

Station Area Planning

Transportation Elements

Transit Advisory Board/Bike Advisory Board
February 25, 2026



Agenda

ST3 at the City

- ST3 Overview
- Ballard Link Extension DEIS
- Sound Transit's Enterprise Initiative

What is Station Area Planning?

- Transportation Elements of Station Area Planning
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Graham Street Infill Station

- Timeline
- Transportation Element

West Seattle Link Extension

- Timeline
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Sound Transit 3

In 2016, over 70% of Seattle voters said **YES** to fund regional light rail expansion

- When complete, the system will connect:
 - 16 cities with light rail
 - 30 cities with Bus Rapid Transit/Express bus
 - 12 cities with commuter rail across three counties
- **ST3 light projects in Seattle include:**
 - Graham Street Station, opening 2031
 - West Seattle Link Extension (WSLE), opening 2032
 - Ballard Link Extension (BLE), opening 2039
- **Together these light rail projects comprise the largest infrastructure program in Seattle's history**



Ballard Link Extension DEIS

- **Community members can comment** on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), which will be published later this year.
- There will be **new information and alternatives** not included in the 2022 DEIS (in red on the map).
- Sound Transit will **promote the comment period** and host events where folks can learn more.
- **100+ subject matter experts** from 18 City departments review and comment on the DEIS.
- The ST3 City Team will work with Sound Transit to **schedule briefings for Modal Boards.**



Sound Transit's Enterprise Initiative

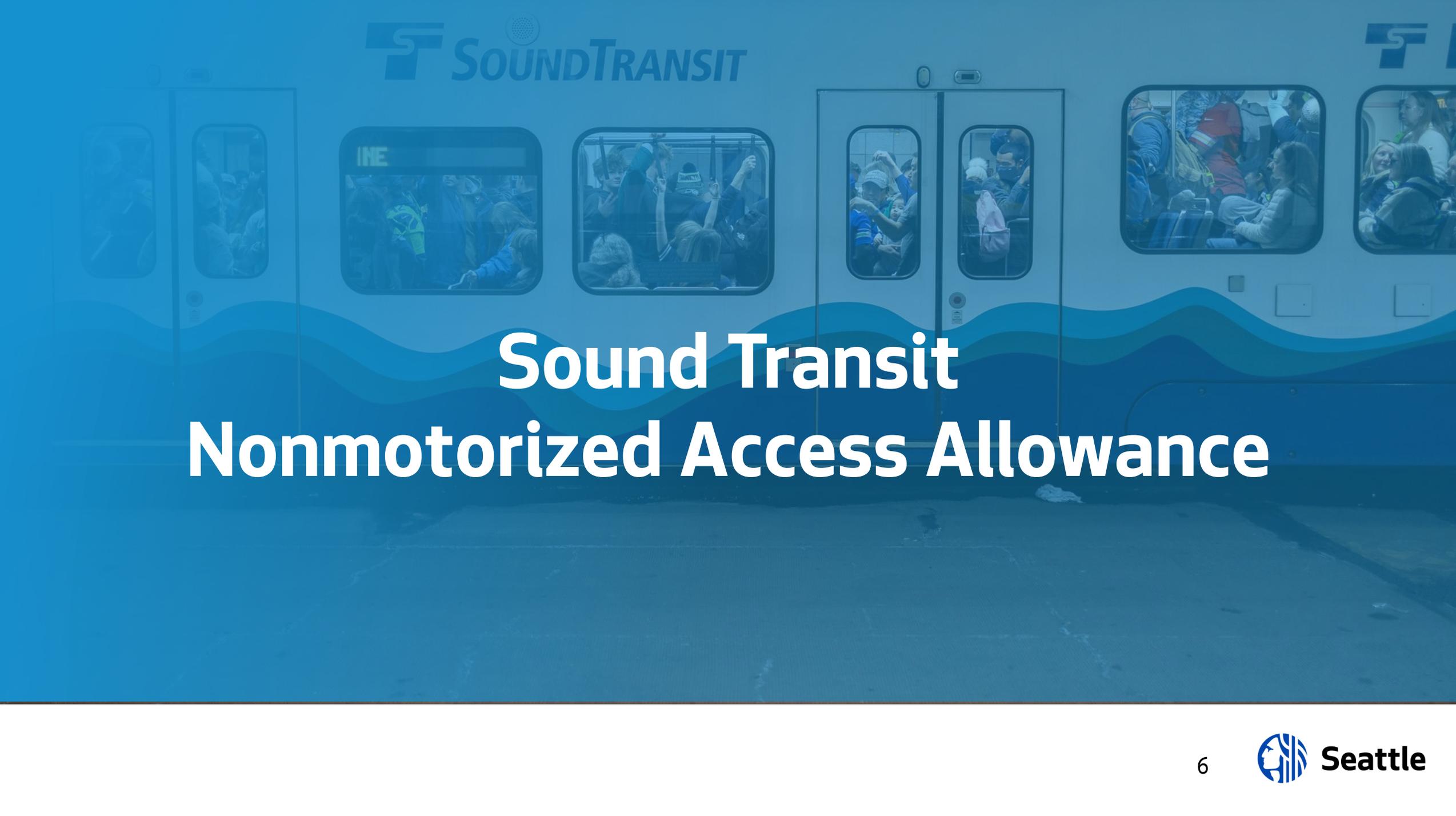
What is the Enterprise Initiative?

- Sound Transit's effort to ensure they can deliver the greatest benefits of ST3 within available financial capacity.
- A comprehensive approach looking at planning, capital, operations, maintenance, and finance to ensure they are meeting both current and future regional mobility needs.

Next steps per Sound Transit Board direction in Motion M2025-36

- An updated ST3 System Plan by the end of Q2 2026
- A new Regional Transit Long-Range Plan in Q3 2026
- An updated Long Range Financial Plan in Q4 2026



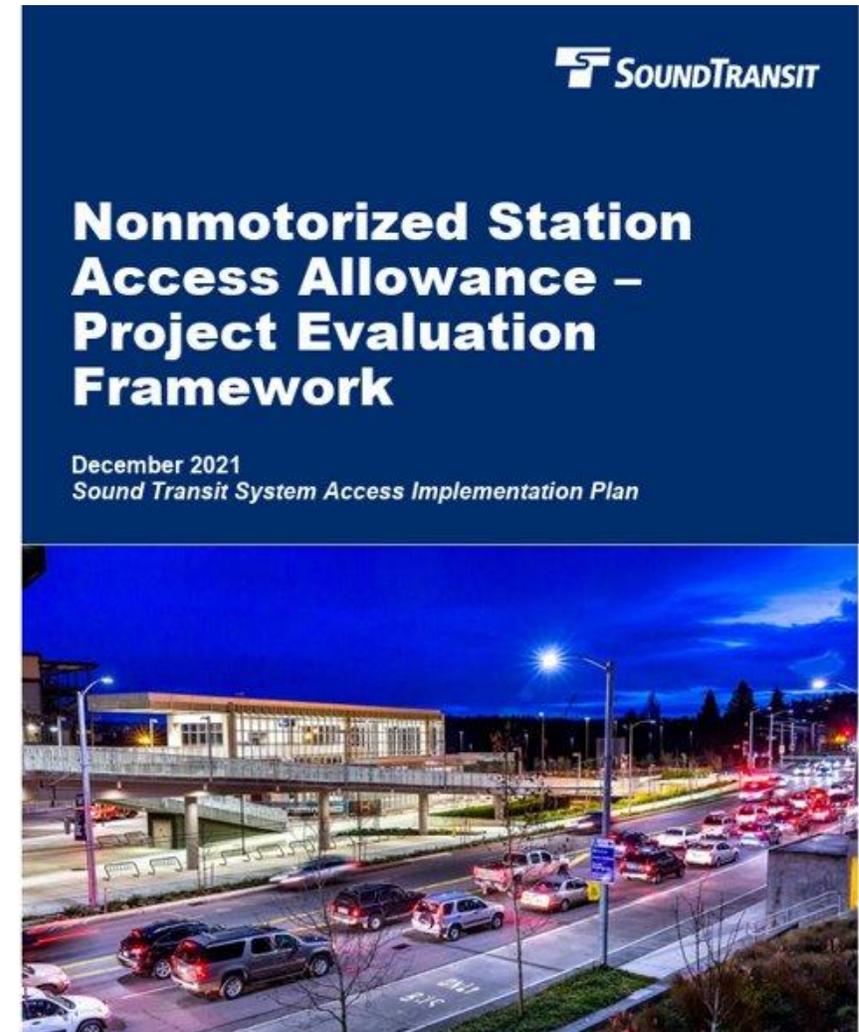


Sound Transit Nonmotorized Access Allowance

ST's Nonmotorized Station Access Allowance

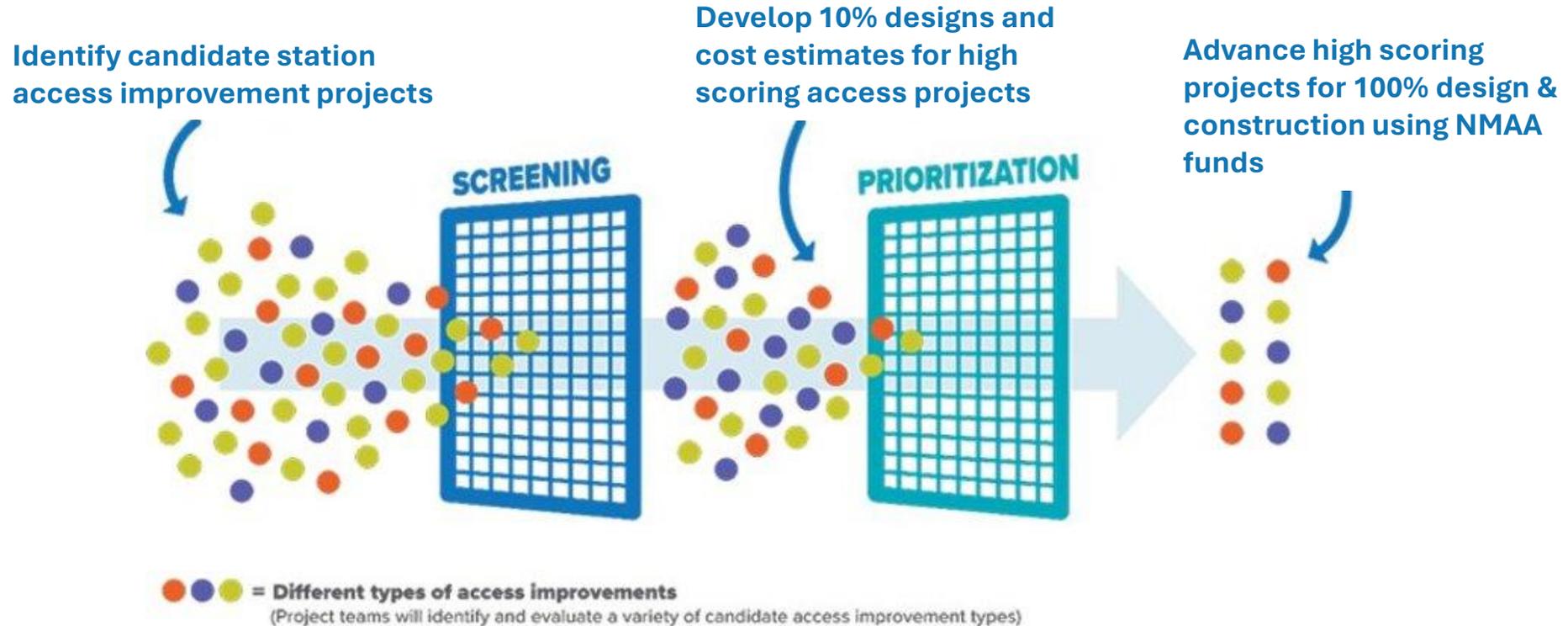
- Part of the 2016 voter-approved ST3 program
- Funds pedestrian and bicycle access investments to create safe, direct walking and bicycling routes to ST3 stations
- Project evaluation process is done in coordination with Sound Transit
- Funded projects require approval by ST Board
- Projects are largely implemented by local partners (ST can implement portions within its construction footprint)

Segment	Allowance
Ballard Link Extension	\$60,000,000
West Seattle Link Extension	\$30,000,000
Graham Station	\$5,500,000
Total	\$95,500,000



ST's Nonmotorized Station Access Allowance

Project Evaluation Process



ST's Nonmotorized Station Access Allowance

Status by Segment

- West Seattle Link Extension
 - Conceptual design for select projects (done - 2024)
 - Prioritize projects (mid-2026)
 - ST Board adoption (End of 2026?)
- Graham Station
 - Finalize initial project list (Q1 2026)
 - Screen projects (Q1 2026)
 - Public engagement (Q1 2026)
 - Conceptual design for select project (Q2-Q4 2026)
 - Prioritize project (Q4 2026)
- Ballard Link Extension
 - Develop project list (2026)



Station Area Planning

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What is it

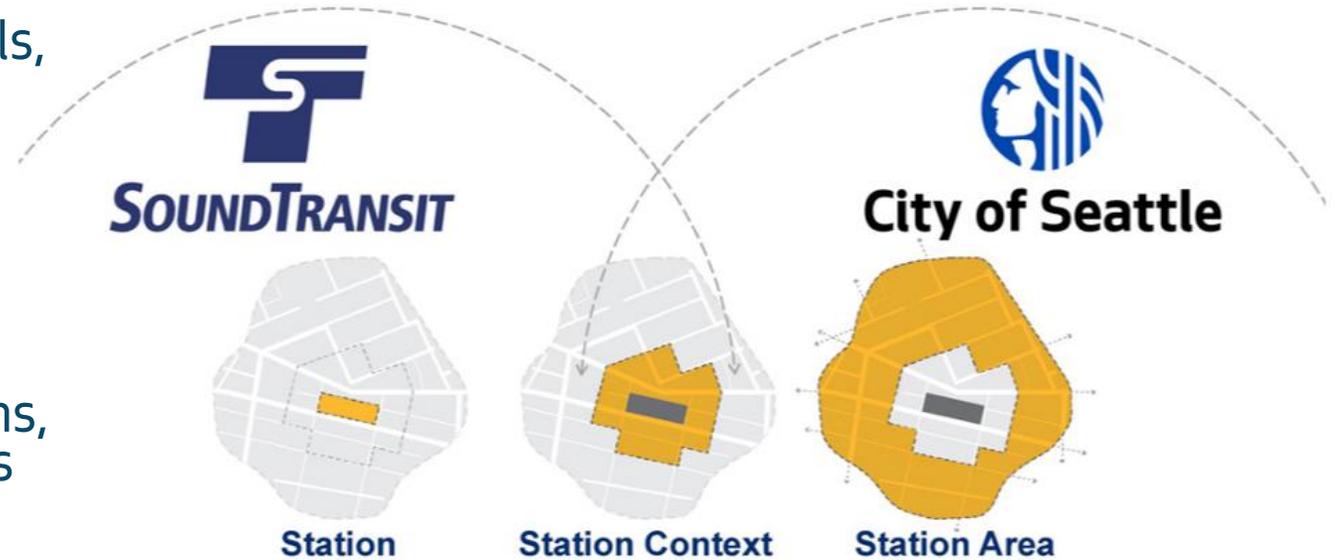
OPCD + SDOT work to develop community goals, vision, and priorities for guiding growth and mobility around new light rail stations

What we do

Develop Action Plans that identify implementation strategies, land use regulations, and opportunities for coordinated investments

How we do it

Convene City departments, community, and agency partners to develop strategies and integrate implementation actions into programs and budgets and policies



Station Area Planning

City Team	Role	Deliverable
Office of Planning and Community Development	Leading the Station Area Plan which includes land use, housing, livability, transportation, development, displacement policies, etc	Station Area Plan
Seattle Department of Transportation	Coordinating with SDOT projects and programs, developing project ideas, and creating/informing Station Area Plan transportation policies	Project cut sheets in a multimodal access study - an appendix to the Station Area Plan
Office of Waterfront, Civic Projects, and Sound Transit	Coordinate with Sound Transit on station planning and station access projects Sound Transit Non-Motorized Access Allowance process	Agreements with ST Non-motorized Access Allowance projects

Station Area Planning

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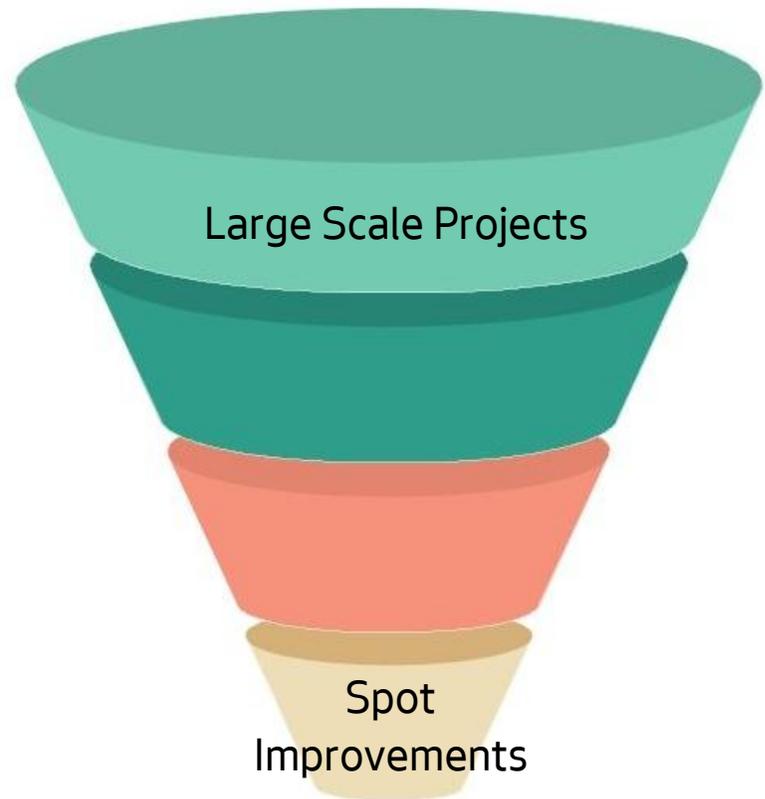
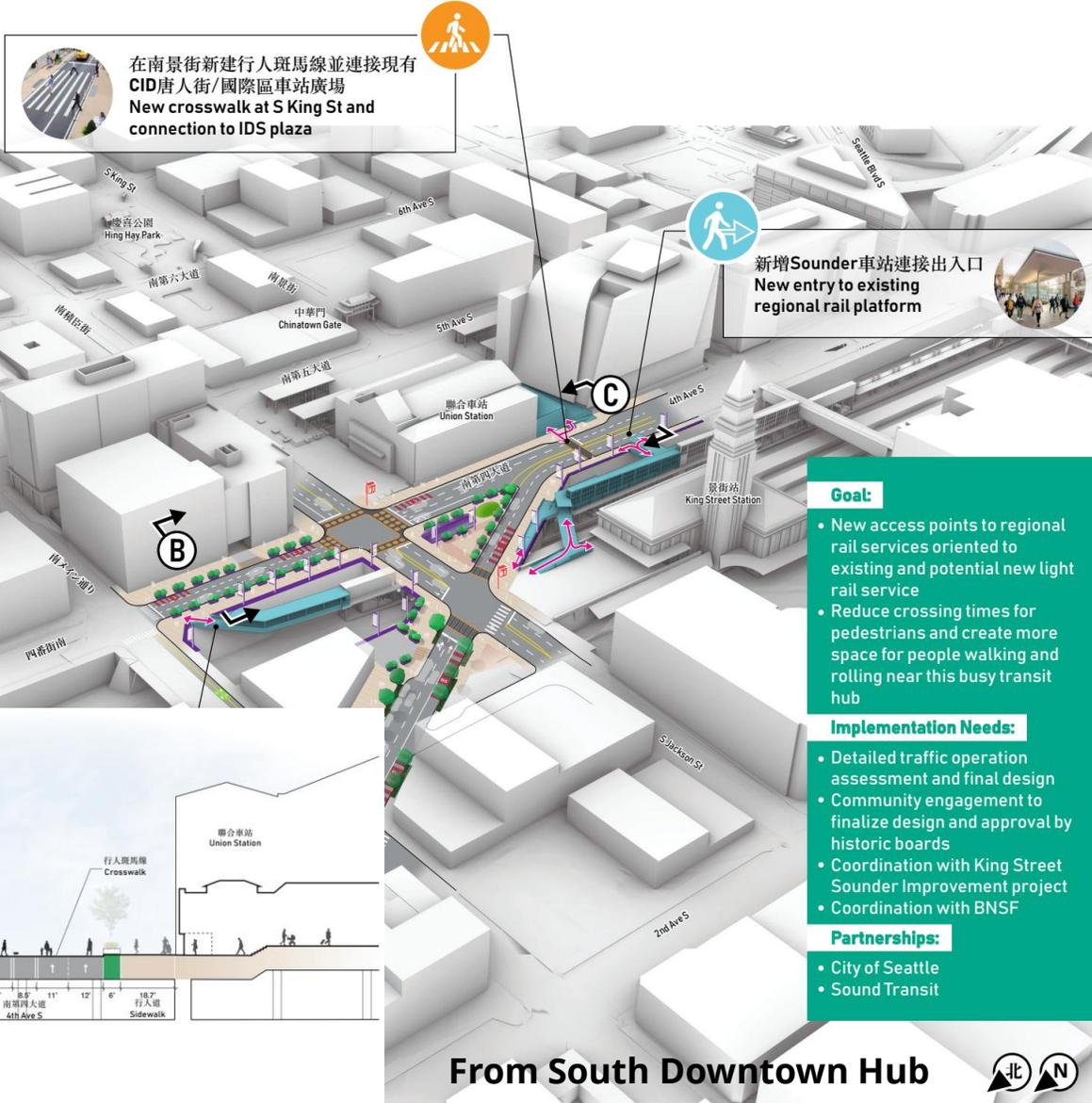
- 建立新的出入點連接區域鐵路服務，並配合現有及潛在的新輕軌服務
- 縮短行人過路時間，並在這個繁忙的交通樞紐周邊創造更多行人及滾輪使用者的空間

實施需求:

- 進行詳細的交通營運評估與最終設計
- 透過社區參與完善設計方案，並獲得歷史保護委員會的批准
- 與景街 Sounder 改善計劃協調
- 與 BNSF 鐵路公司協調

合作夥伴:

- 西雅圖市
- Sound Transit



Goal:

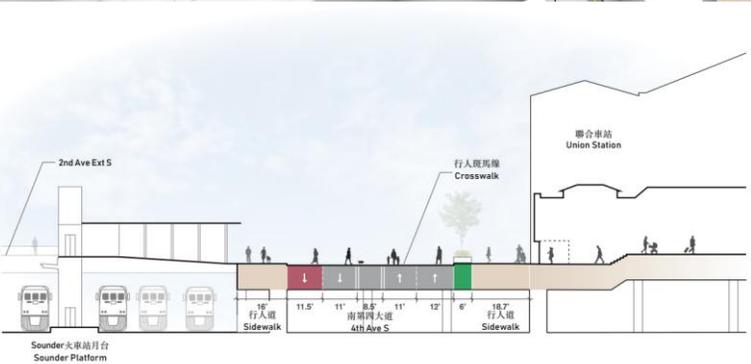
- New access points to regional rail services oriented to existing and potential new light rail service
- Reduce crossing times for pedestrians and create more space for people walking and rolling near this busy transit hub

Implementation Needs:

- Detailed traffic operation assessment and final design
- Community engagement to finalize design and approval by historic boards
- Coordination with King Street Sounder Improvement project
- Coordination with BNSF

Partnerships:

- City of Seattle
- Sound Transit



南第四大道在南景街橫斷面圖
4th Ave S at S King St cross section

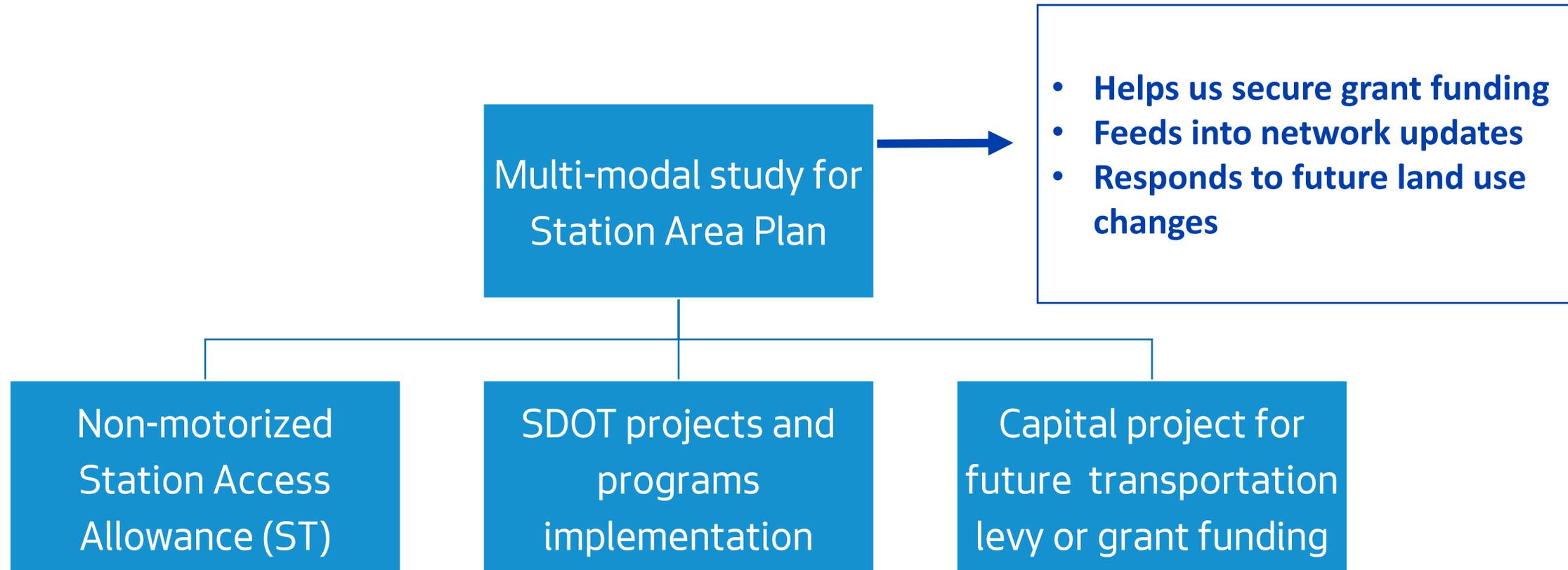
From South Downtown Hub

What Process?

- 1. Develop existing conditions**
- 2. Share existing conditions and present issues/opportunities**
- 3. Develop initial project ideas**
- 4. Confirm project ideas**
Feedback from community engagement and staff
- 5. Review project list**
- 6. Present recommended plan**



Project Implementation Pathways





Graham St Station Area Planning

Study Area

Graham neighborhood within a half-mile walk to Graham Station

Graham neighborhood within a one-mile walk to Graham Station



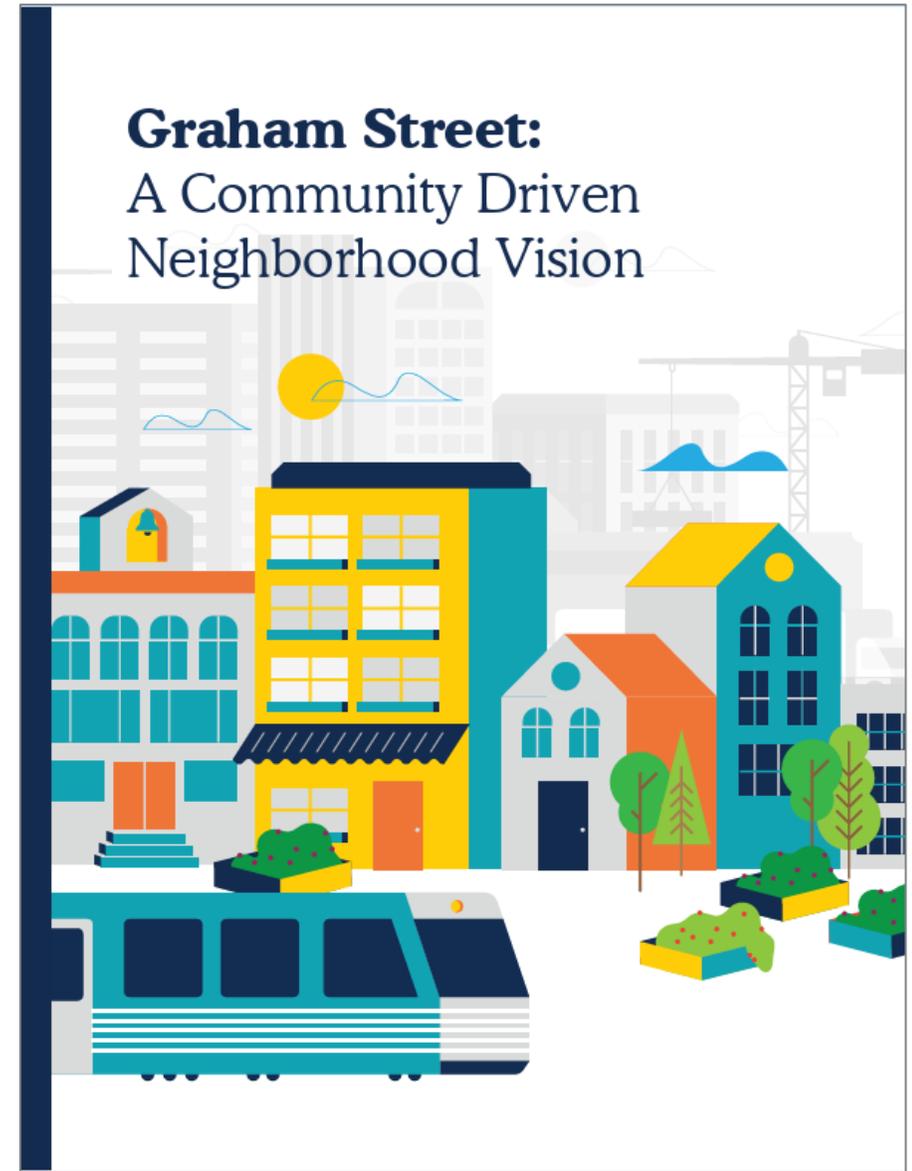
Graham Project Timeline



	Phase 0: March - May 2025	Phase 1: June - September 2025	Phase 2: Q4 2025-Q1 2026	Phase 3: Q2-Q4 2026
Purpose	Making Connections and Spreading Awareness	Share, learn, and vision	Exploring ideas	Finalize
Activities	Reviewing past plans/background materials, site walks, initial engagement with local groups	Engagement based on what we've heard, business engagement with CLs, online survey, fairs and festivals	Share back what we heard and confirm project ideas and hear which projects are the most important to community members via in person events and online survey	Share draft plan and draft transportation project cut sheets. Survey/engagement on the draft plan
Deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing conditions report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement summary Draft transportation project list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 Report Develop project ideas at a high level (lines on a map) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft plan Q2/Q3 Publish final plan Q3/Q4

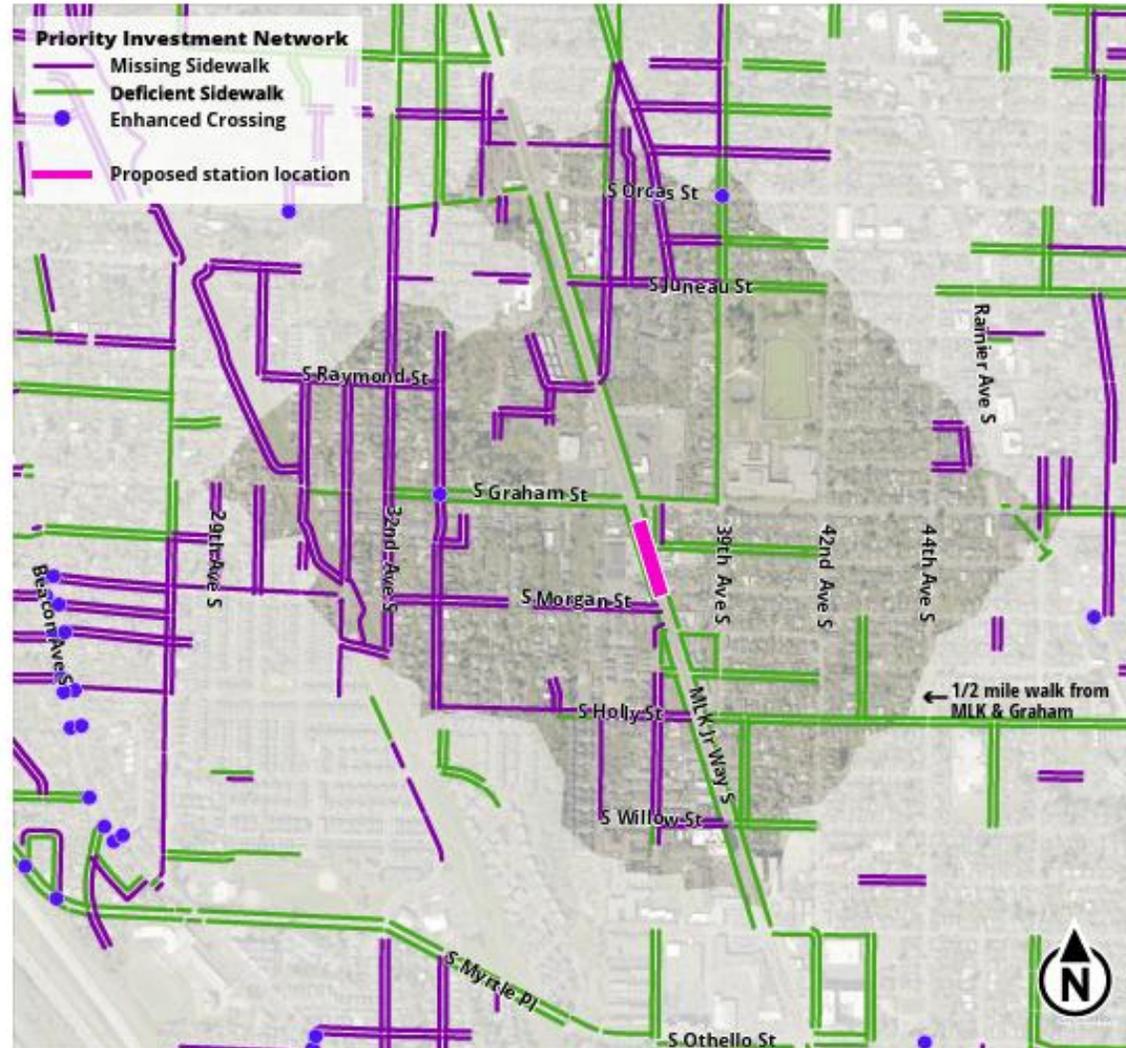
Phase 0: Background Material

- Community-driven: Graham St Vision (2019)
- Seattle Transportation Plan:
 - Social pinpoint comments
 - Modal networks
 - Capital projects
- Vision Zero (collision data)
- Community requests from other SDOT projects/programs in the neighborhood
- Sound Transit station engagement



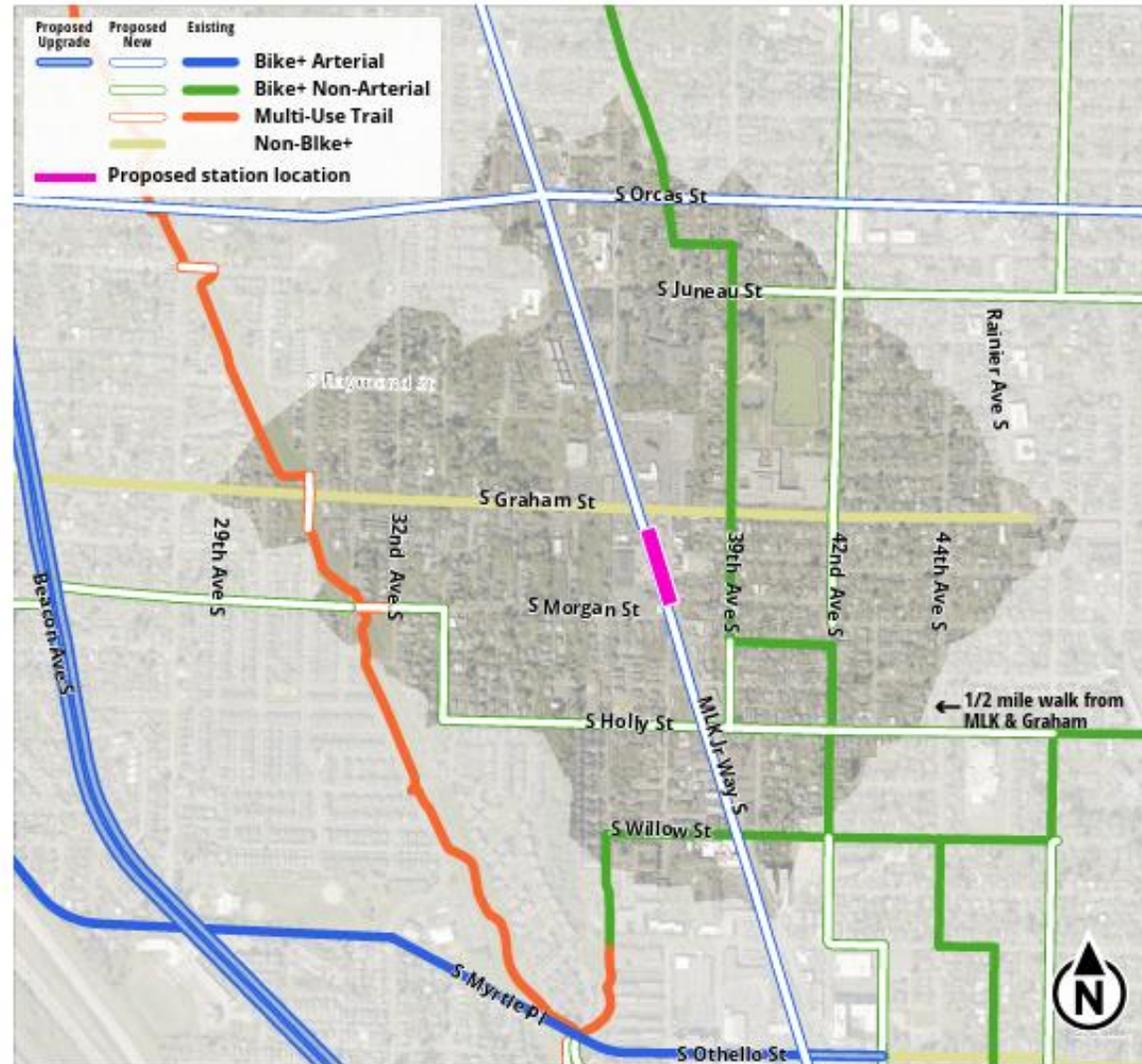
Phase 0: Existing Conditions

- Disconnected pedestrian network and deficient sidewalks



Phase 0: Existing Conditions

- E/W bike connections
- Healthy street



Phase 0: Existing Conditions

- A need for E/W transit



Phase 1: What We've Been Hearing

- East/west connectivity
- Connect to community assets that already exist
- Green the arterials and make being outside more enjoyable for people walking



- Engagement activities for Phase 1 included
 - Business surveys with DON Community Liaisons
 - Fairs and Festivals
 - Online Survey

Phase 1: Area Opportunities

- Engaged community + recent planning
- Implementation opportunities + coordination
 - Station construction
 - Graham Corridor project
 - RapidRide-R
 - New sidewalks and other programs



What's Next

- **Develop existing conditions**
 - Community involvement
- **Share existing conditions and present issues/opportunities**
- **Develop initial project ideas and policies**
- **Confirm project ideas and policies**
 - Community involvement
- **Review project list and policies**
- **Present recommended plan**

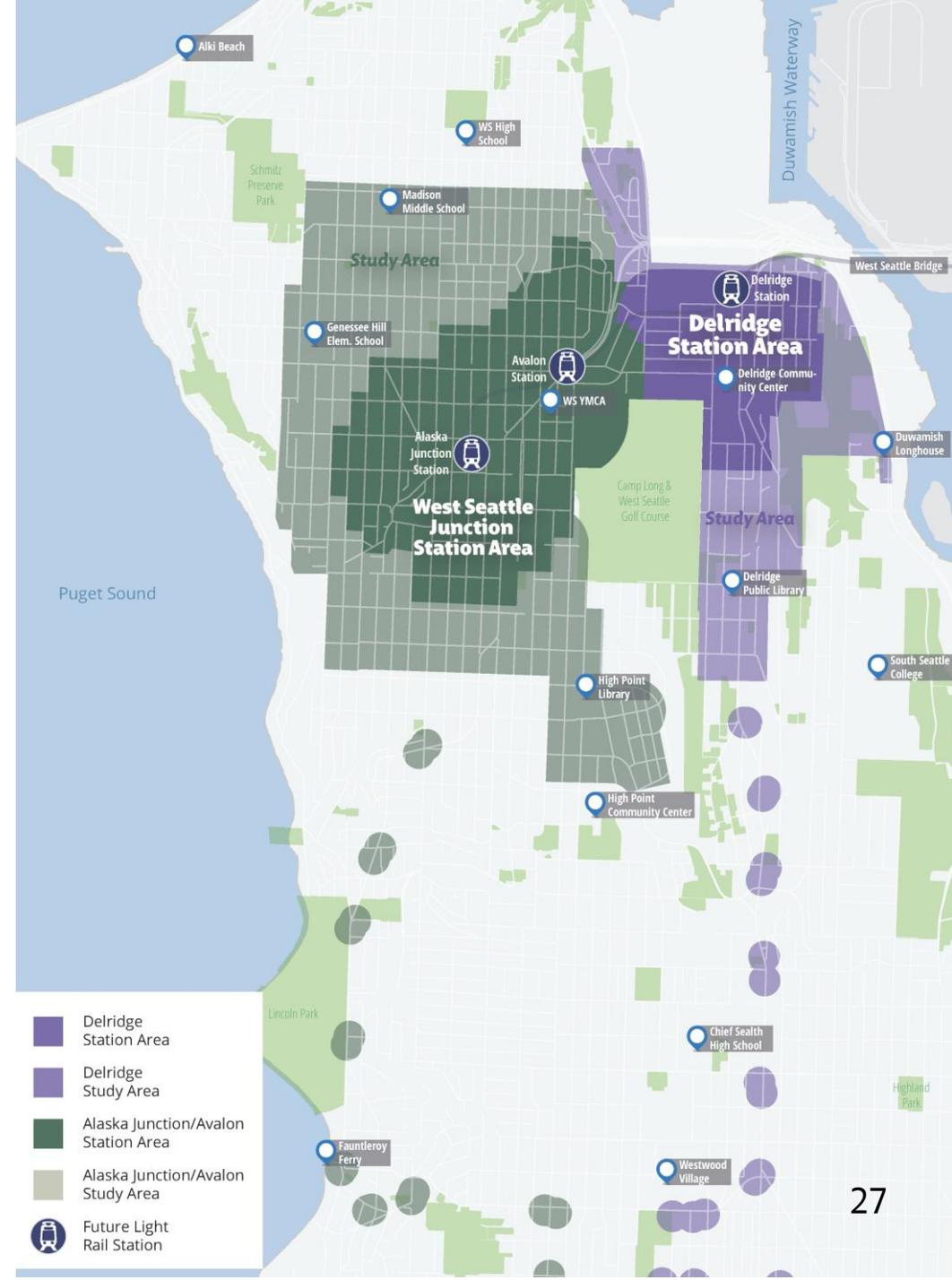




West Seattle Station Area Planning

Study Area

- Roughly 1 mi walkshed around stations, and a little beyond to include priority areas
- 1 block around RapidRide stops (since many people will take the bus to get to the stations)

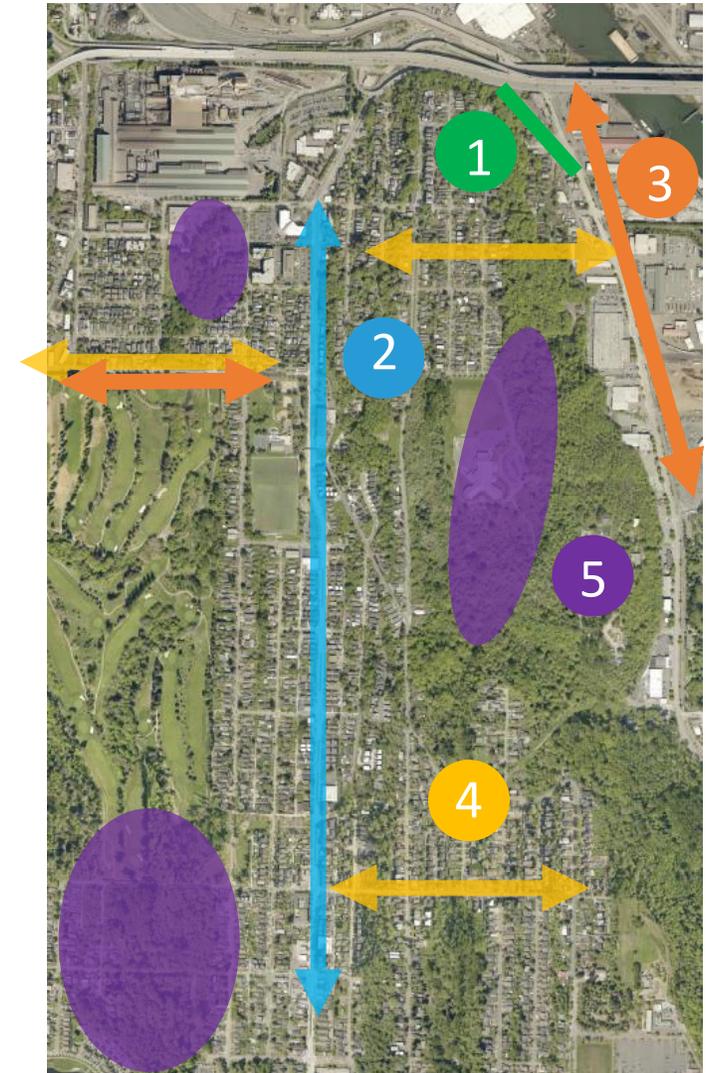


Project Timeline

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Purpose	Making Connections and Spreading Awareness	Share, learn, and vision	Exploring ideas	Finalize
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing past plans/background materials • Site walks • Initial engagement with local groups • Focus Group #1 & 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey on high-level vision (launches early March) • Targeted in-person engagement • Focus Group #3 & 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey & in-person events • Share what we heard, confirm project ideas, and hear project priorities • Focus Group #5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share draft plan and draft transportation project cut sheets • Engagement on draft plan
Deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing conditions report • Focus Group Notes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement summary • Draft transportation project list • Focus Group Notes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 Report • Draft Plan • Final Summary of Focus Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Plan out for comment Q1 • Publish final plan Q3/Q4

What We've Heard So Far

1. Improve Duwamish Trail (lighting, maintenance, bike protection)
2. Delridge Way speeding, safety, and congestion concerns
3. Speeding on Marginal Way & Genesee St
4. Need better East-West neighborhood connections (paths; stairs; shuttle to light rail, college, and other destinations due to topography; etc.)
5. Connections to trail systems



What We've Heard So Far

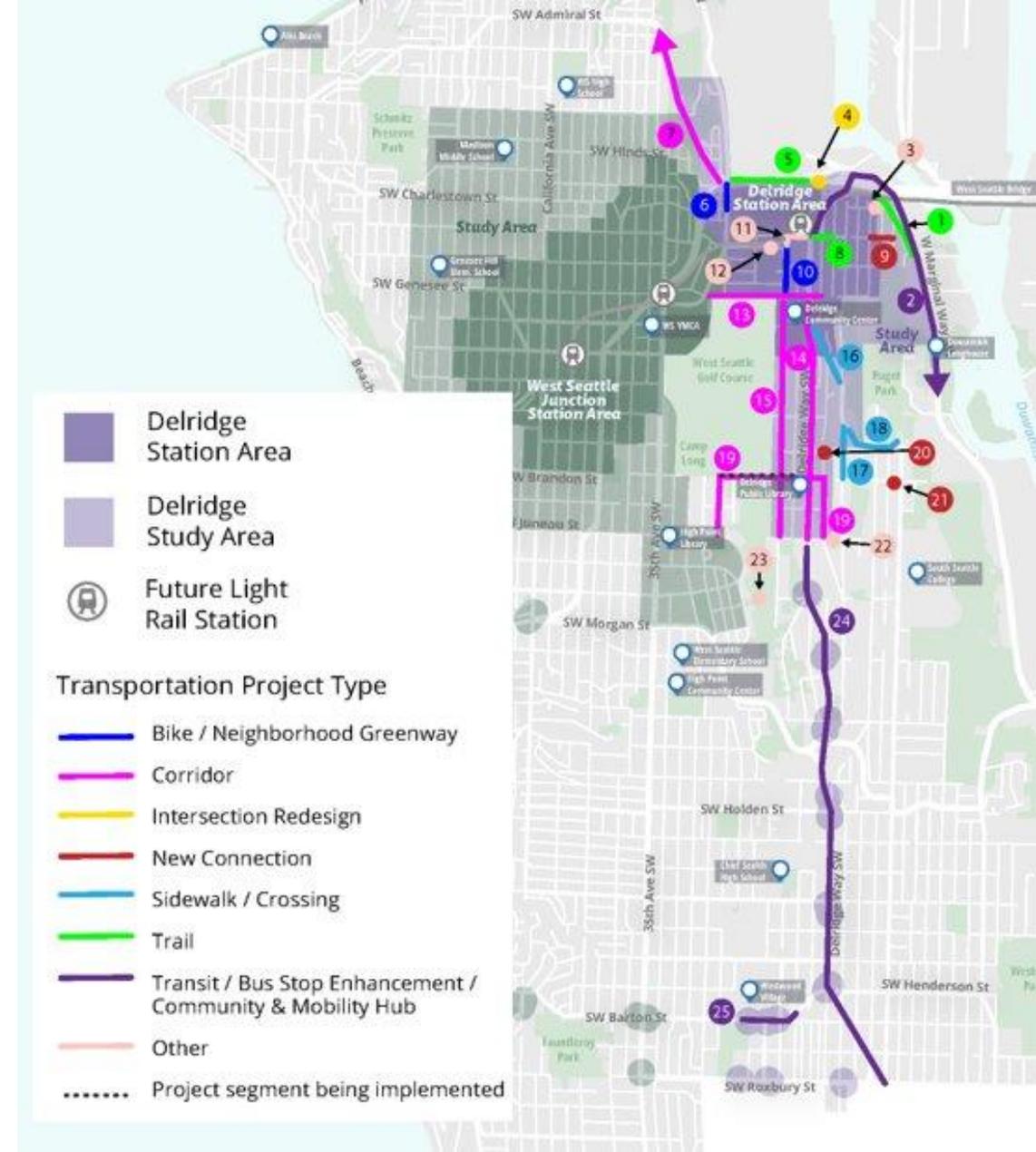
- Desire for safer & more crossings (lots of locations requested)
- Better maintenance & lighting on trails and staircases
- Sidewalks! More of them, and better maintenance
- Wayfinding to key destinations

Paid Focus Group Participants (Funded through FTA Grant)

1. Delridge Neighborhood Development Association (DNDA)
2. SW Early Learning & Refugee Immigrant Family Center
3. Southwest Youth and Family Services
4. African Community Housing & Development
5. Duwamish River Community Coalition
6. Duwamish Tribal Services
7. Seattle Housing Authority

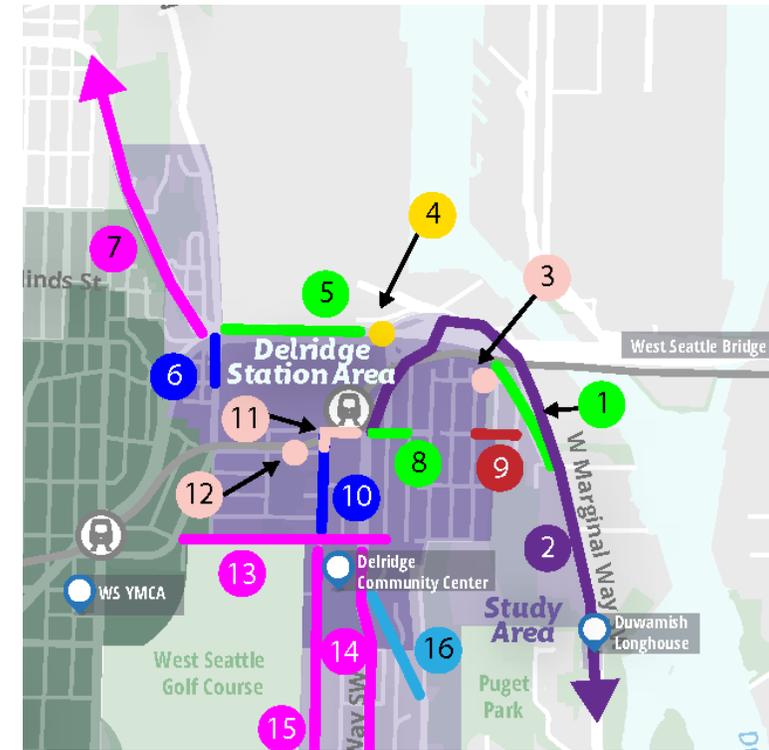
Delridge Draft Project List

- 25 Projects
- Multiple Sources:
 - Seattle Transportation Plan (STP) projects
 - Ideas from past & parallel efforts (e.g. North Delridge Action Plan, Longfellow Starts Here)
 - Potential ST Nonmotorized Access Projects (some at 10% design)
 - Feedback from STP engagement & recent Focus Groups
 - Observations from field
 - SDOT SME and project team feedback



Project Type: Bike/NGW —

- Adds bikeways suitable for all ages and abilities so bicycle travel is safe, comfortable, and accessible
- The facility type depends on that roadway's speed & volumes – will look different on different roadways
- Advances network maps from the Seattle Transportation Plan



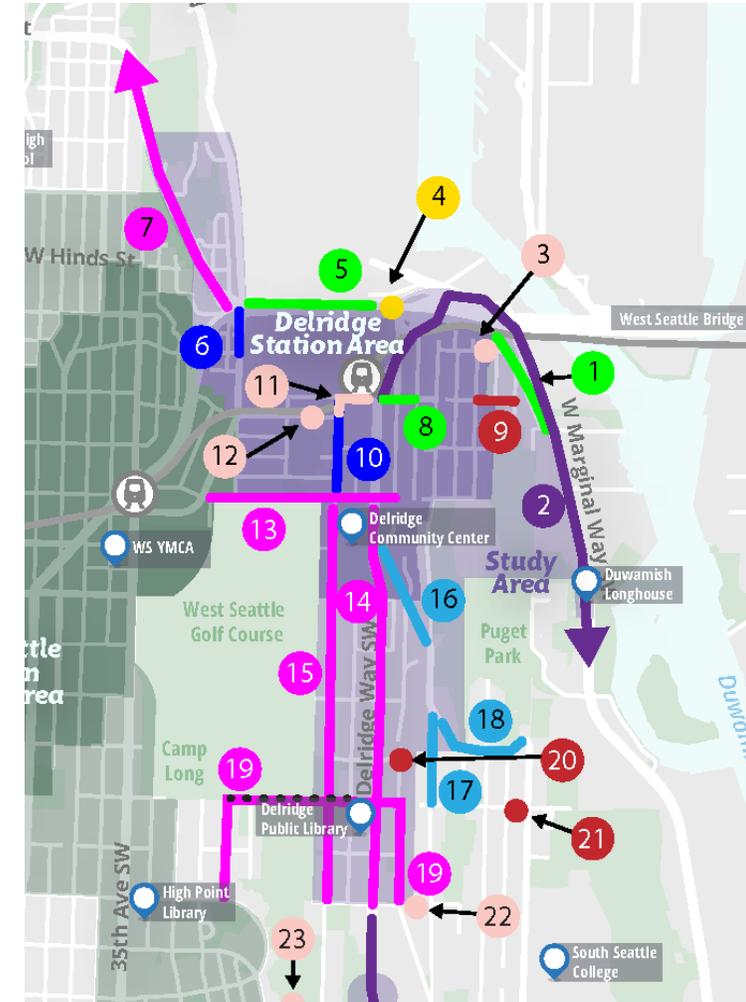
Example of a neighborhood greenway



Example from another part of Seattle

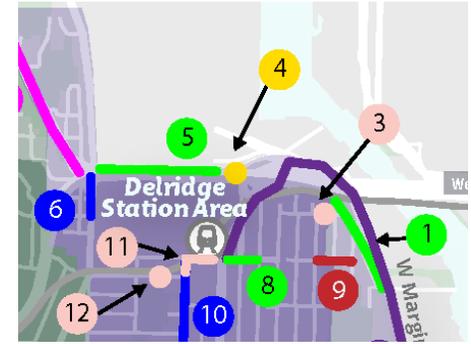
Project Type: Corridor

- Roadways that would receive multiple types of improvements for people traveling in a variety of ways. Could include:
 - Bike and e-mobility lanes
 - Bus-only lanes
 - Enhanced crossings
 - Sidewalks (additions, widening, or repairs)
 - Traffic calming
 - Bus stop upgrades
 - "Complete Streets" treatments (e.g. lighting, wayfinding, seating, etc.)
- Advances network maps from the Seattle Transportation Plan



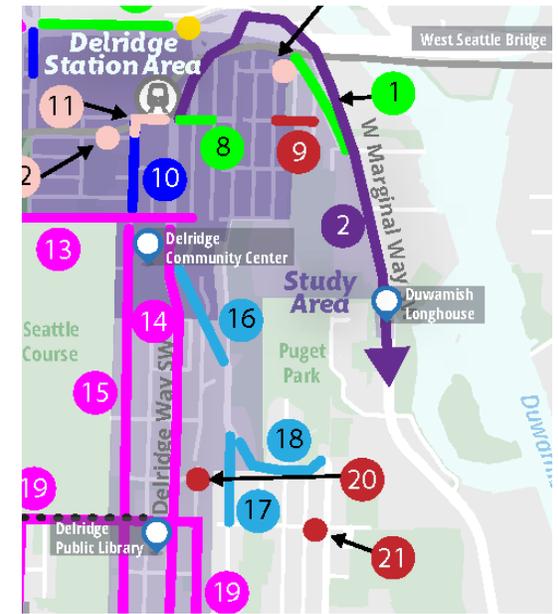
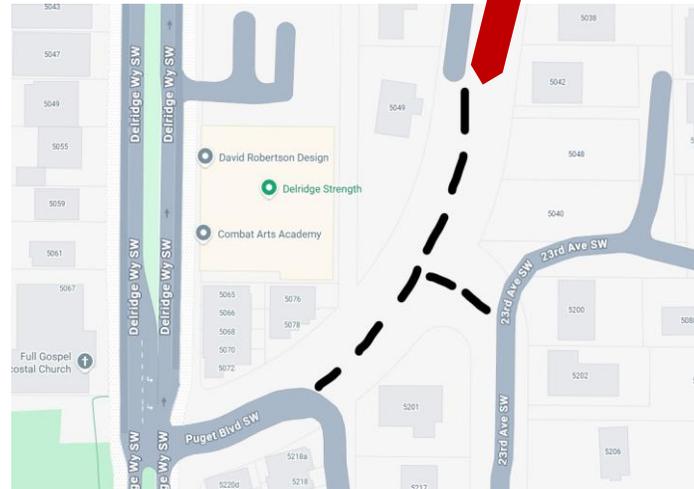
Project Type: Intersection Redesign

- Just as it sounds – redo this intersection to make travel safer for everyone.
 - Pedestrian lighting
 - Shorter crossing distance
 - New signal timing
 - More space for people waiting to cross the street
 - Etc.
- There is an interim design & long-term vision design.



Project Type: New Connection

- Add a staircase or new pathway for people walking



Project Type: Sidewalk/Crossing

- Add/enhance a sidewalk or neighborhood walkway (quick-build spaces made from paint, asphalt, and barriers)
- Add/enhance a crossing
- Note: these also fall under the “Corridor” project type



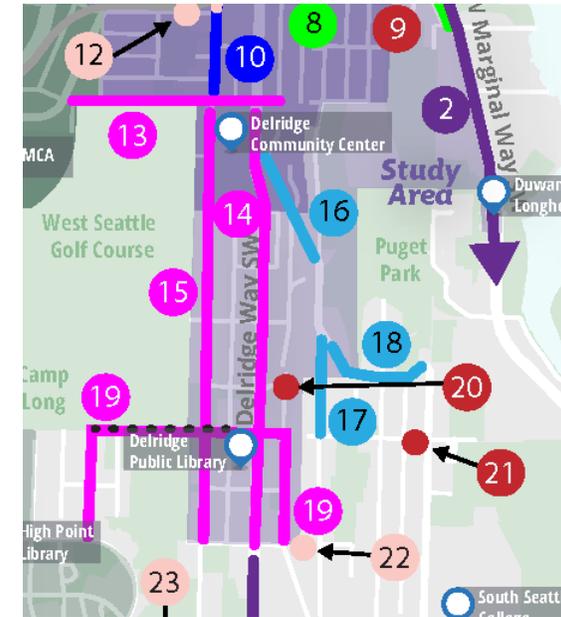
Example of traditional concrete sidewalk, typically used on arterials



Example of neighborhood walkway

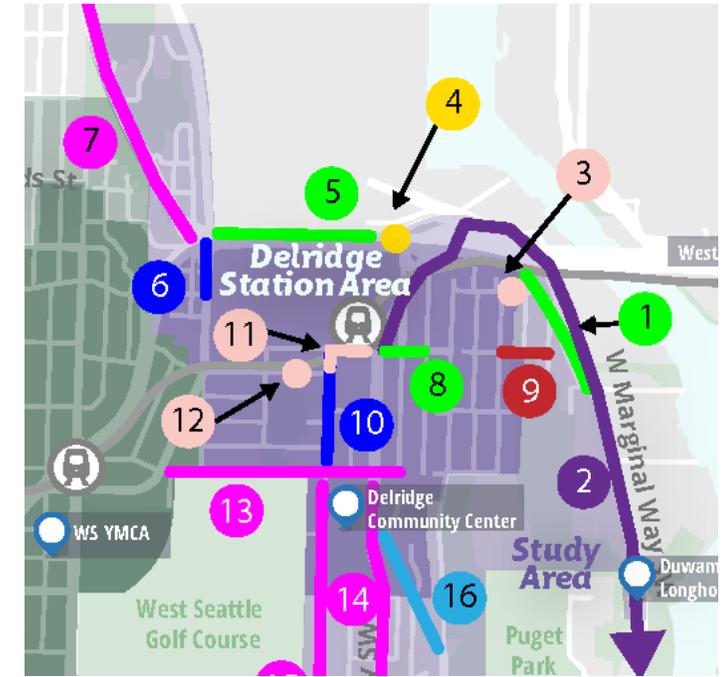


Example of neighborhood walkway with natural drainage buffer



Project Type: Trail —

- Add or improve an off-street path for people walking, biking, rolling, or using other non-motorized/e-mobility devices
 - Widening
 - Maintenance
 - Vegetation clearing
 - Lighting
 - Etc.



Alki Trail in #5



Example from another part of Seattle

Project Type: Transit/Bus Stop/ Community & Mobility Hub

- Largely these are projects that recommend enhancements near RapidRide bus stops (e.g. lighting, crossings, amenities, art, elements of play, etc.)
- #2: new transit/shuttle service
- #25: "Community & Mobility Hub" project

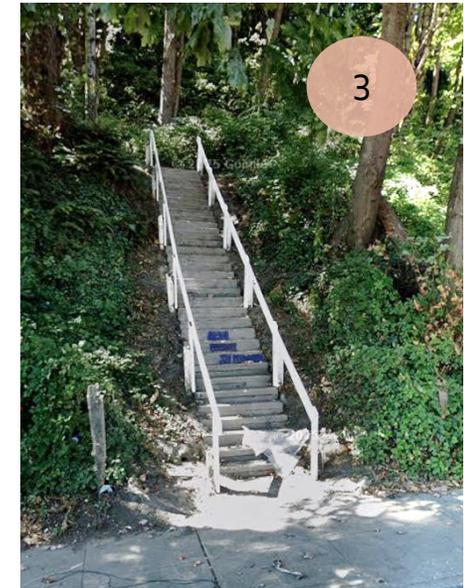


How can we make it easy, safe, welcoming, and *joyful* to get to, from, and wait at transit?



Project Type: Other

- These are generally upgrades to existing staircases
- Yancy St bridge replacement



What's Next

- **Develop initial project ideas and policies** *Jan to ~Jun 2026*

- **Confirm project ideas and policies** *Summer 2026*
 - Community involvement

- **Review project list and policies** *Fall/Winter 2026*

- **Present recommended plan** *Early 2027*
 - Community involvement

From the entire City Team:
Thank you!