

ST3 WSBLE City Planning Work Group

Seattle Planning Commission

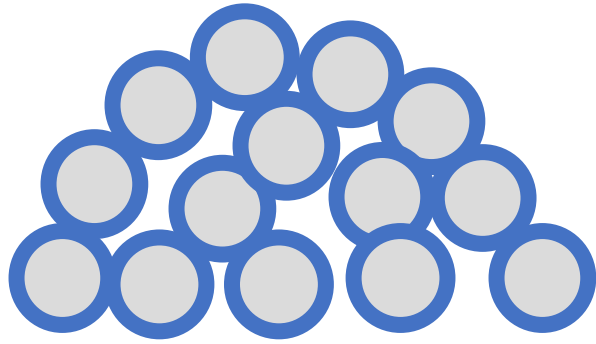
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Agenda

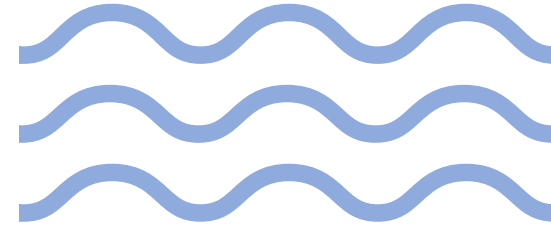
- Project overview
 - What guides our work
 - City WSBLE structure
 - Planning Work Group
 - Station Context Planning
 - Station Area Planning & Equitable Transit Oriented Development
 - FTA TOD Grant work program
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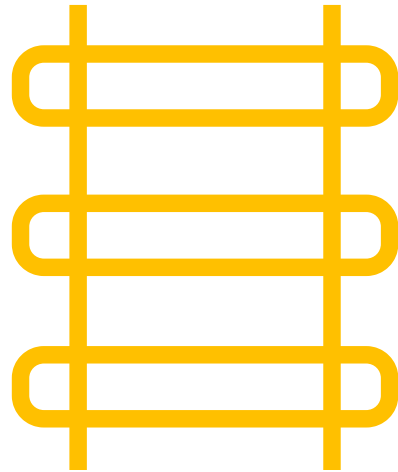


13
new
stations



2
water
crossings

~12
miles of new track

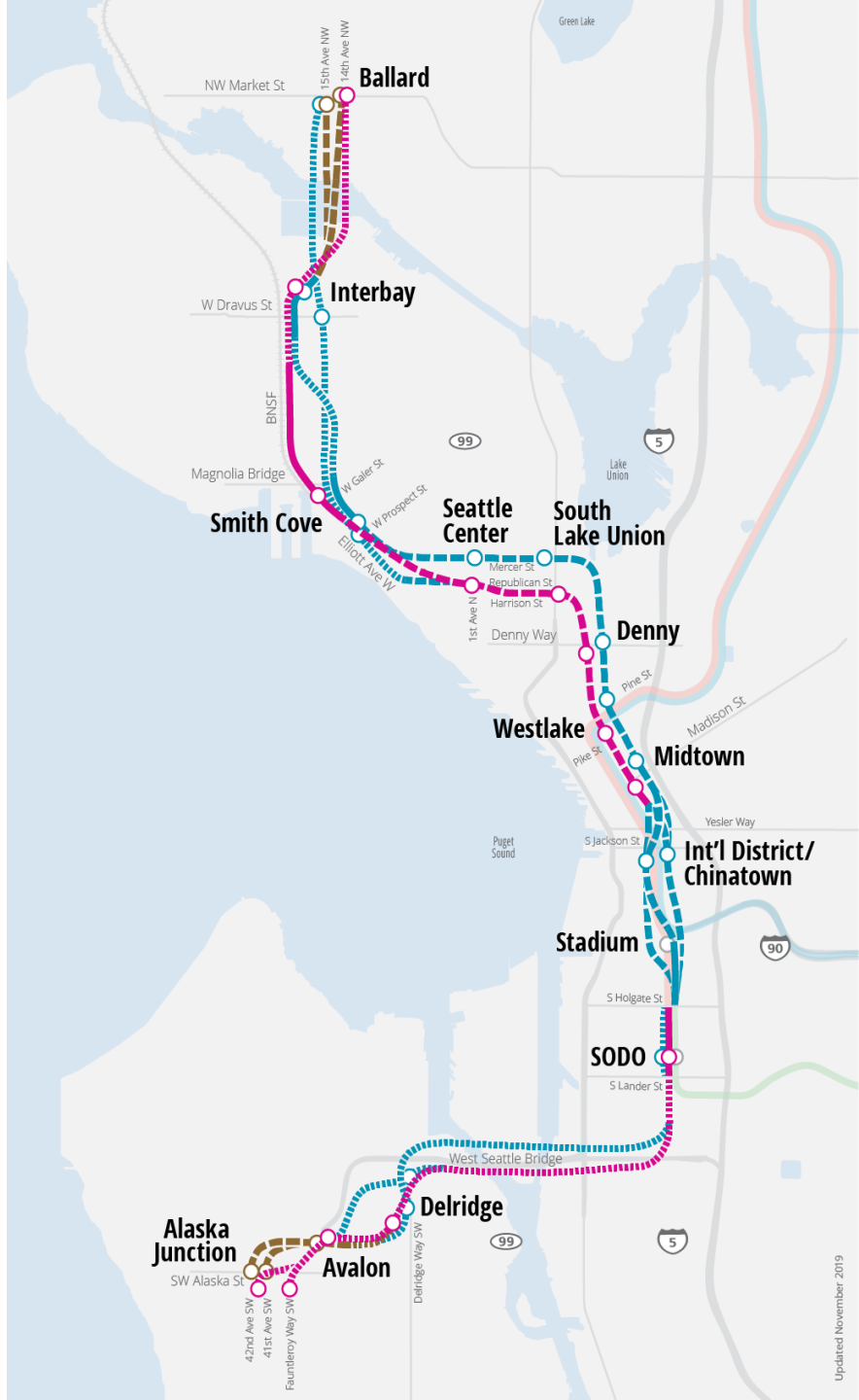


a new tunnel
through
downtown



DEIS Alternatives

- Preferred Alternative
- Preferred Alternative with Third Party Funding
- Other Alternative
- Tunnel
- Elevated
- At-grade



What Guides Our Work

- Vision of a thriving, equitable city connected by a world class transportation system.
- Guiding Principles and RET Outcomes, developed in partnership with community and Sound Transit

What Guides Our Work

Seattle's Guiding Principles

Dependable Transit

- Support efficient and reliable light rail service to your neighborhood that gets you where you need to go.

Vibrant Communities

- Create opportunities for affordable housing and businesses located near stations that support your diverse community with more places for you to live, work, and shop.

Climate Action

- Reduce our dependence on cars and give communities real, clean energy alternatives for transportation that reduces our impact on the changing climate.

Equity

- Race and social justice is the foundation for City decision-making on light rail expansion.

What Guides Our Work

Joint RET Outcomes

— Advance **environmental and economic justice** to improve economic and health outcomes for communities of color.

— **Enhance mobility and access** for communities of color and low-income populations.

— Create **opportunities for equitable development** that include expanding housing and community assets for communities of color.

— **Avoid disproportionate impacts** on communities of color and low-income populations.

— Create a **sense of belonging** for communities of color at all stations, making spaces where everyone sees themselves as belonging, feeling safe, and welcome.

— **Meaningfully involve** communities of color and low-income populations in the project.

What Guides Our Work

Joint Community RET Outcomes

— CID Outcomes

- Limit harmful impacts
- Maximize connections for all users
- Develop and implement 100-year vision for the station

— Delridge Outcomes

- Connect communities to the south through transit integration at the station
- Promote equitable transit-oriented development that serves the community

Roles



- Evaluate potential alignment and station locations.
- Conduct planning, environmental review, and design of the light rail system.
- Build and operate new light rail system.

**Center racial
equity for better
outcomes**

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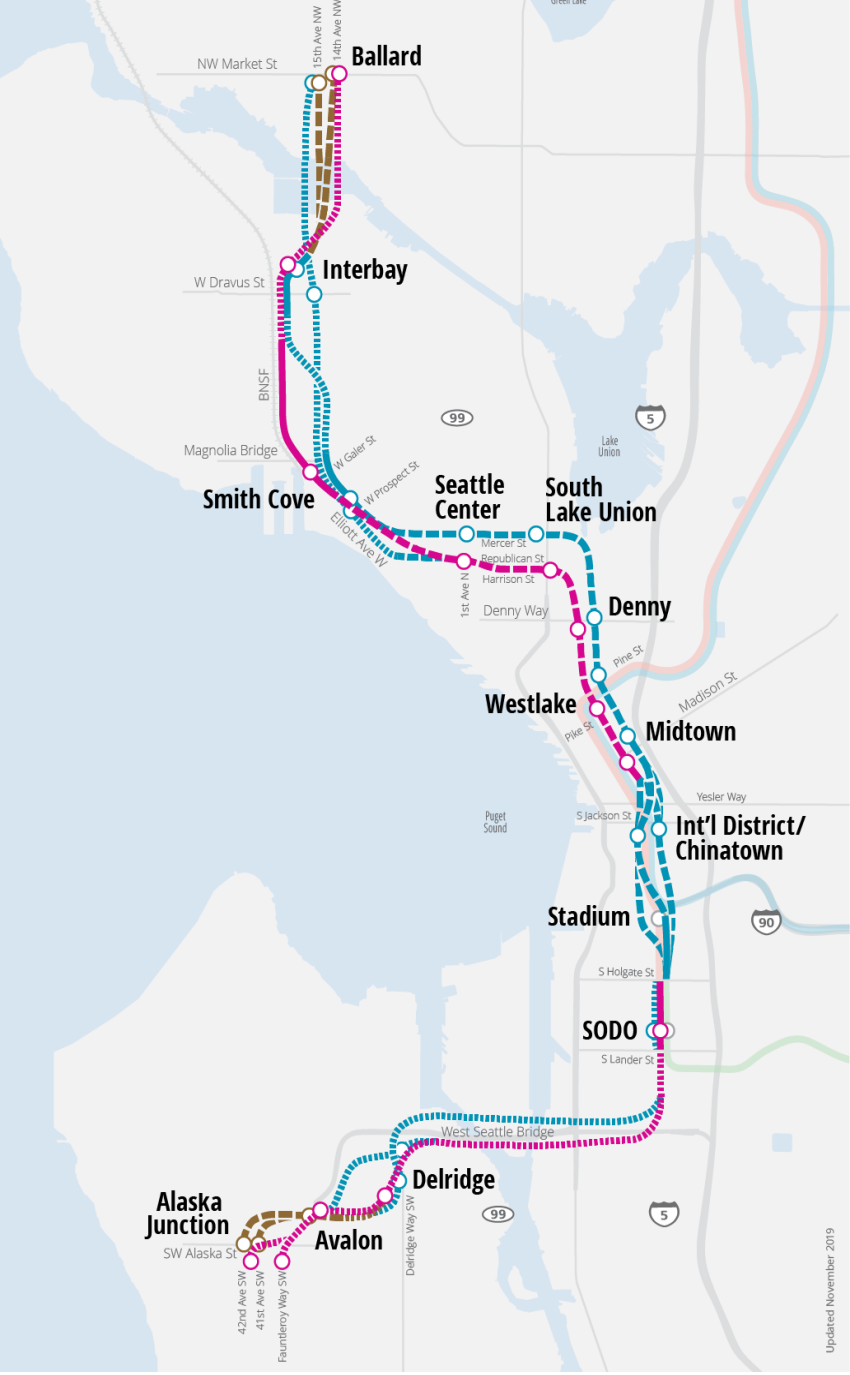
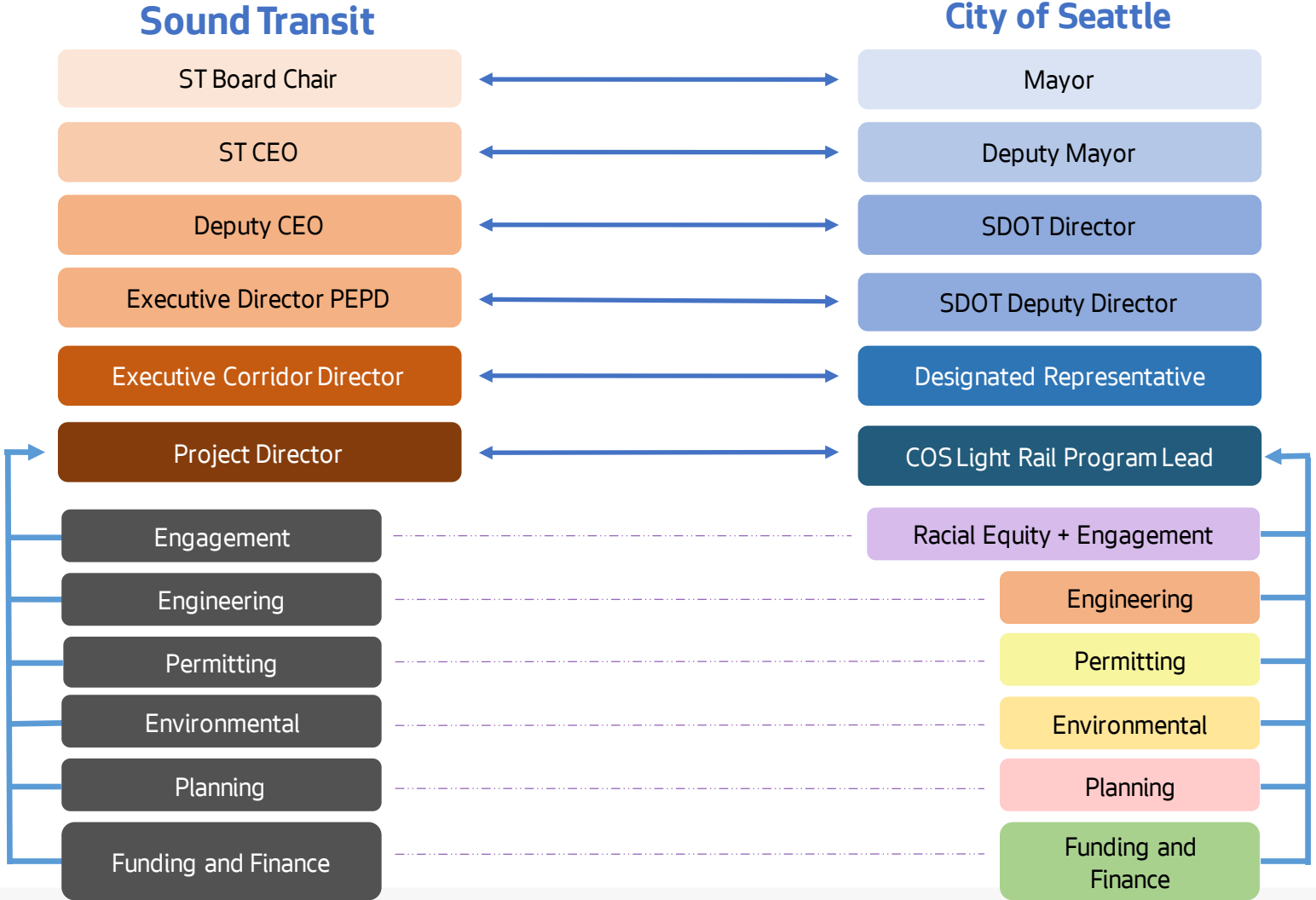
**Co-planning
stations with
communities**



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- Mayor Jenny Durkan & Councilmember Debora Juarez sit on the Sound Transit Board that will make final decisions.
- Plan for housing, economic development, and open spaces to support thriving neighborhoods around new stations.
- Review project for design quality and City policy compliance
- Issue permits to Sound Transit to build stations and track
- Serve as a cooperating agency under NEPA, assisting with environmental review

Project Organization



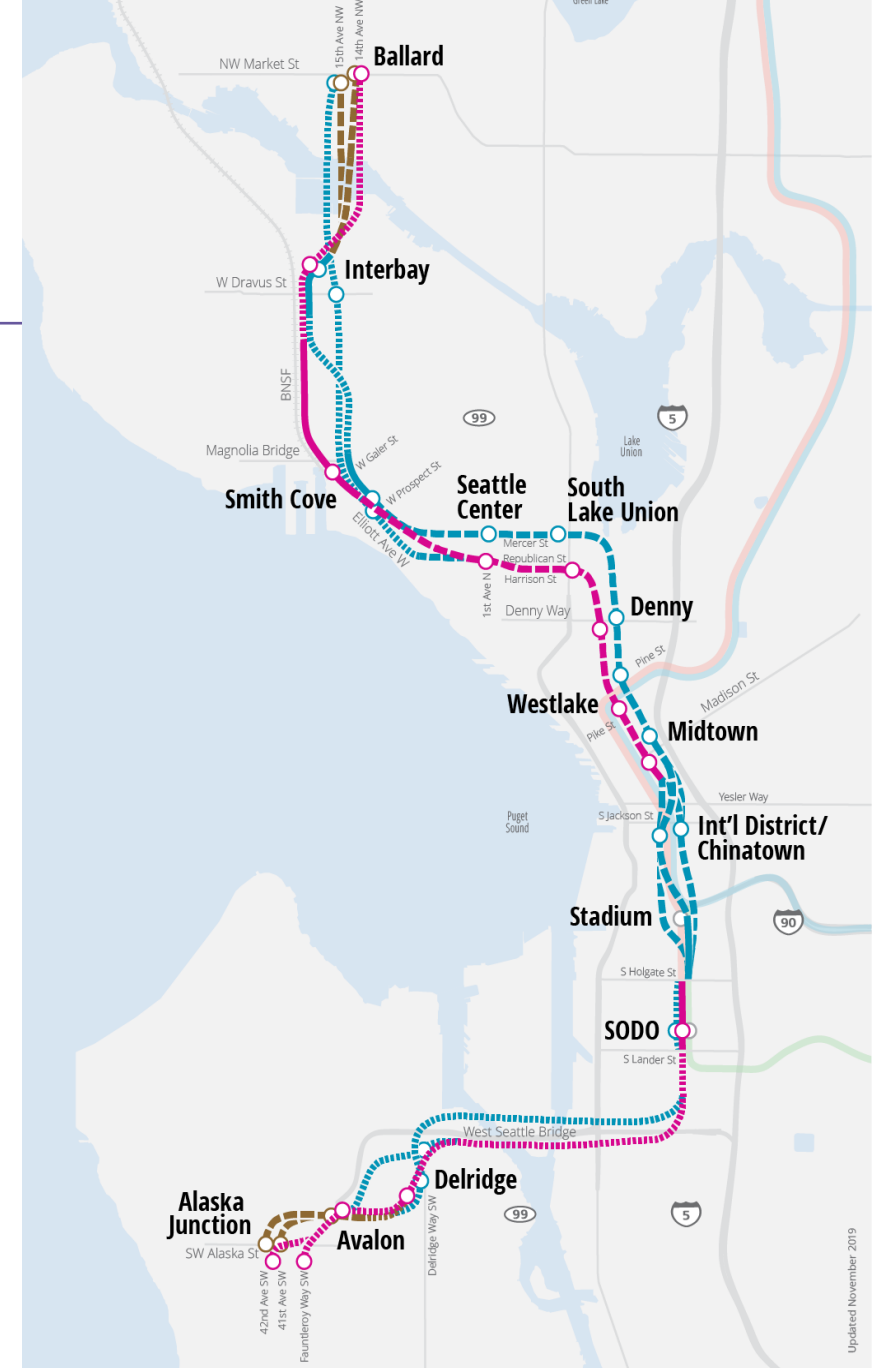
City Planning Work Group

Interdepartmental Work Group

- Led by OPCD
- Supported by SDOT, DON, OH, SDCI, Parks, utilities, Fire, and others

Core Functions

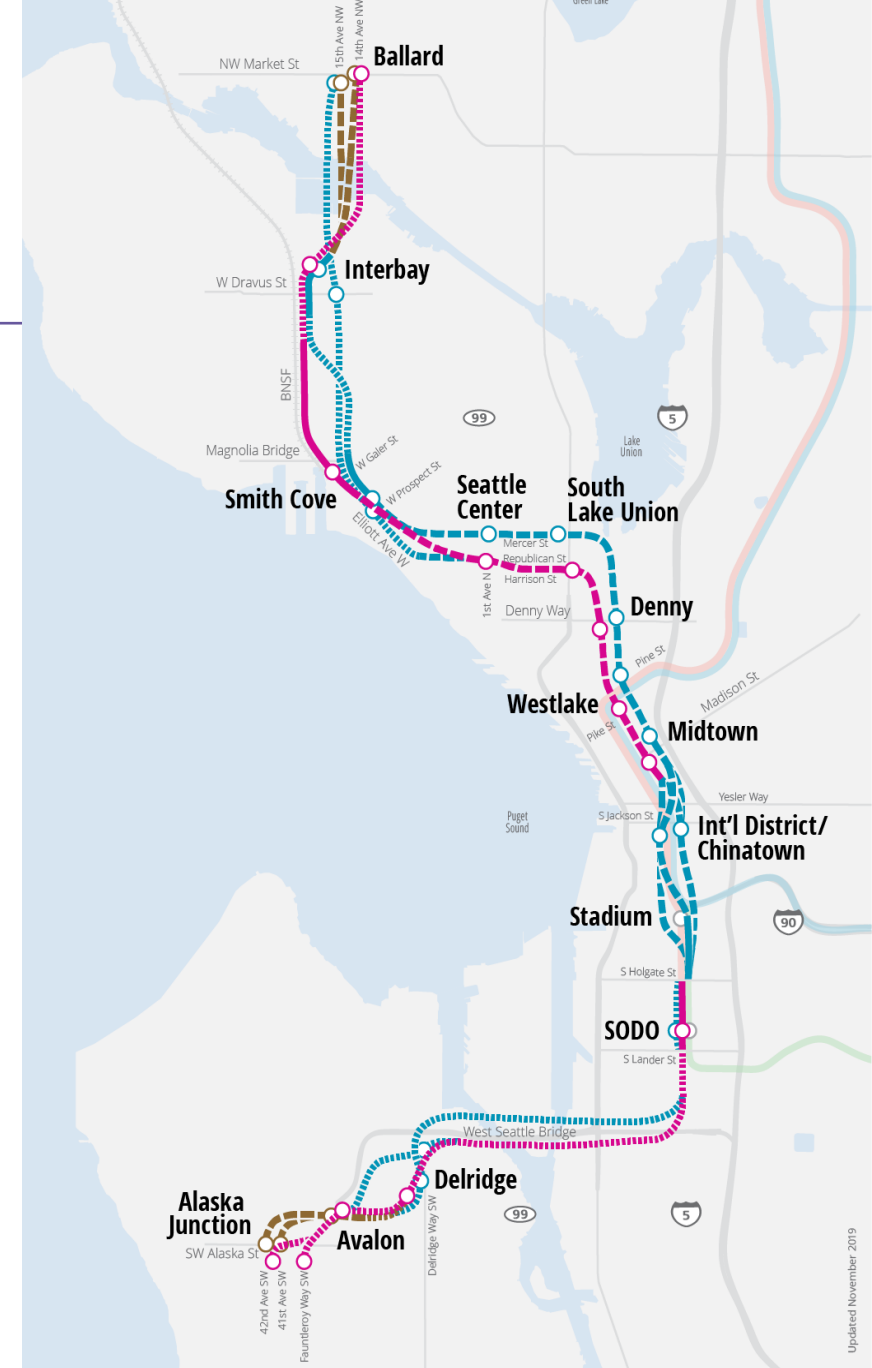
- Station Context Planning
 - Designing the station and its immediate context
 - Co-Planning & Station Context Framework
 - Developing regulatory tools and the project review process
 - Design Guidelines
- Station Area Planning
 - FTA Grant
 - Equitable Transit Oriented Development (ETOD)
 - Land Use & Zoning
 - Open space, public realm, and ROW planning and design



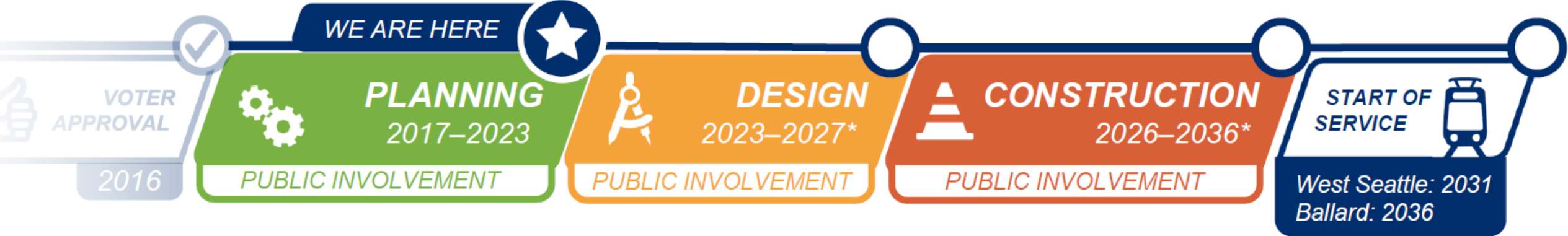
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Support Functions

- Racial Equity Toolkit
- Alternatives Analysis
- Reviewing & commenting on environmental analyses
- Partnering with other WSBLE Work Groups (Permitting, Engineering, Racial Equity & Engagement, Environmental)



Where we are



*not yet updated to reflect realignment

Near Term Timeline (Planning Phase)

Sound Transit project milestones

DEIS Publish + 90-day public comment period

ST Board confirms or modifies Preferred Alternative

FEIS Publish

- Sound Transit Board selects a project to be built
- FTA Record of Decision
- City Council action to adopt alignment & station locations
- Updates to Transitway Agreement

2022

Planning

2024

Design

City partnering & regulatory activities

- Engaging communities alongside ST throughout DEIS to support mitigation discussion
- Reviewing DEIS and providing comment to Sound Transit
- Engaging communities to understand alternatives preferences
- Engaging communities to gather input on station design approach, including Development Standards and Design Guidelines
- Advancing FTA grant work including ETOD strategy
- Advancing station design concepts alongside partner agencies
- Developing design concurrences
- Development Standards and Design Guidelines legislation adopted at Council
- Begin to receive and process project permit applications



City approach to Station Context Planning & Station Area Planning



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Station Context Planning & Station Area Planning

Station Context Planning

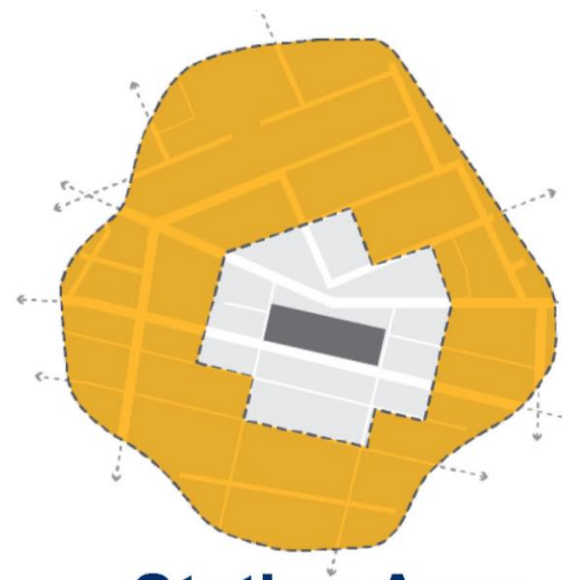
1-2 block radius around each station



Station Context

Station Area Planning

10-minute walkshed around each station



Station Area

Station Context Planning & Station Area Planning

Station Context Planning

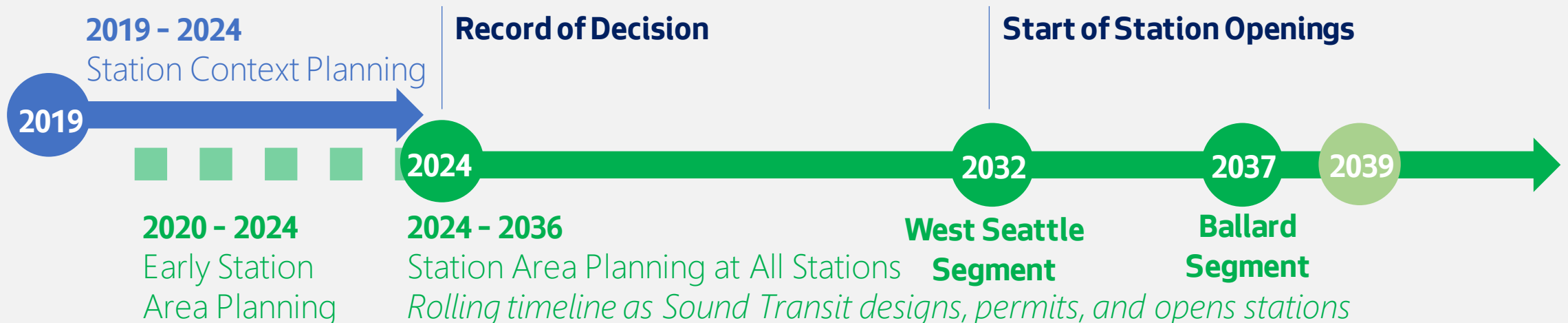
1-2 block radius around each station

- Now through 2024

Station Area Planning

The 10-minute walkshed around each station

- Some early planning now
- Other areas begin planning at time of ROD



Station Context Planning



Station Context
1-2 block radius

1. Planning with Sound Transit for optimal station siting and design

Sound Transit-led

Co-Planning with Sound Transit per City-ST Partnering Agreement (2017)

- Agency planners (City, County, Port) advise Sound Transit on:
 - Racial Equity Outcomes for station siting and design
 - Station access and transit integration
 - Station architecture, height, bulk, mass, and scale
 - Equitable Transit-Oriented Development
 - Economic & Community Development
 - Tradeoffs for station alternatives



Station Context Planning



Station Context
1-2 block radius

1. Planning with Sound Transit for optimal station siting and design (cont'd)

- Public will review the Station Context Framework Progress Report* alongside DEIS and provide feedback
- Engagement by Sound Transit, City of Seattle, and KC Metro follows publication

**Additional reports published alongside the DEIS include a Racial Equity Toolkit Memo, a TOD Technical Memo, and a Non-Motorized Access Memo.*



Station Context Planning



Station Context
1-2 block radius

2. Developing regulatory tools and design guidance

City-led

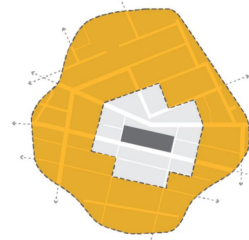
Working alongside the project Permitting Work Group to develop:

- Alignment-wide Station Design Guidelines (to be shared with public for review in 2022)
- Alignment-wide Light Rail Development Standards
- Concurrence Agreements for site-specific outcomes

The City will engage community members and stakeholders during development of each deliverable.



Station Area Planning



Station Area
10-minute
walkshed

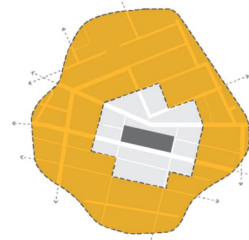
Planning for communities near transit

City-led

- Co-developed by community, individuals and organizations
- Coordinated with Sound Transit, King County Metro, Port of Seattle, other agencies
- Goals for racial equity, sustainability & climate change resilience, affordable housing & ETOD, community benefits, urban design & placemaking, station access & public realm, economic development, active transportation & transit integration



Station Area Planning



Station Area
10-minute
walkshed

Early Planning (2020/2021 onward)

RET Focus Areas

1. Chinatown-International District (Jackson Hub)
2. Westlake (Westlake Hub)
3. Delridge (TBD)

Early Strategy Development (2020/2021 onward)

Industrial & Maritime Lands

4. Interbay
5. Smith Cove
6. SODO

Targeted Strategy Development (ROD [2024] onward)

Downtown stations

7. Midtown
8. Denny
9. South Lake Union
10. Seattle Center*

**Early
planning
location*

Community Planning (ROD [2024] onward)

Terminus stations

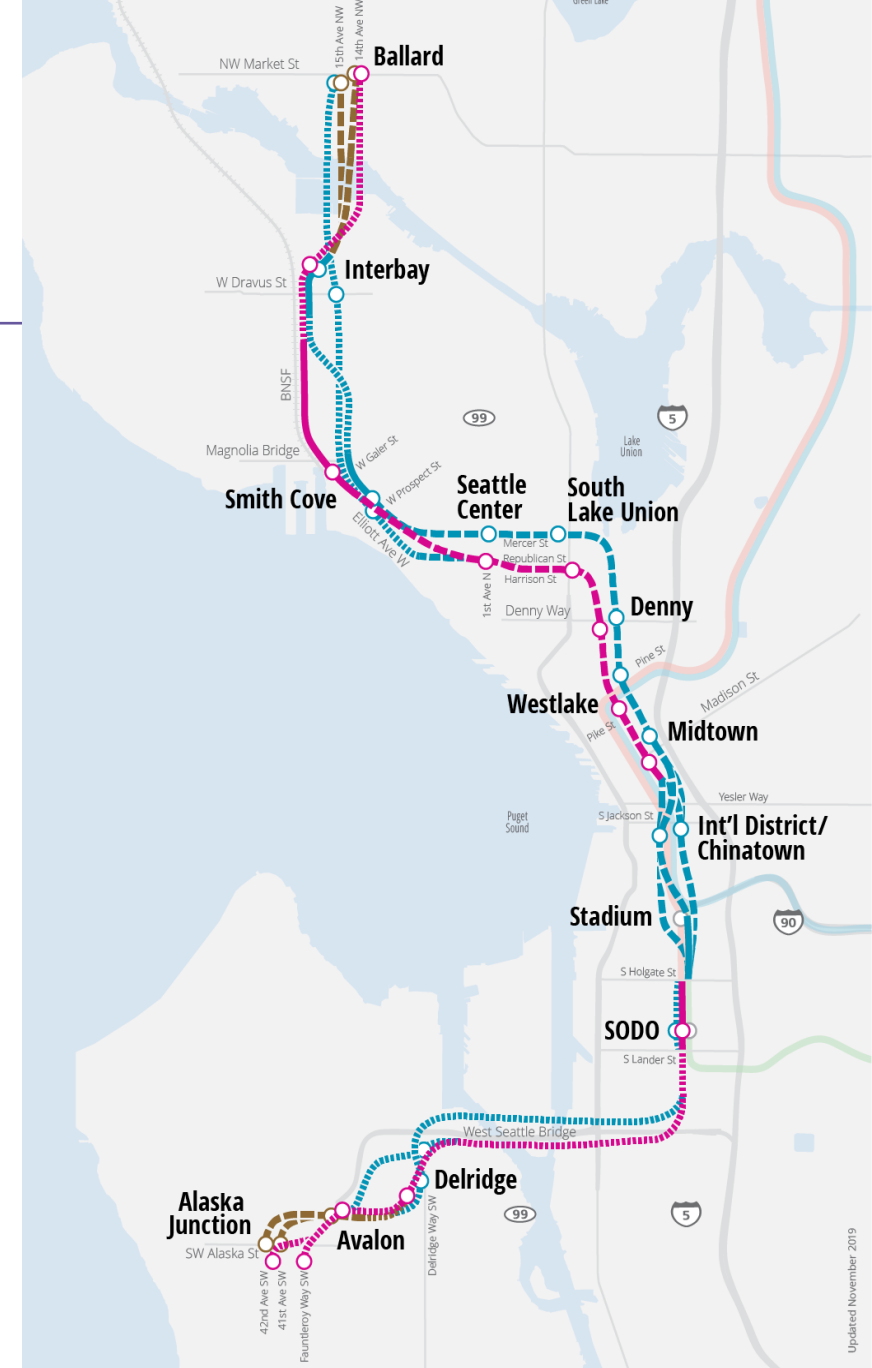
11. Ballard (partial IMS)
12. West Seattle Junction
13. Avalon



FTA TOD Pilot Grant

OPCD awarded \$1.75 million FTA TOD Pilot grant for WSBLE in 2019

- Racial Equity Accountability
- Equitable Transit Oriented Development Framework
- Remnant Parcels Framework
- Station Access and Public Realm Strategy
- Community Involvement Task Forces



Thank you.



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