



Seattle Design Commission Check-in

West Seattle Link Extension (WSLE) and Ballard Link Extension (BLE)

February 1, 2024

Purpose

City check-in with Seattle Design Commission on interdepartmental and interagency work on the West Seattle Link Extension (WSLE) and Ballard Link Extension (BLE) projects

Agenda

1. WSLE and BLE projects summary
2. City Team Composition – new staff
3. Q1 & Q2 2024 Focus Areas
4. ST3 Briefings in Context



WSLE and BLE projects summary

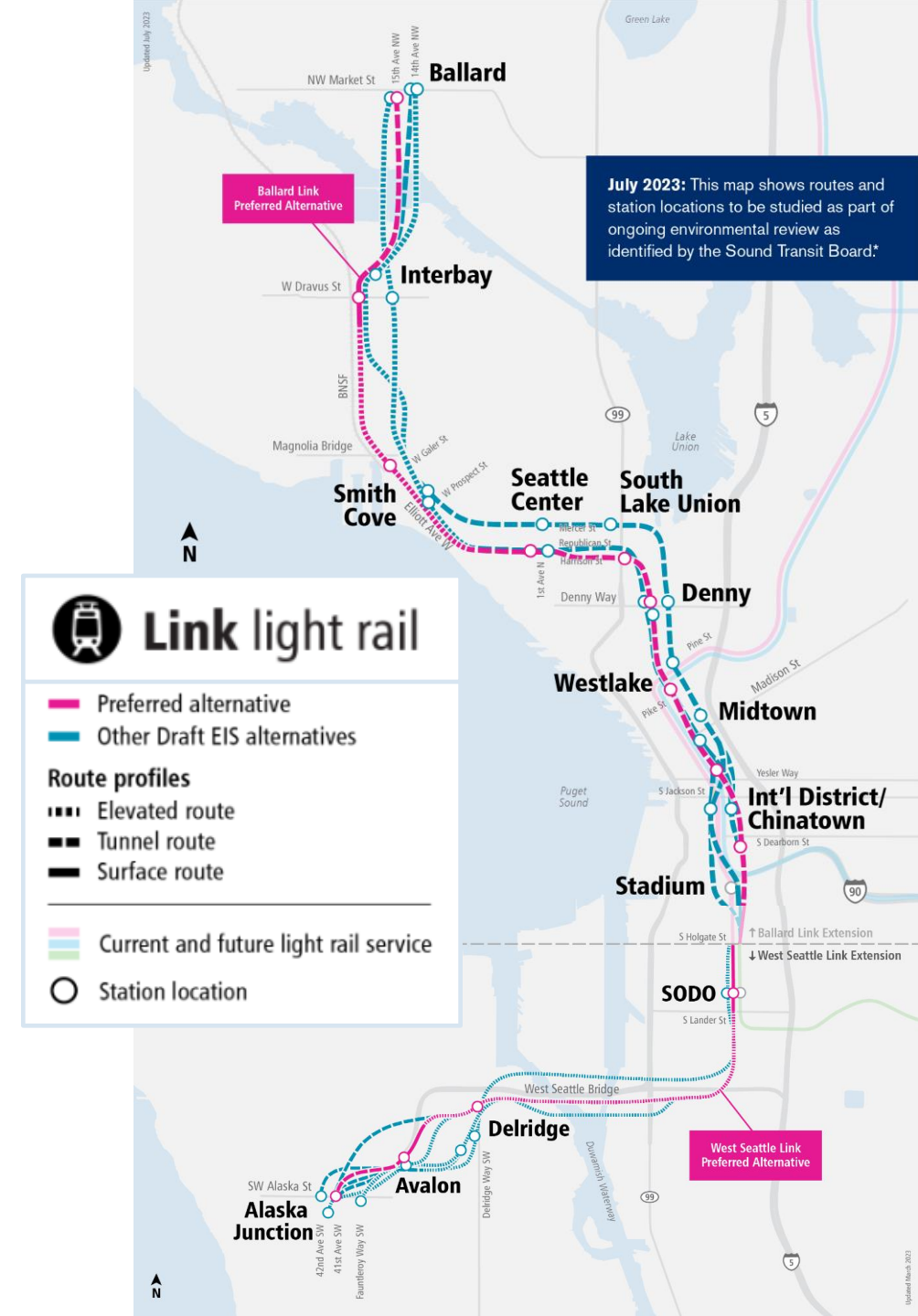


West Seattle Link Extension (WSLE) and Ballard Link Extension (BLE) Projects

At more than \$12 Billion, West Seattle Link Extension (WSLE) and Ballard Link Extension (BLE) projects together comprise the **largest infrastructure investment in City history**—with tremendous opportunity for transformation, but also potential for substantial construction and related impacts to existing communities.

The projects include:

- More than 12 miles of new light rail track
- 13 new or expanded stations
- New light rail-only downtown tunnel
- 2 water crossings



West Seattle Link Extension (WSLE)

Estimated Project Timeline



Ballard Link Extension (BLE)

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Parametrix, ST3 City Engineering Workgroup staff augmentation

Q1 & Q2 2024 City Focus Areas



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West Seattle Link Extension

- **Early March** WSLE Engagement, Alki Masonic Lodge
- **Q2** WSLE Preliminary Engineering complete
- **Q2** (dates TBD) Seattle Design Commission Preliminary Engineering reviews for West Seattle Link Extension stations and other project elements (TBD)

Q1 & Q2 2024 Focus Areas

Ballard Link Extension

- **Q1** South Downtown Hub Planning community workshop at Union Station
- **Q1-Q2** South Lake Union feasibility study

Q1 & Q2 2024 Focus Areas

Seattle Design Commission Review Process

Q1-Q2 Staff developing review tools and structures:

- Design Guidelines
- Design Elements Matrix
- Staff Review Panel

ST3 Briefings in Context



ST3 Briefings in Context - Briefings to date

Meeting Date	Topics	Purpose
2021		
December 16	Racial Equity Toolkit	Programmatic
	Sustainability	Programmatic
2022		
January 20	Station Access	Programmatic
	Transit Oriented Development (TOD)	Programmatic
February 17	Westlake and Seattle Center Stations	Pre-15%
March 3	CID Station	Pre-15%
March 17	Interbay/Ballard	Pre-15%
	• Smith Cove and Ballard stations, Salmon Bay crossing	
April 7	West Seattle Extension	Pre-15%
	• SODO and Delridge stations, Duwamish crossing	
April 21	Overview of DEIS Outreach, Cost Savings Ideas	Engagement & Programmatic
2023		
July 6	Preferred alternative; scope and schedule of upcoming work on West Seattle and Ballard Extensions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ST: General project update including Preferred Alternative • City: City work plan
July 20	SDC process and tools for review of light rail facilities	City/ST joint presentation
November 2	Station Experience Design Guidelines (SEDG) (ST)	Programmatic
	• Restrooms & Retail	
	Quarterly update (City of Seattle)	
December 7	Transit Oriented Development (TOD)	Programmatic

Next steps

- Return to SDC March/April to engage Commissioners on review process and tools
- WSLE PE reviews
- In-depth briefing on South Downtown Hub Planning

Dates TBD

Thank you.

