## Passenger Circulation - Station Site



- New signal and crosswalks at Stacy St.
- Sidewalk widened (18' min.) on station frontages per SEDG and Streets Illustrated
- Lander St. overpass station access

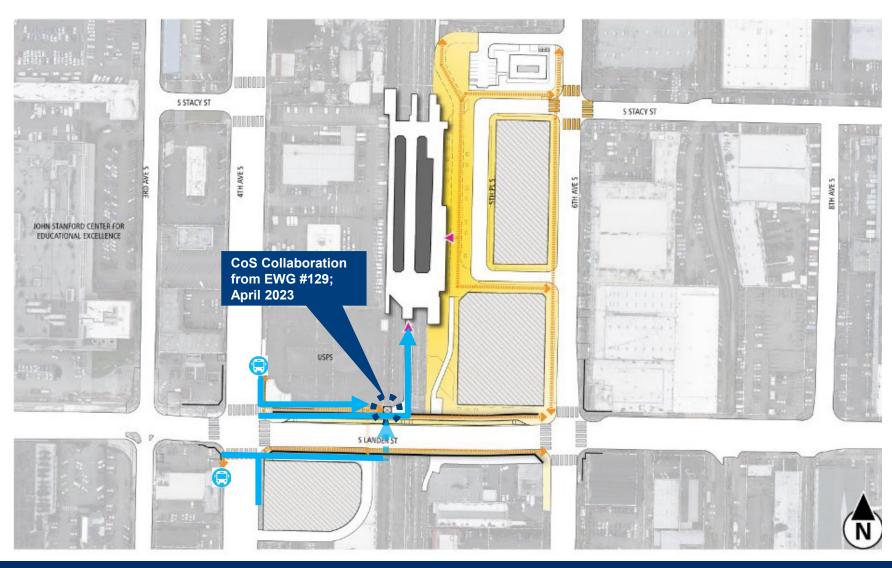




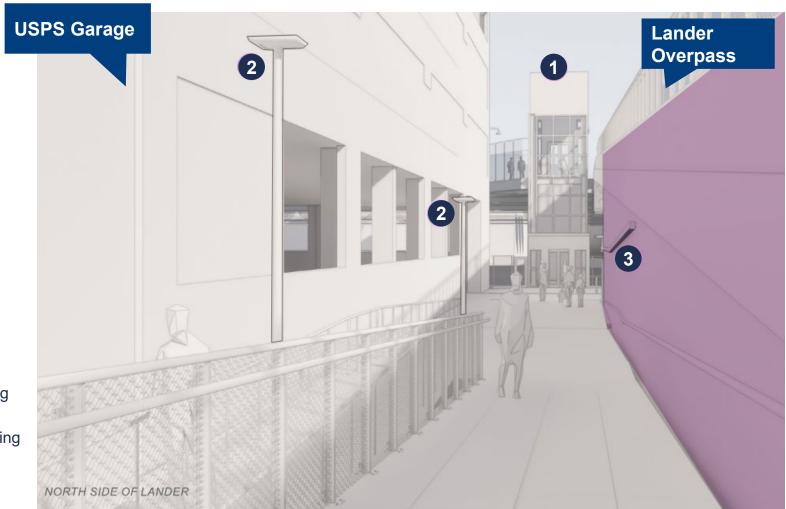


### Pedestrian Access from 4th Ave. S

- 1. Pedestrian sidewalk up Lander St. overpass to Lander Access Bridge
- 2. ADA ramp and sidewalk to elevator; to Lander Access Bridge
- 3. Pedestrian access, under overpass to elevator; to Lander Access Bridge



## Pedestrian Access at USPS Garage





Key Plan

- 1 Elevator access
- 2 Pedestrian lighting
- 3 Potential wayfinding elements

View looking east from Lander/4th

### Pedestrian Elevator Access



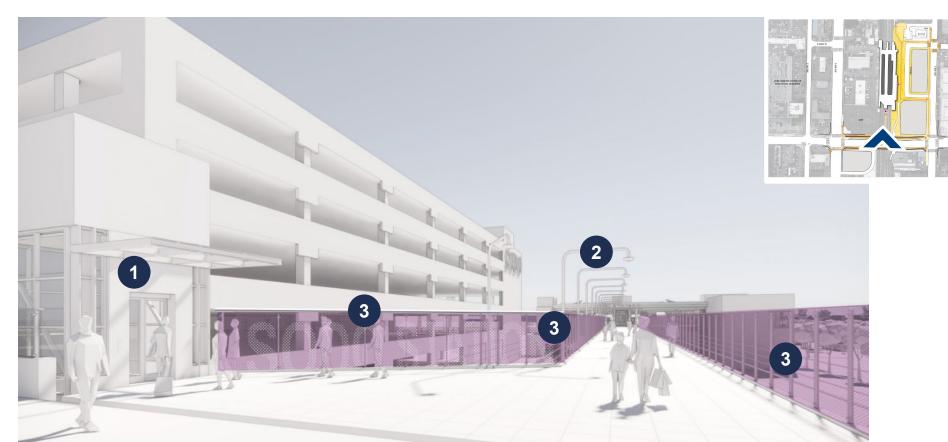
- 1 Elevator access
- Pedestrian lighting, fencing & bollards
- 3 Potential wayfinding elements





**USPS Access Drive** 

### Pedestrian Elevator Access

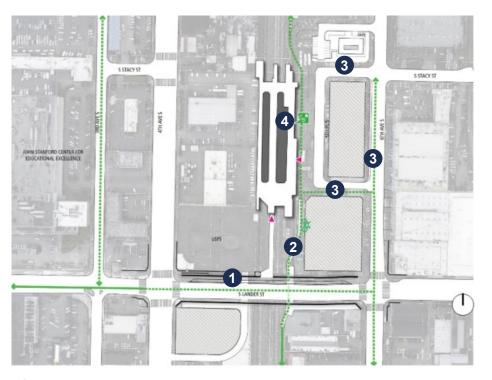


- Elevator access
- Pedestrian lighting
- Potential guardrail station identification & wayfinding elements

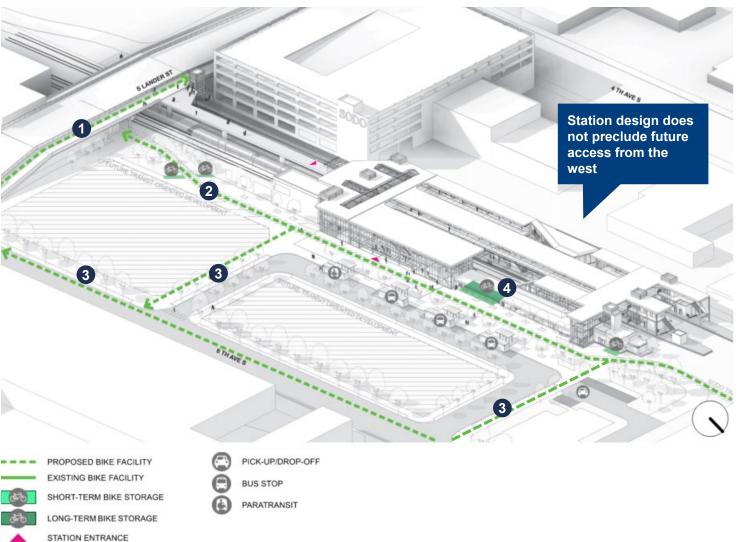
View looking north; on Lander overpass

Key Plan

### Bike Access and Parking



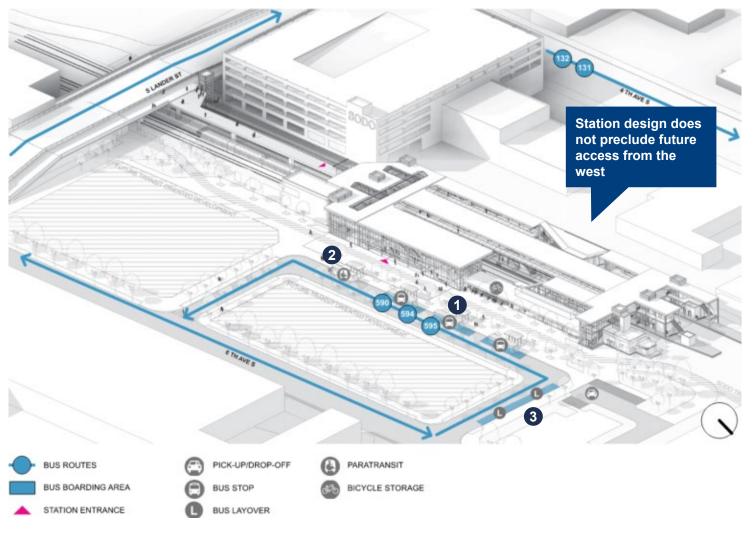
- Protected 2-way cycle track on N. side of Lander St. overpass
- 2 SODO Trail; Downtown to Georgetown
- 3 Wide sidewalk for shared pedestrian and bike access
- Secure bike room (152 spaces); short-term racks (60 spaces)



## Transit Integration



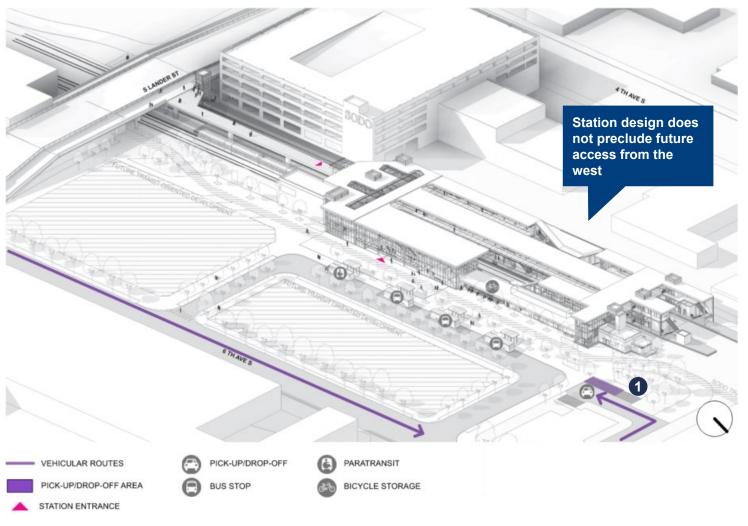
- **1** KCM standard active bus bays with seamless access to station entrance on off-street bus loop
- 2 Paratransit located with seamless access to station entrance
- 3 Bus layover provided on off-street bus loop



## Pick-up & Drop-off



1 PUDO located away from heavy bus movements



### Station Public Realm

#### LEGEND

EXISTING STREET TREE



PROPOSED STREET TREE



PROPOSED PLANTING AREA



POTENTIAL TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT



BICYCLE RACK



BUS SHELTER



BENCH



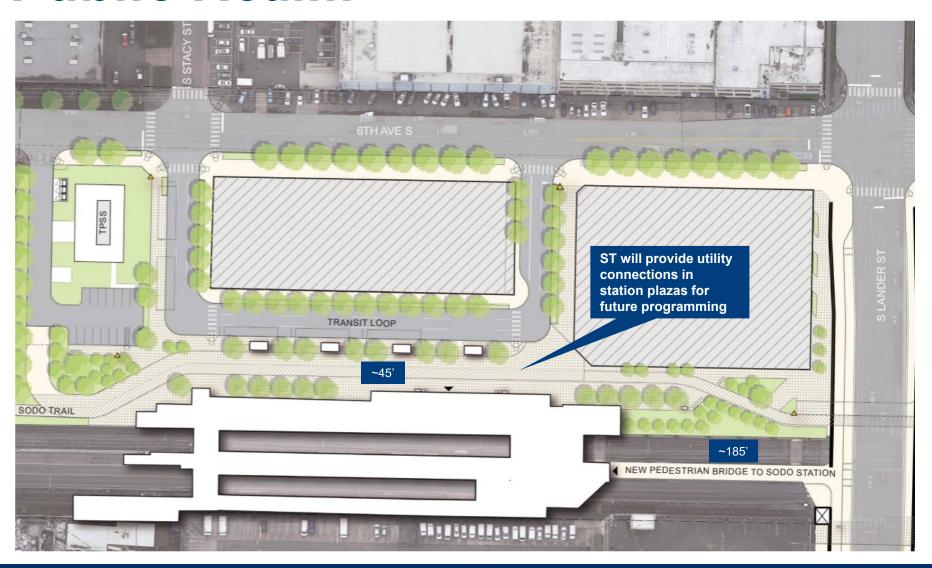
LEANING RAIL AND WEATHER PROTECTION



WAYFINDING SIGN



TRASH RECEPTACLE



## Transit Oriented Development

#### II U/160

Industry and Innovation

#### Typical land uses

Industrial Uses, Information Computer Technology (ICT), research and development, Commercial uses, Institutions, Manufacturing uses

#### **Height limit**

Industrial: No height limit Other: 160'

#### Maximum size of use

Drinking establishments 3,000
Entertainment 25,000
Lodging uses 25,000
Medical services 25,000
Office 15,000
Restaurants 3,000
Retail sales, major durables 15,000
Sales and services, automotive 25,000
Sales and services, general 7,500

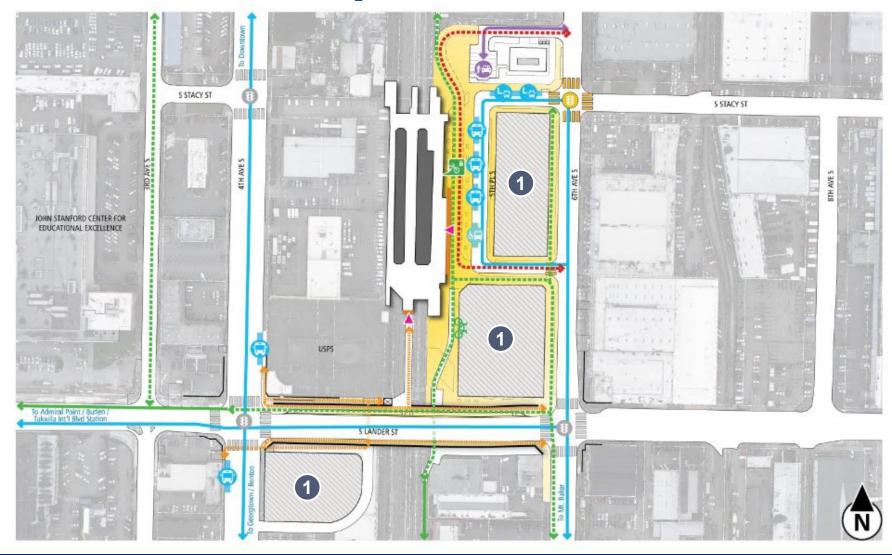
#### FAF

FAR limits for all use: 2.5 Minimum industrial use FAR: 0.5 Maximum FAR with Tier I: 6.0 Maximum FAR with Tier II: 6.5

FAR exemption for spaces occupied by a vocational, educational or training institution for activities related to industrial uses.

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Potential adjacent future phase TOD sites (industry/innovation zone)



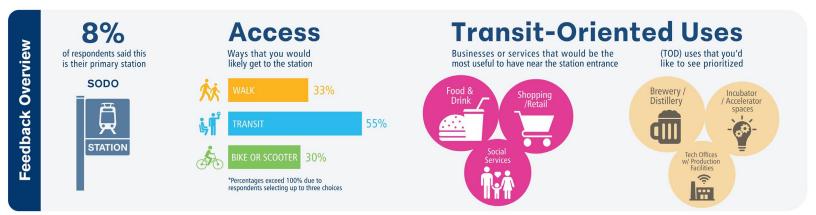
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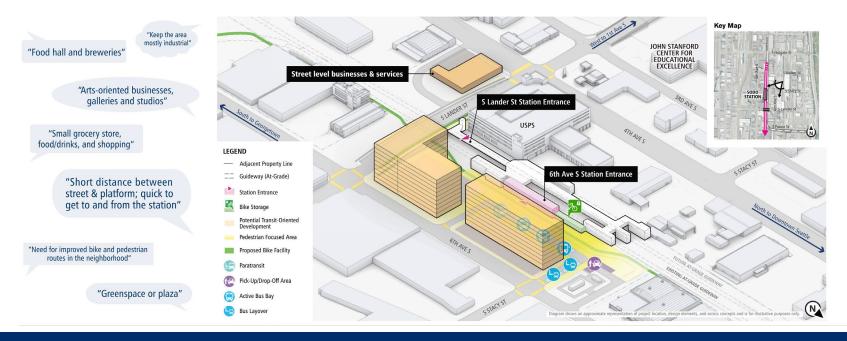




Parking

## Key Themes from Fall 2023 Engagement

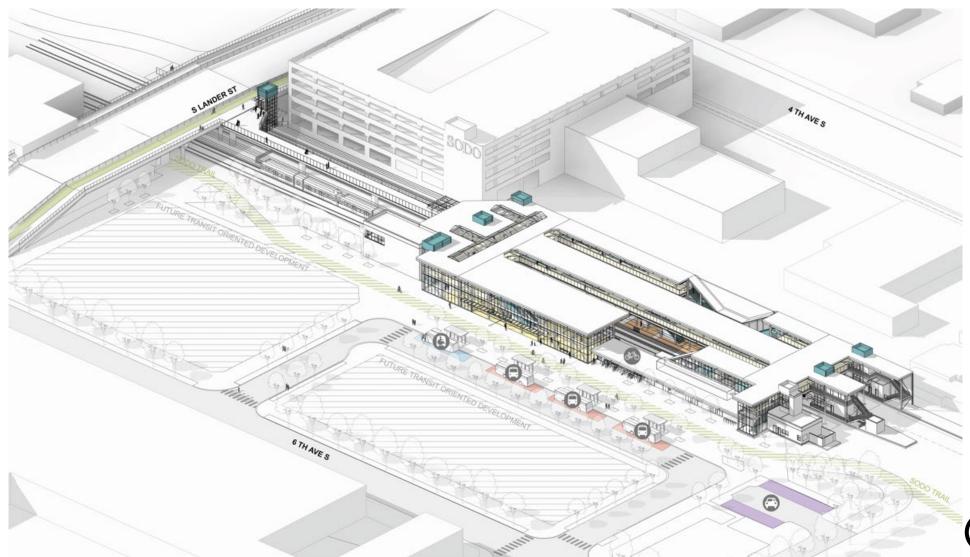




#### **Design Preferences**

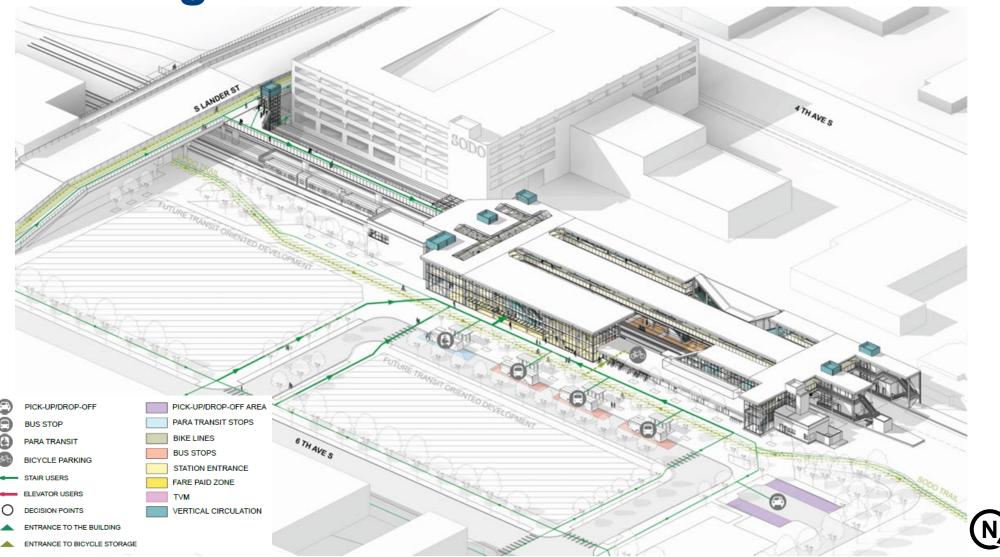


### Station Architecture: Overall View

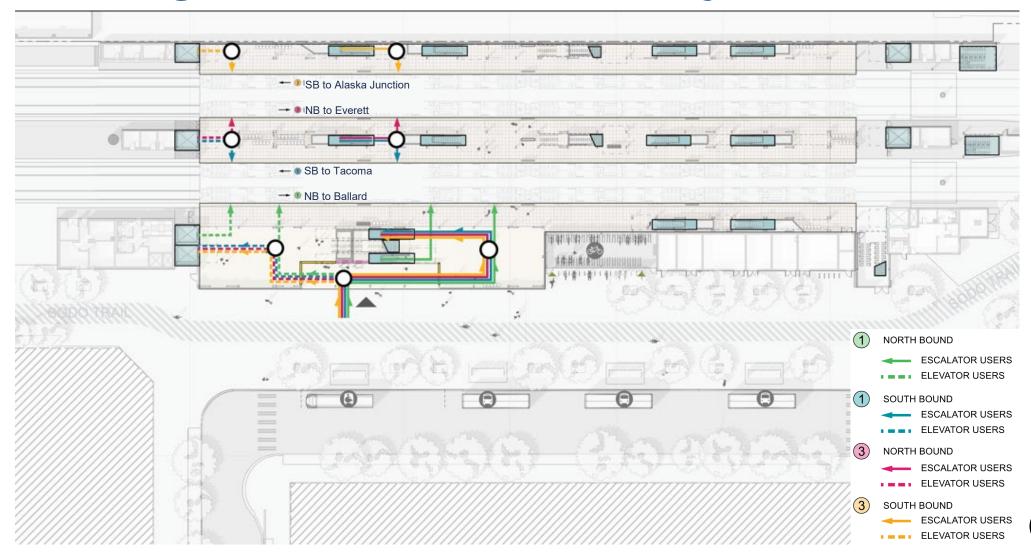




Accessing the Station

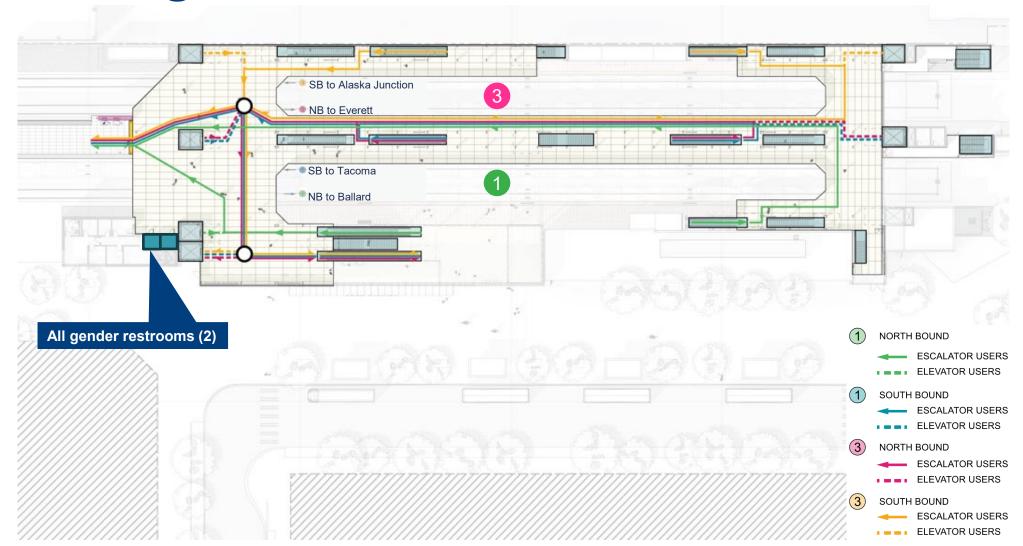


### Passenger Circulation: Entry Level





### Passenger Circulation: Concourse Level





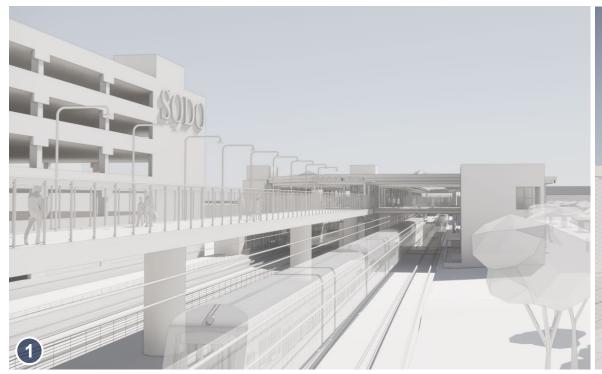


## Station Entry





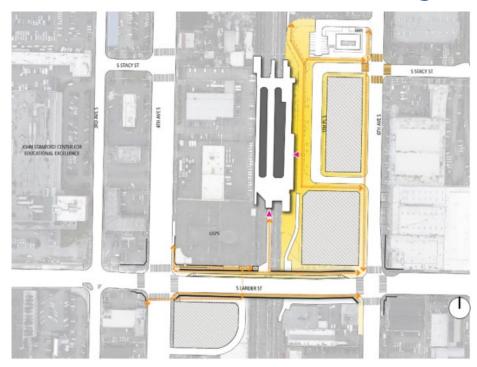
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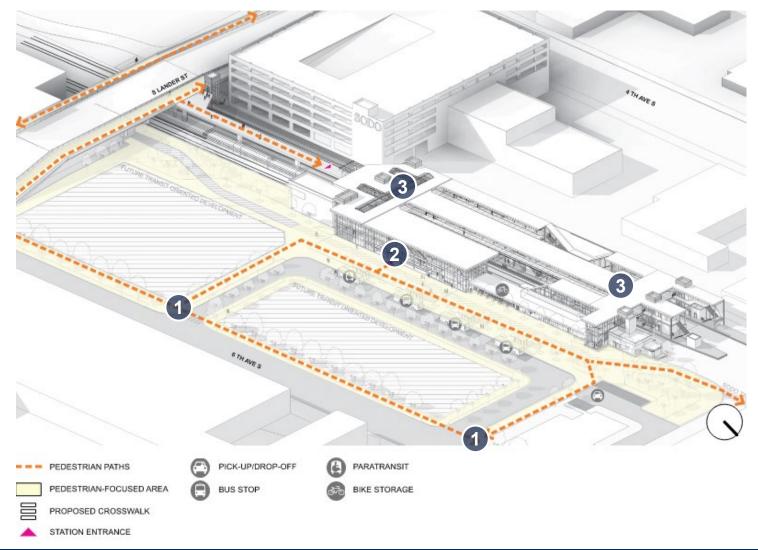




## Public Art: Early Planning



- Possible sculpture locations to support wayfinding.
- Celebrate the entrance.
- Ceiling and/or column mounted opportunities throughout to aid passenger navigation.



## Public Art: **Approaches**

### Focus on Navigation Use artwork to:

- Mark the pathways to the station;
- Celebrate the entrance;
- Help passengers navigate their way through the station.





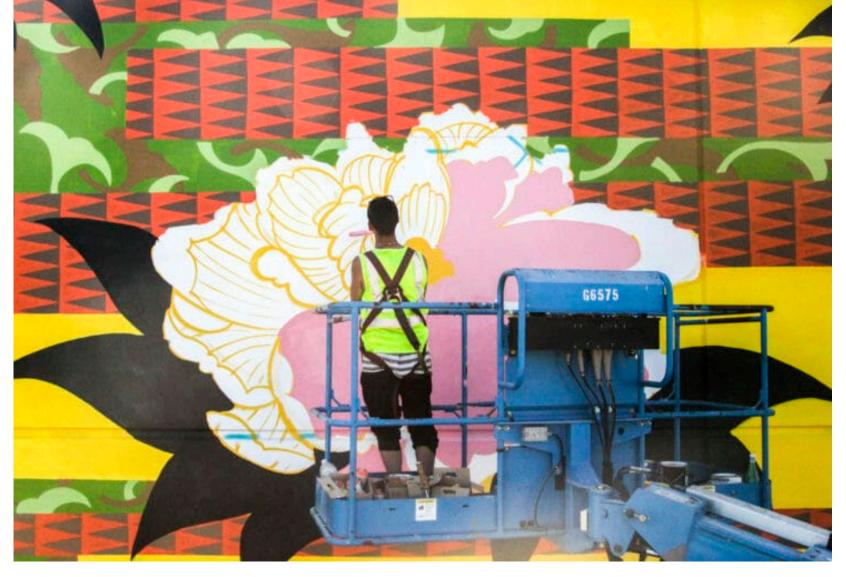


Above: City Hummingbird, Claudia Fitch (Lynnwood City Center); Verdant, Leo Saul Berk (Overlake Village Station, Redmond); Auburn Station Project, Ryan! Feddersen (Auburn Sounder Station)



### Public Art: SODO Track

STart is in active discussions with 4Culture about the future of the SODO Track project.



Above: Artist Kenji Hamai Stoll working on his mural for the SODO Track. (Image courtesy of 4Culture)



# Q&A / Discussion

## Thank you.



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