

Project Fact Sheet

Jackson Hub Planning



About this project

Our agencies and departments have disproportionately impacted the Pioneer Square and Chinatown International District neighborhoods by constructing large infrastructure projects without centering Black, Indigenous, People of Color voices who continue to bear the burden of systemic racism, COVID-19, and racialized violence. We seek to remedy this by building on past community-led planning processes, raising up community voices, and improving coordination to center racial equity and focus on community values.

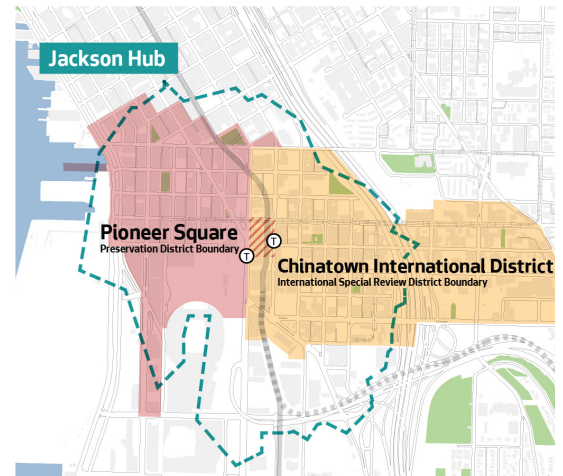
We are working on an inventory of actions for Sound Transit, City of Seattle, King County, and others to advance community-desired outcomes for the Chinatown International District and Pioneer Square neighborhoods, to together create a well-planned transportation hub gateway serving the neighborhoods, the City, and the region.

What's Happening Now?

In 2019, a few South Downtown Stakeholders from the Chinatown International District and Pioneer Square asked the City, Sound Transit, and King County to collaborate to:

- Review past plans to understand what community members have been saying for the past 20 years about their needs, concerns, and priorities.
- Work together—and with community members—to create inventory of actions that each agency—plus Washington State Department of Transportation and Port of Seattle—can advance to support community priorities and minimize harm.
- Center community priorities in future projects and plans.

We—the City, Sound Transit, and King County—are still waiting for the public health and economic impacts of the pandemic to subside enough to safely engage with community members. In the meantime, we have reviewed past outreach outcomes, sought to understand what community members have said about what matters to them, and considered what that might mean for future projects. The Alliance for Pioneer Square, Chinatown International District Business Improvement Area (CIDBIA), Downtown Seattle Association, Historic South Downtown, InterIm Community Development Association (InterIm CDA), and Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority (SCIDpda) have supported this effort by helping us to understand what community members have said in past outreach.



Leading with Community Efforts

We are leading with community efforts to develop a shared understanding of past planning efforts in Chinatown International District and Pioneer Square, and to surface opportunities between community vision and planned infrastructure improvements. The objectives are:

- Identify areas and clusters of common themes.
- Address community issues and recommendations not captured or explicitly stated in the community plans.
- Understand themes more holistically and gain clarity about the intention.
- Highlight areas with conflicting recommendations.
- Inform the 'Jackson Hub' planning geography.

We have organized these to highlight the community themes that emerged consistently through all these planning efforts. These community themes have been shaped over time. Originally, these themes came from the *South Downtown Neighborhood Priorities Report* (2019) and since then, have been mapped and expanded in workshops with community stakeholders and agencies.

Enhance public space, streets, alleys, and open spaces to increase safety, social connections, and physical activity

Improve mobility and connectivity, particularly between neighborhoods and King Street and Union Stations

Minimize cumulative harm to and/or displacement of small businesses, residents, and nonprofits, and encourage equitable development

Encourage economic development

Maximize community benefit and ownership of land

Retain historic and cultural character

Improve public safety experience and perceptions

Acknowledge and address historic racism that has impacted and continues to impact neighborhoods

Future Engagement

- Whether we understood past feedback correctly.
- What else we should know about.
- How we might incorporate community-led priorities into future projects and plans.
- With the disruptions, heartache, and transformations of the pandemic, priorities may have shifted and we seek to understand what still resonates through future engagement.

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