



# ***Ballard Link Extension***

## **Q2 2024 EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT REPORT**

April/May/June 2024



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## Activities snapshot



25 comments and questions from inbox and voicemail



23 community briefings and property owner meetings



Two festivals engaging 86 community members



One public event with 35 attendees



Five email updates engaging 12,000+ subscribers



Ongoing fieldwork activities<sup>1</sup> throughout the project corridor



**The Ballard Link Extension will (BLE) provide fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers in the Chinatown-International District (CID), Downtown, Interbay, and Ballard neighborhoods.**

<sup>1</sup> Sound Transit is in the planning phase for the Ballard Link Extension project. As part of this phase, Sound Transit is coordinating with property owners throughout the corridor to collect and analyze information necessary to plan and design potential light rail alignments to be studied in the environmental review process.



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Stations: Chinatown-International District, Midtown, Westlake, Denny, South Lake Union, Seattle Center, Smith Cove, Interbay, and Ballard



### Fairs and festivals

In the BLE project corridor, we attended two events to share about the project with the community:

- **Southeast Asian Small Business Fair**
  - Date: May 21, 2024 | Visitors: 18
- **CID Spring Clean**
  - Date: June 8, 2024 | Visitors: 68



### Public meetings



We hosted a CID Community Info Session about Regional and Local Access on April 30, 2024. This was the second information session exploring topics and questions expressed by the community over the course of the environmental review process. This session shared how future riders will access key destinations and transfer between light rail lines and other transit modes based on different CID and Midtown station scenarios. Approximately 35 attendees came to the event.



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## Email updates

During the reporting period, the project team sent five email updates to a public listserv with more than 12,000 subscribers. These emails highlighted updates about the South Lake Union Feasibility Study survey and webinars, an invitation to the CID Community Info Session, the Board decision to keep existing alternatives for South Lake Union and Denny Stations, and an invitation to the South Downtown Hub Workshop #2.



## Common questions and comments

The following is a summary of questions and comments obtained through property owner meetings, community briefings, emails, and voicemails to the project inbox.

- Questions and feedback about the CID Station locations, including location, access, connections to Sounder, and accessibility.
- Questions about upcoming fieldwork.
- Question about the Seattle Center Station.
- Questions from potentially affected property owners about the timeline and status for property acquisition and relocation.
- Comments and questions about the South Lake Union alternatives.
- Questions about Sound Transit Board meeting outcomes.
- Question about future engagement opportunities focused on Interbay alternatives.
- Questions about construction timeline and effects to businesses and traffic.
- Questions about the South Lake Union feasibility study.
- Questions about agency collaboration with City of Seattle and King County Metro.
- Question about future tunnel construction.
- Question about how the future 1 Line and 3 Line will operate.
- Question about Ballard Station location.
- Question about when scoping will begin as part of the environmental review process.