

Operations & Maintenance Facility (OMF) South

Board of Directors

6/27/24



Why we are here

- Overview of Final EIS key findings for the Operation and Maintenance Facility South (OMFS) and SEC recommendation to select the South 336th Street Alternative (Preferred Alternative) as the project to be built.
- Seek approval to formally split the Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE) and Operations and Maintenance Facility South (OMFS) projects for budgetary, planning, and reporting purposes by
 - a) amending project authorized allocation, and
 - b) amending the annual Adopted 2024 Budget
- Seeking Board Action to select the OMF South project to be built.

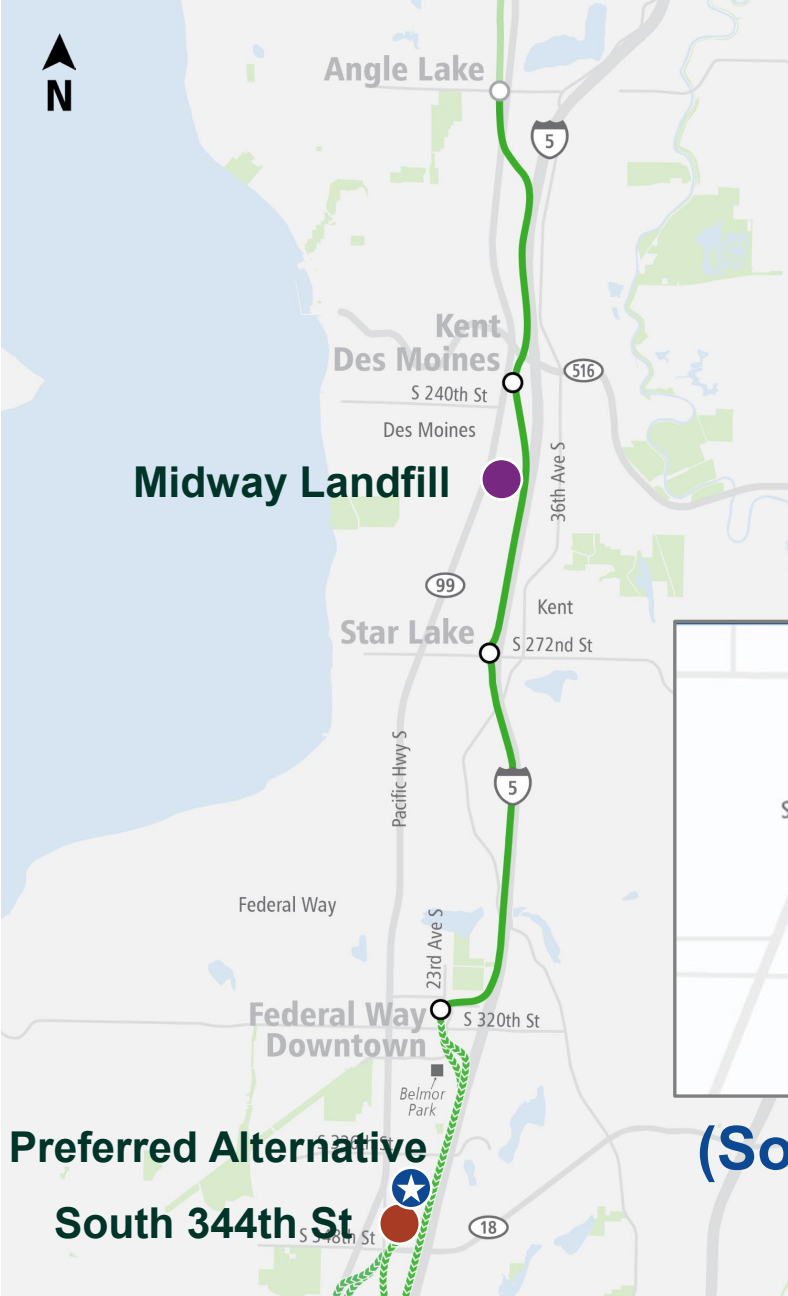
Where we've been / where we're going

- ✓ **2021** SEPA Draft EIS published & Board identified the Preferred Alternative South 336th Street
- ✓ **2023:** NEPA process initiated & NEPA Draft / SEPA Supplemental Draft EIS published
- ✓ **June 7, 2024:** NEPA/SEPA Final EIS publication
- ✓ **June 13:** SEC recommendation for selection of project to be built
- **Today:** Anticipated Board action to select project to be built
- **Q3 2024:** Anticipated Record of Decision (ROD)

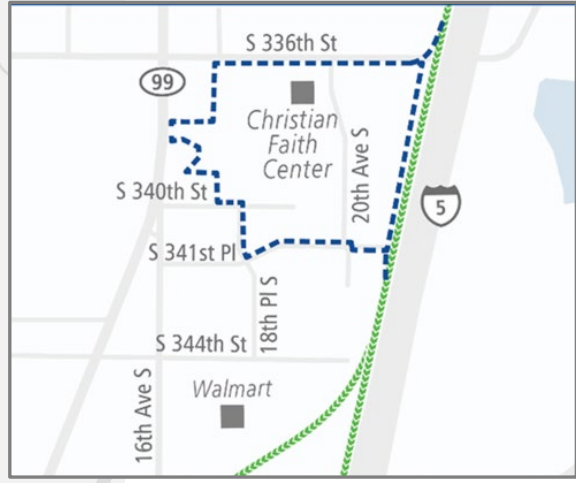


OMF South

Three sites evaluated in the Final EIS



Preferred Alternative

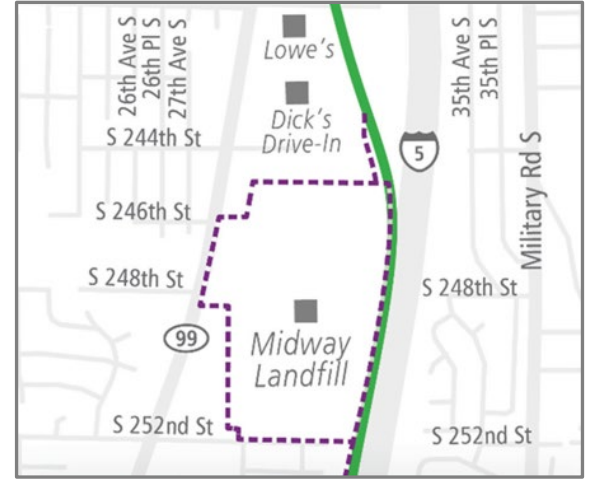


(South 336th Street Alternative)

South 344th Street Alternative



Midway Landfill Alternative



Preferred Alternative
South 344th St

Comparison of alternatives

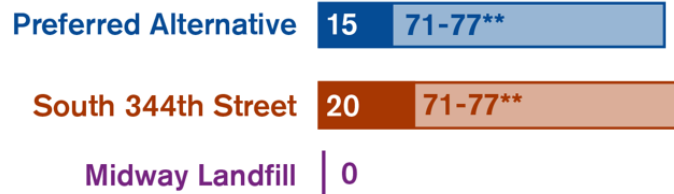
Comparison of key findings

Business Displacements (Units)

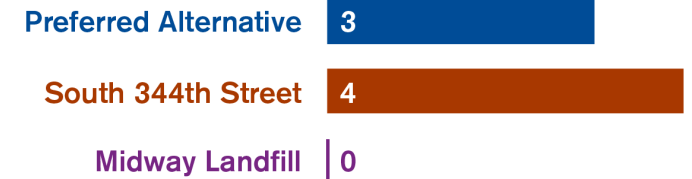


¹Includes GarageTown, comprised of ~60 owners.

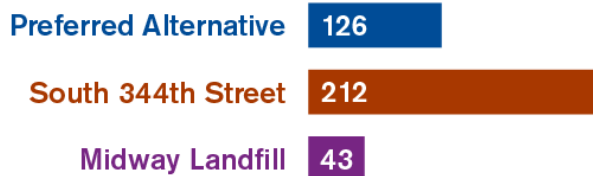
Residential Displacements (Units)



Community and Social Resource Impacts (Churches, schools, daycares)



Estimated Employee Displacements (People)



Key**  

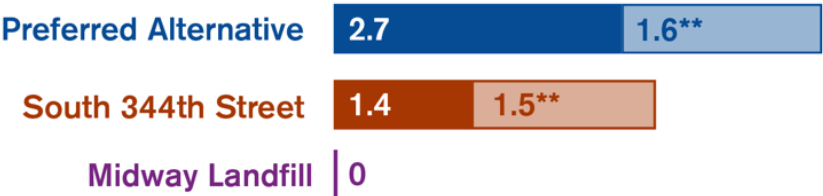
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Comparison of key findings



Wetland Impacts

(Acres of long-term impacts)



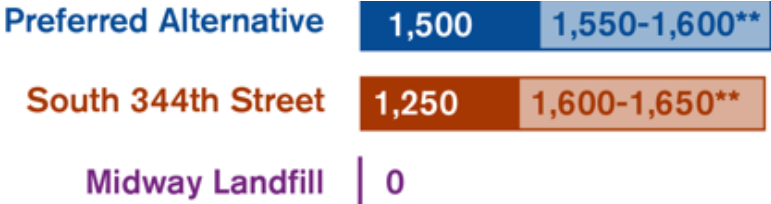
Forest Impacts

(Acres mature forest)



Stream Impacts

(Linear feet of Long-term impacts)



Key **Site** Mainline **

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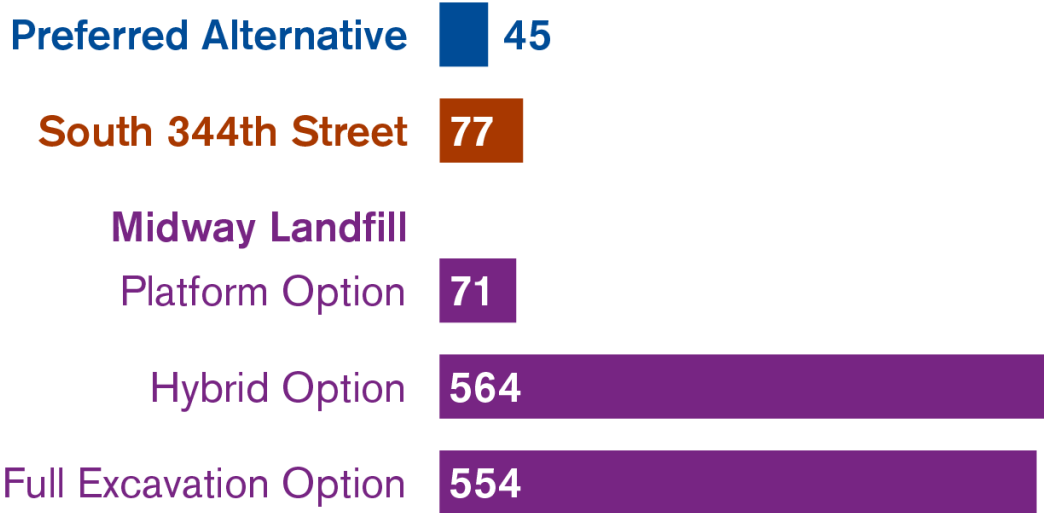
Final Design / Construction Duration

(Years: y) (Months: m)



Daily Truck Trips During Site Prep*

(Maximum Trips)



Comparison of key findings



Opinion of Probable Cost*

(Billions)



Annual Operating Cost Estimate*

(Millions)




9 *The dollar numbers above are prepared for the comparison of alternatives only. The Preferred Alternative and South 344th Street estimates are for the sites only.


***Draft EIS engagement and
public comments***

Draft EIS engagement by the numbers

Comment periods: March 5 – April 19, 2021, and Sept. 22 – Nov. 6, 2023


 **325+** public communications received

 **165+** attendees at 4 public meetings and hearings

 **3,700+** participants in the online open houses

 **14,000+** mailers to the project corridor

 **14,000+** impressions on social media

 **4,800+** recipients received 7 project email updates

Public comment themes

- General preference for Midway Landfill Alternative; oppose selecting South 344th Street Alternative
- Job/employee displacement concerns for Ellenos Yogurt, GarageTown
 - South 344th Street Alternative
- Concerns about resident relocations, lack of affordable housing with Belmor Park displacements
 - South 344th Street Alternative
 - Federal Way alternatives (Belmor)

Public comment themes, cont.

- Community and neighborhood changes
 - Federal Way alternatives
- Stream and wetland impacts to Hylebos Creek and wetlands
 - Federal Way alternatives
- Concerns over traffic impacts
 - Federal Way alternatives
 - Midway Landfill (construction traffic)
- Concerns about project cost
 - Midway Landfill (support for Preferred Alternative)

Additional public engagement



Project email updates

- 30+ listserv messages since 2019 to 4,800+ subscribers



Briefings

- Christian Faith Center, Pacific Christian Academy, KAC Baptist Church
- Ellenos, GarageTown, Belmor Park, additional property owners



Community events

- 2019: 5 public drop-ins at community locations
- 2022: Fieldwork field trip with Pacific Christian Academy science classes
- 2023: 2 drop-in sessions for Belmor Park residents



Fieldwork notifications

Title VI Facility Equity Analysis (FEA)

Purpose

- Determine whether any of the OMF South locations would result in a disparate impact to populations based on race, color, or national origin

2021 FEA Key Findings*:

- Higher percentage of minority population than in the Sound Transit Service District around each alternative
- Any alternative would result in traffic and noise during construction and displacements. Sound Transit would mitigate for these impacts
- **There would be no disparate impacts for any OMF South Alternatives; benefits would compensate for/outweigh temporary and long-term negative impacts**

2024 FEA Addendum Key Findings*:

- Evaluated OMF South design changes since 2021
- Conclusion from the 2021 FEA is unchanged

Next steps (dates subject to change)

Date	Activity
June 27, 2024	Board selects project to be built
Q3 2024	Anticipated Record of Decision
Late 2024-2025	Design/Construction procurement

Resolution No. R2024-15:
Split of TDLE and OMF South
projects for budgetary, planning,
and reporting purposes

Budget Amendment Background

- Tacoma Dome Link Extension project currently includes the budget for OMF South.
 - TDLE & OMF South started project development together.
 - After early scoping, the projects advanced with separate environmental processes due to an earlier delivery timeline for OMF South.
- Proposed action:
 - Amends TDLE project's annual 2024 Budget and authorized allocation by removing portion associated with OMF South.
 - Establishes OMF South project budget with the funds removed from TDLE project budget (no net change in dollars.)

Resolution No. R2024-16:

***Project to be built &
staff recommendation***

Staff Recommendation, OMF South Project to be Built

Recommendation

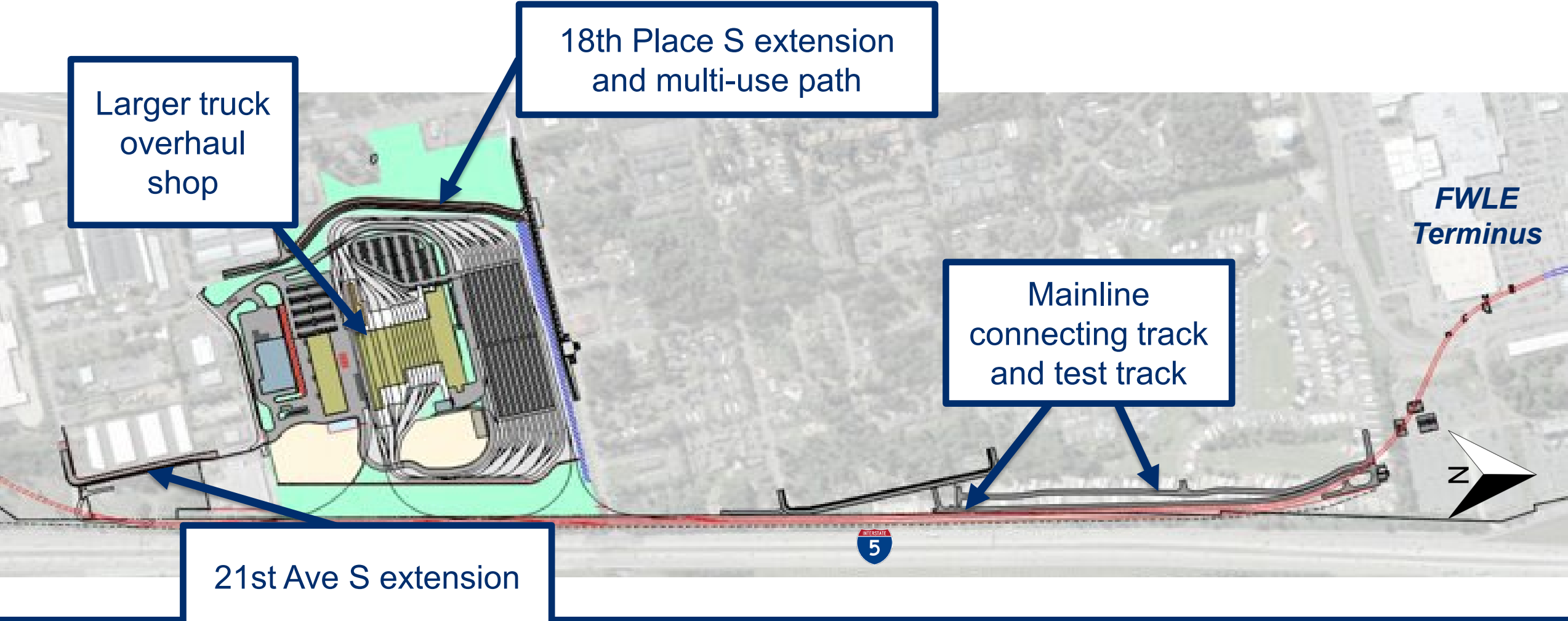
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Staff Rationale

- Better able to meet the timeline required to accept delivery of vehicles for light rail expansion projects, compared to the Midway Landfill Alternative.
- Lower comparative cost estimate, compared to Midway Landfill Alternative.
- Reduced construction-related impacts, compared to Midway Landfill Alternative.
- Minimizes community and business impacts, compared to the South 344th Street Alternative.

Project to be Built Recommendation

South 336th Street Preferred Alternative



Today's Actions

- Resolution No. R2024-15: Split the Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE) and Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) South projects for budgetary, planning, and reporting purposes by
 - a) amending project authorized allocation, and
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- Resolution No. R2024-16: Select the South 336th Street (Preferred Alternative), including a mainline connection and test track as the project to be built for the OMF South.

Thank you.



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