

8/8/2024 System Expansion Committee
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Laura Housley

Hi,

Please prioritize easy transfers from the current light rail in Seattle to the East side by putting the station on 4th Ave. We need to think about long term usage. Who is really going to take a light rail from Northgate to Bellevue if it isn't connected? It's so difficult to make this commute every day in a car, but it has to be faster for us to choose the light rail.

Thank you,
Laura Housley

Matthew Papaly

Dear Sound Transit Board Members,

I am writing to express my support for the originally planned 4th Ave (CID) & Midtown stations as part of Sound Transit 3. I believe the decisions Sound Transit and the City of Seattle make today will have a significant impact on Seattleites for generations to come. More specifically, I believe the alternative being considered, of stations north and south of the CID, would be a grave misstep in designing an effective regional transit network.

Sound Transit and the City of Seattle have the opportunity to create the largest transit hub in the Pacific Northwest. Currently, the CID is not only home to the 1 Line station, but it also is walking distance from Amtrak's King Street Station, the Sounder train, the First Hill streetcar, and countless bus lines connecting the region. Having the future light rail lines connect to this same area just makes logical sense for all transit riders.

The alternative route, on the other hand, would create out-of-the-way transfers. This would require commuters either having to transfer at a later stop only to head back in the opposite direction on another line, or having a significant walk to another station to transfer lines. All of this wasted time for commuters adds up to wasted revenue for both those individuals and for the region. Additionally, these hardships on commuters will further incentivize driving over public transit, as public transit is only a viable option for the average commuter if it is competitive with driving. With all this in mind, any immediate cost savings from the proposed alternative plan would be negligent in the long term.

As a CID resident, the prospect of the CID becoming a regional transit hub excites me. The Chinatown-International District is a historically overlooked and neglected neighborhood in desperate need of revitalization. Countless small, minority owned businesses are in danger of

disappearing, and long time residents are on the verge of being displaced. I believe a light rail hub along with more transit-oriented development would be a boon to the neighborhood's economy and general accessibility. Avoiding the CID entirely would just continue the city's trend of neglecting a neighborhood that has so much to offer.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Matthew Papaly

[Joe Kunzler](#)

Hi there Sound Transit Board System Expansion Committee;

Joe Kunzler here. Note the CCs. I want to be very clear here this is no exercise. This is not "RED FLAG", this is not some tabletop exercise, this is not some scrimmage.

Tsimerman can come back this Thursday. I bet he will.
I reviewed the agenda.

Nowhere on the agenda is there anything about Nazis, Trump - which would be campaigning, "Make America Great Again" - borderline campaigning. or anything of the sort. I expect whichever one of you is Chair to enforce the rules please and be an example to a region in crisis. A tripwire that will hold.

We have Mayors around this table leading City Councils weak in action against the Tsimerman threat. Seattle and Redmond come to mind. Bellevue is also becoming a Bakhmut, and the Public Disclosure Commission that was supposed to defund Tsimerman like the Leopard tanks gifted Ukraine is also stuck in the mud. So it's up to Sound Transit to save the region, and especially the Eastern Front. That's Redmond, that's Bellevue.

Tsimerman banned for one year by Sound Transit would be a miracle. A miracle that would give moral courage and fresh hope and renewed resolve to the eastern front of Redmond and Bellevue. A miracle that would help free us all from the hate. Sound Transit, some good people have sacrificed for you and to arm you to fight back - this is your moment to lead this region out of this hell. Yours. As the Sophie Ellis-Baxtor song goes, "Heartbreak made me a dancer". I'm the DJ 🎧 so here's your answer - either stand up for Sound Transit values or step out. Please enforce your Board rules

Go Sound Transit!
Joe sends