




The image shows the exterior of a white Sound Transit train. The train features a blue and teal wavy graphic along its side. The Sound Transit logo, a stylized 'S' and 'T' in blue, is positioned above the word 'SOUNDTRANSIT' in blue capital letters. A double door with arched windows is visible on the left. A small red emergency stop button is located below the door. The train is parked on a yellow tactile strip platform.

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City of Seattle Partnering Agreement

December 2017

Agenda

-  System Expansion Plan
-  West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions
-  Partnering Agreement

System expansion

Sound Transit's system expansion means every few years new light rail, bus rapid transit and commuter rail stations open throughout the region, providing fast, reliable alternatives to congested roads



More information on each project:
www.soundtransit.org/system



Regional Link light rail expansion



By 2041:

116+ miles

80+ stations

16 cities connected

West Seattle Link Extension



Project Highlights:

- Opening 2030
- Length: 4.7 miles
- 4 elevated stations at SODO, Delridge, Avalon and Alaska Junction; one at-grade station at Stadium
- New rail-only fixed span crossing of the Duwamish River

Ballard Link Extension



Project Highlights:

- Opening 2035
- Length: 7.1 miles
- Three elevated stations: Ballard, Interbay, Smith Cove
- Six tunnel stations: Seattle Center, South Lake Union, Denny, Westlake, Midtown, International District/Chinatown
- New rail-only movable bridge over Salmon Bay

West Seattle Link Extension schedule

Alternatives Development

Late 2017-2019

Environmental Review

2019-2022

Final Design

2022-2025

Construction & Testing

2025-2030

Start of Service

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Safety education

Alternatives development

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Final EIS

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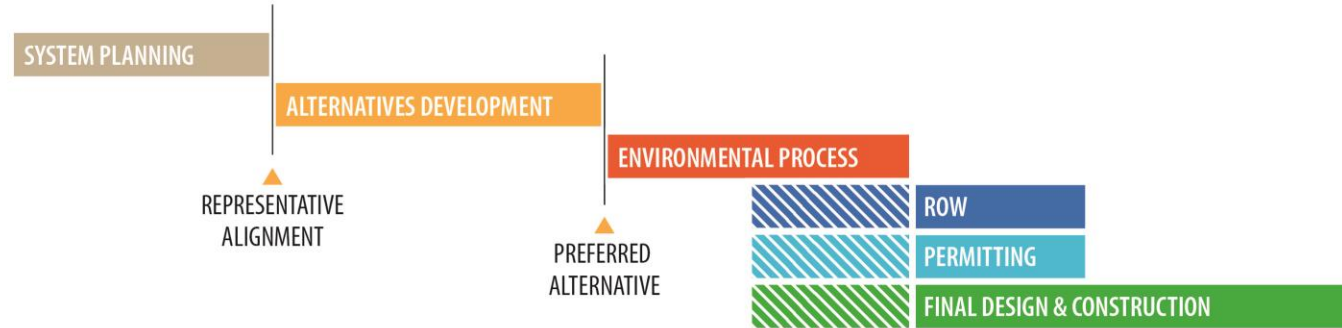
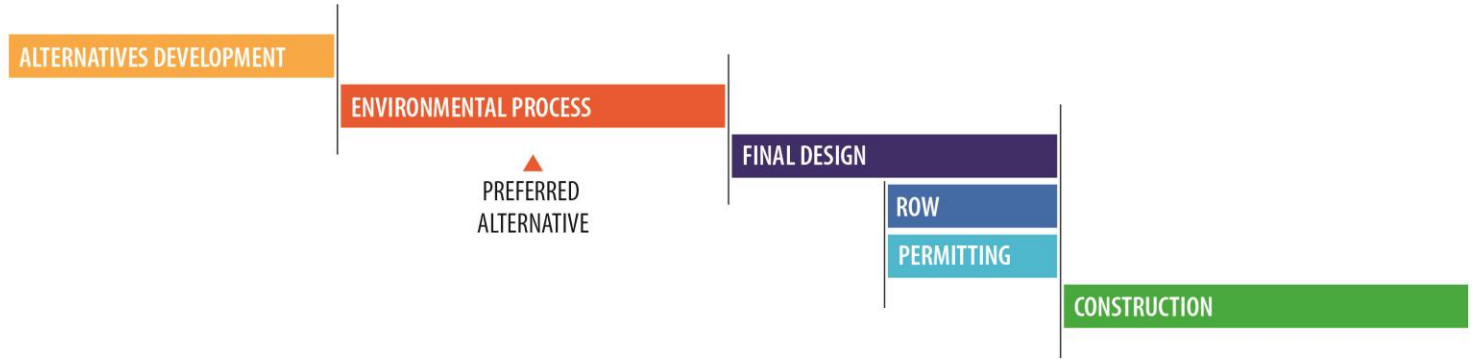
New approach to project development



Apply innovative ideas and lessons learned to streamline project delivery

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ST2 PROCESS



ST3 PROCESS

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Alternatives Development process

**Level 1
Alternatives Development**
(Early 2018)

**Level 2
Alternatives Development**
(Mid 2018)

**DEIS
Alternatives Development**
(Late 2018)

**Preferred
Alternative**
Early 2019

Public involvement

ST3 representative alignment

Stakeholder input

Early feasibility studies

Level 1 alternatives

Stakeholder input

Early feasibility studies

Station planning

Level 2 alternatives

Stakeholder input

Additional technical analysis



Communications and public involvement



- ✓ Community engagement and Communications Plan
- ✓ Public Information Officer
- ✓ Community meetings, Open Houses

Stakeholder engagement

Priority in Sound Transit **System Expansion Implementation Plan**:

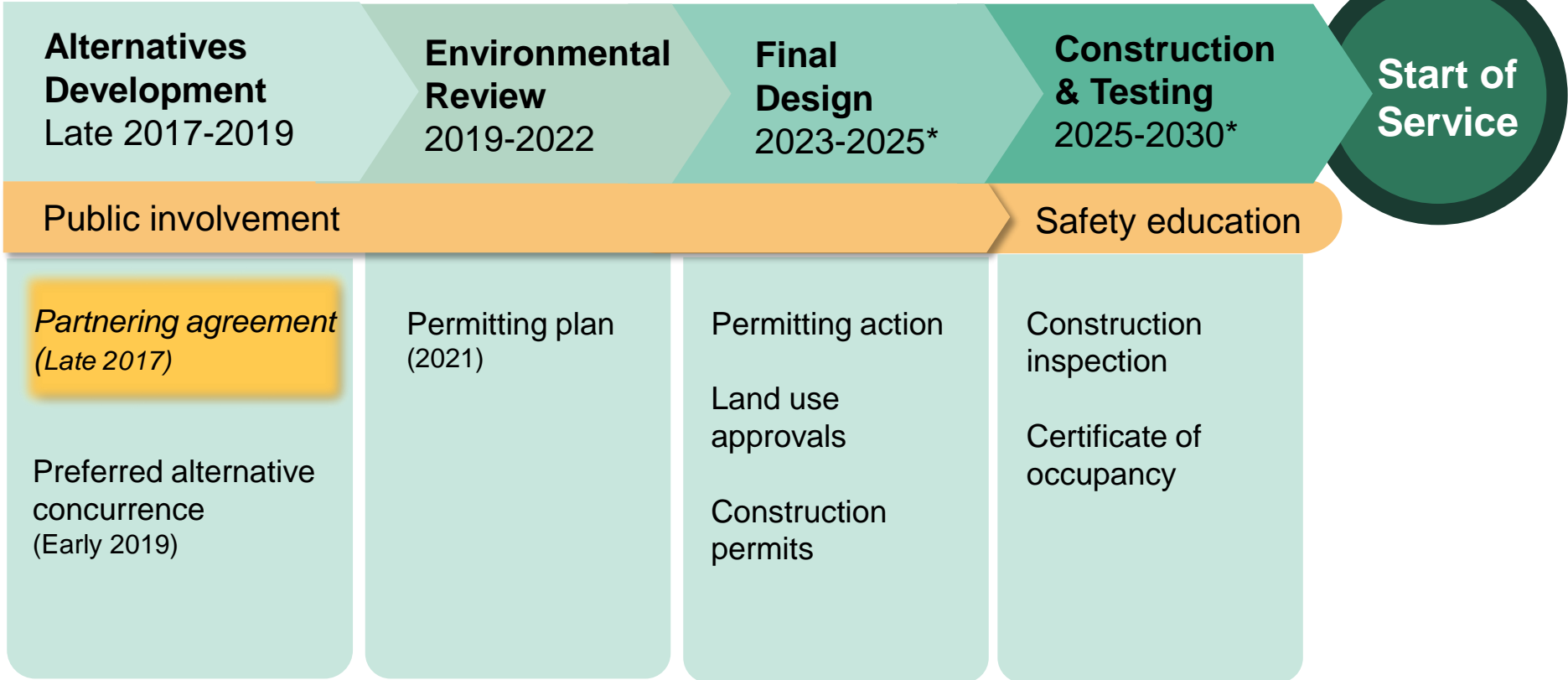
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Elected
Leadership
Group

Stakeholder
Group

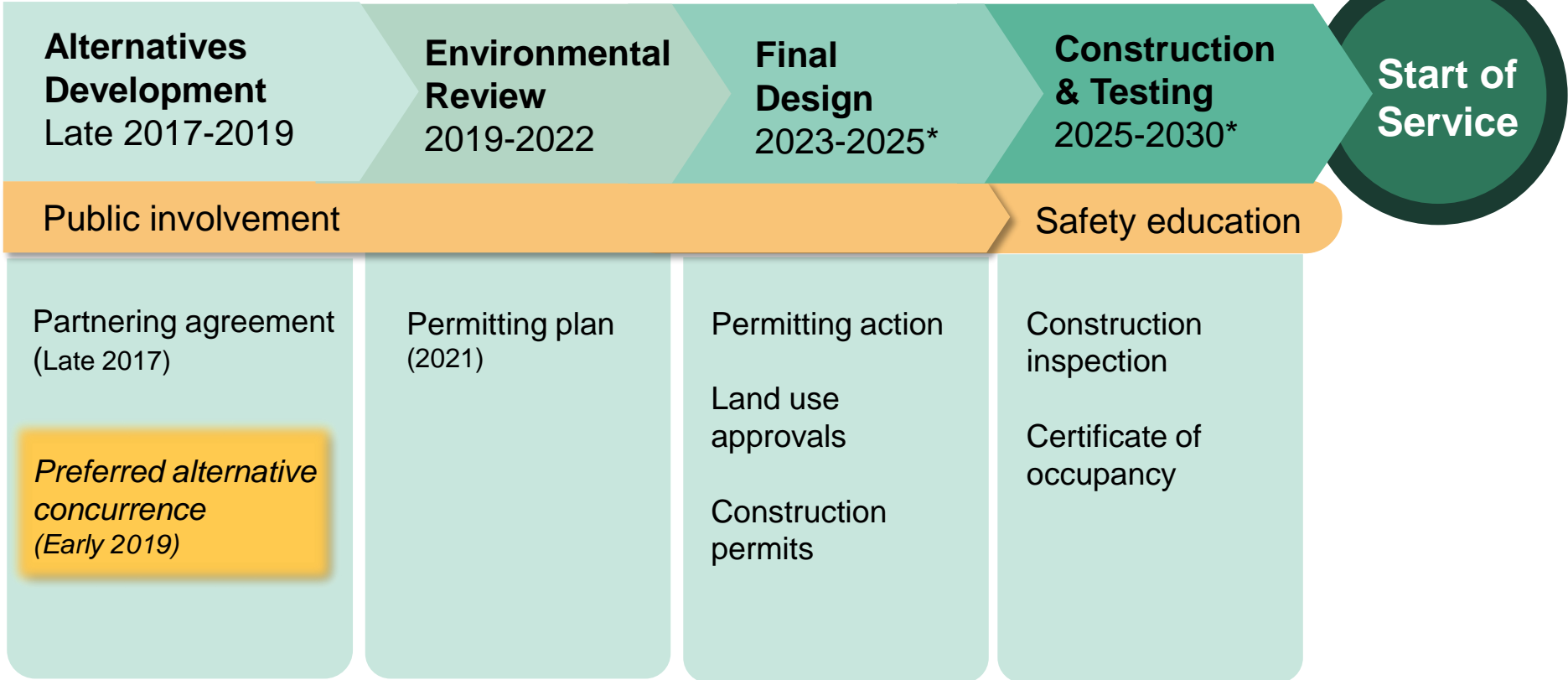
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Agreements



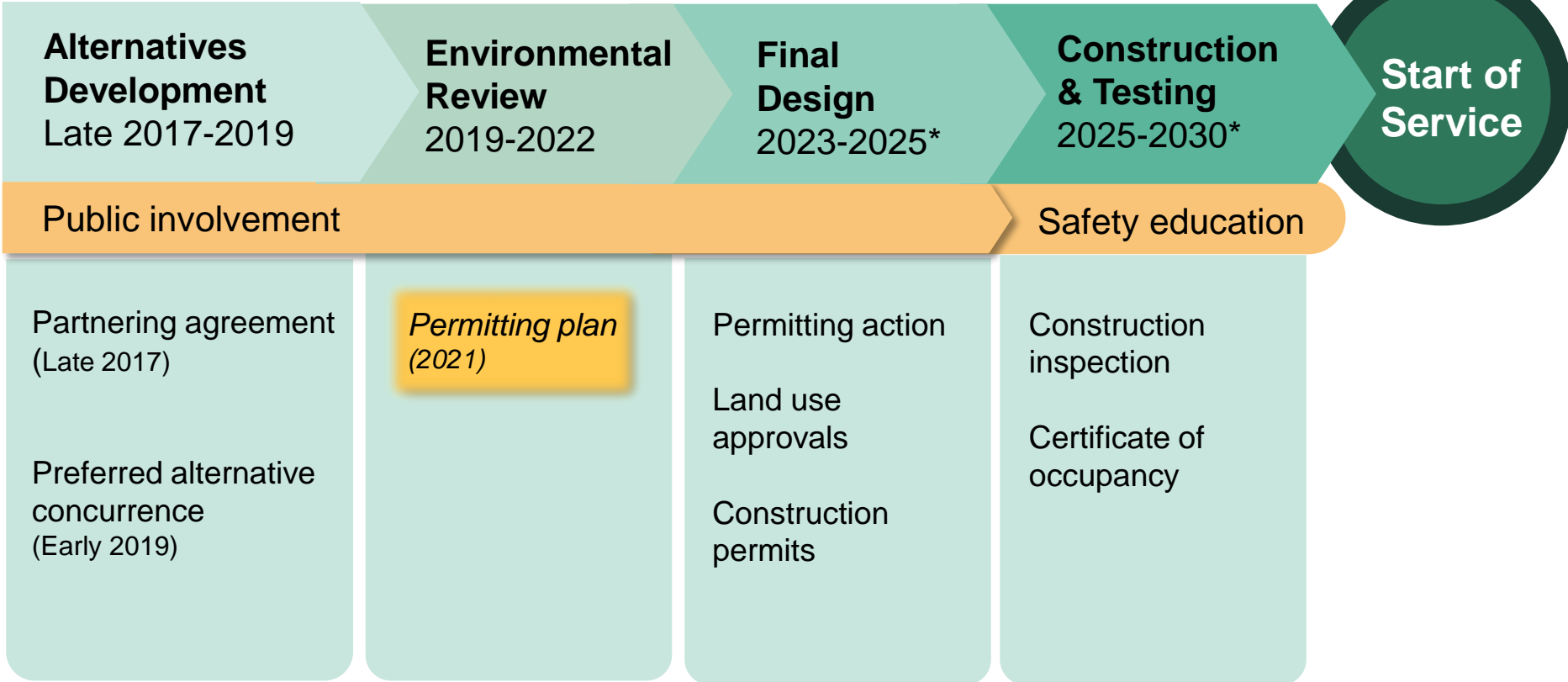
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Partnering Agreement

✔ Designated Representatives & Project Development Team

✔ Scope, Schedule, Budget

✔ Project Definition

✔ Community Engagement

✔ Station Planning Activities

✔ Permit Streamlining

✔ NEPA / SEPA

✔ Coordination on Planned Projects

✔ Staffing

Partnering Agreement



Designated Representative & Project Development Team

Forum for early resolution of issues

Partnering Agreement

Scope, Schedule, Budget

Complete project within ST3 schedule and budget

If requests to increase scope, identify scope reductions elsewhere/local contributions

Partnering Agreement



Project Definition

Start with ST3 representative project as basis to investigate other reasonable alternatives to be studied

Collaborate early on evaluation of reasonable alternatives

Partnering Agreement

Community Engagement

Collaborate on Community Engagement & Communications Plan

Convene Elected Leadership Group, Stakeholder Advisory Group and Interagency Group

Partnering Agreement



Station Planning Activities

Develop process to coordinate station planning activities

Partnering Agreement



Permit Streamlining

Identify and implement actions to streamline permit review

Develop Preliminary Permitting Plan

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SEPA / NEPA

Participate actively in environmental review process

Develop documents that both Parties can use for project approvals and permitting decisions

Partnering Agreement



Coordination on Planned Projects

Coordinate on planned projects within the project area

Resolve conflicts as early as possible

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Staffing

Sound Transit may reimburse City costs for certain services

Develop funding agreement

Next steps

-  Initiate City working groups
-  Initiate leadership groups
-  Initiate formal community engagement



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