

# *West Seattle Link Extension & Business Relocations*

*Transportation Committee*

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# *Project Update*

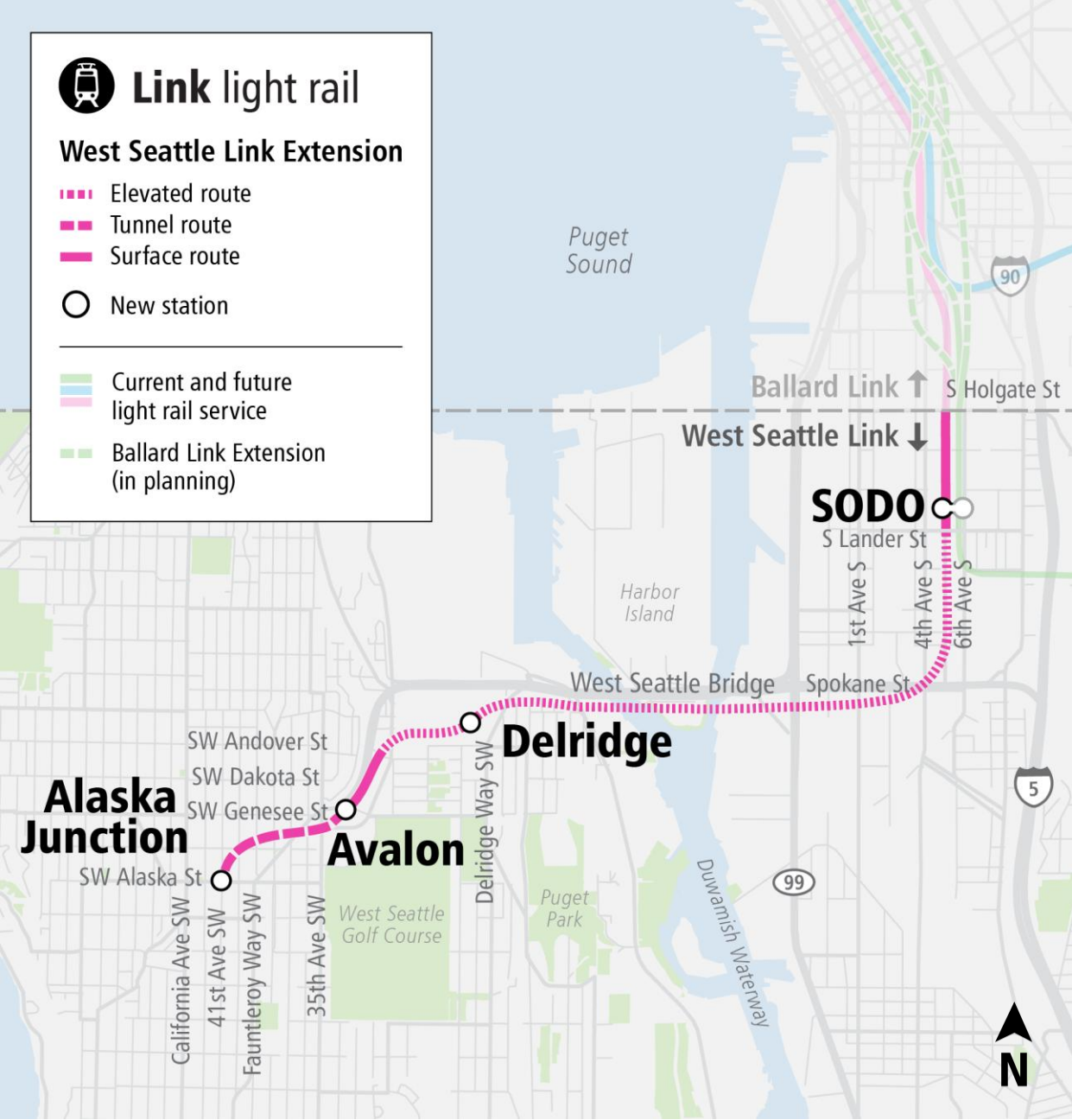


# Link light rail

## West Seattle Link Extension

- Elevated route
- Tunnel route
- Surface route
- New station

- Current and future light rail service
- Ballard Link Extension (in planning)



# West Seattle Link Extension

- **Adds 4.1 miles** of light rail service and **up to 4 new stations** with connections in SODO, Delridge, and West Seattle
- **Improves** transit service **frequency, reliability** and **capacity**
- **Reduces transit travel time** from Alaska Junction to Westlake Station by 50% once Ballard Link Extension is complete
- Record of Decision issued in April 2025; **currently in Design Phase**
- Working to integrate cost savings opportunities identified through **Cost Savings Workplan** to **reduce cost and community effects**

# Cost savings workplan

- Following the Board's directives from Motions Nos. M2024-59 & M2025-36
- **Programmatic opportunities** identified as opportunities across the portfolio of projects
- **Project opportunities** identified as unique opportunities for specific capital projects
- Opportunities will provide benefits to include improving passenger experience, lower O&M costs as well as cost savings

## Pre-baselined projects developing cost savings opportunities

### Conceptual engineering:



- Ballard Link Extension
- Tacoma Dome Link Extension
- Everett Link Extension
- Infill Stations
- Sounder Program
- OMF North

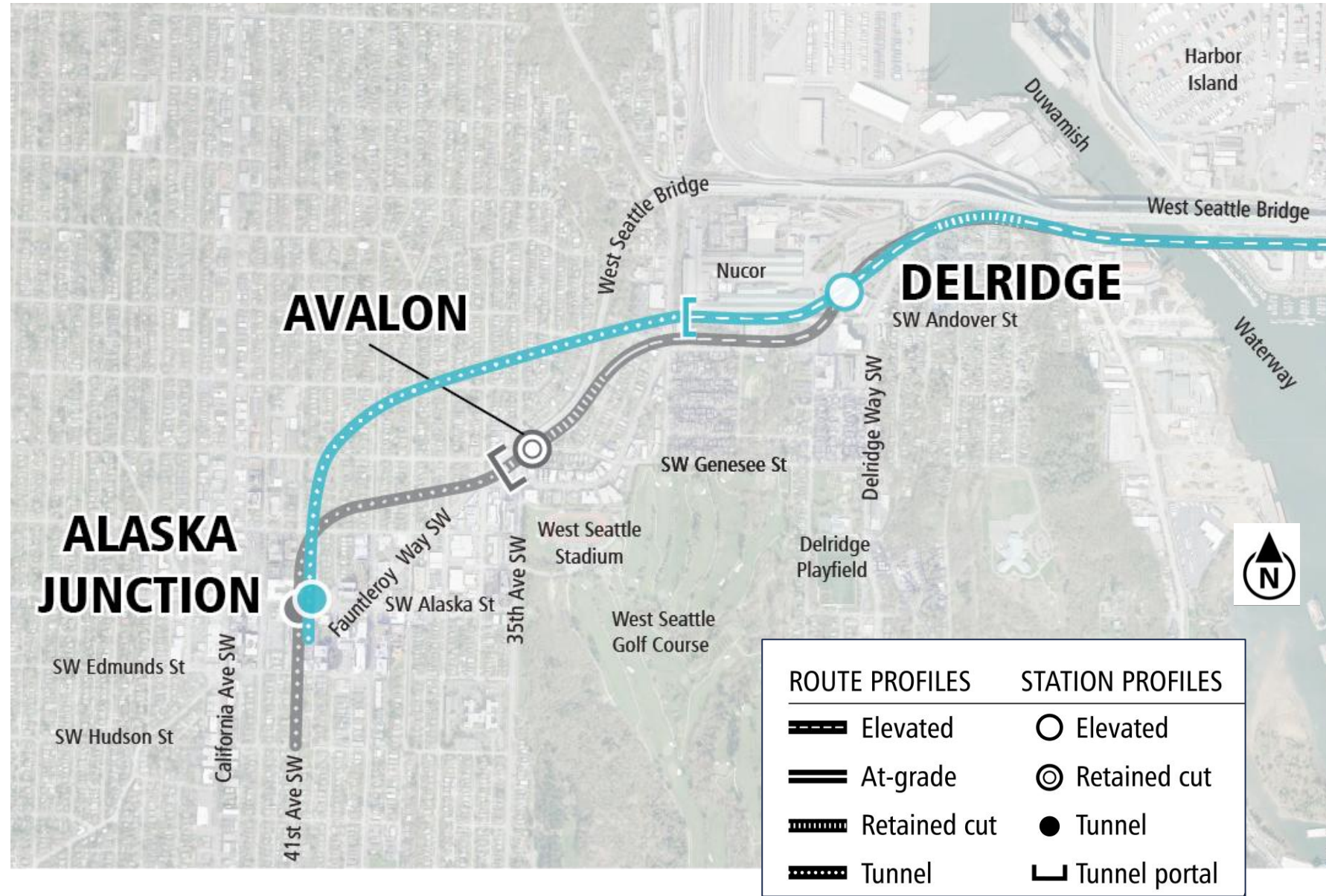
### Post-preliminary engineering:

- OMF South
- **West Seattle Link Extension**

# Proposed Cost Saving Alignment

Eliminating Avalon Station unlocks additional opportunities to reduce cost and community effects

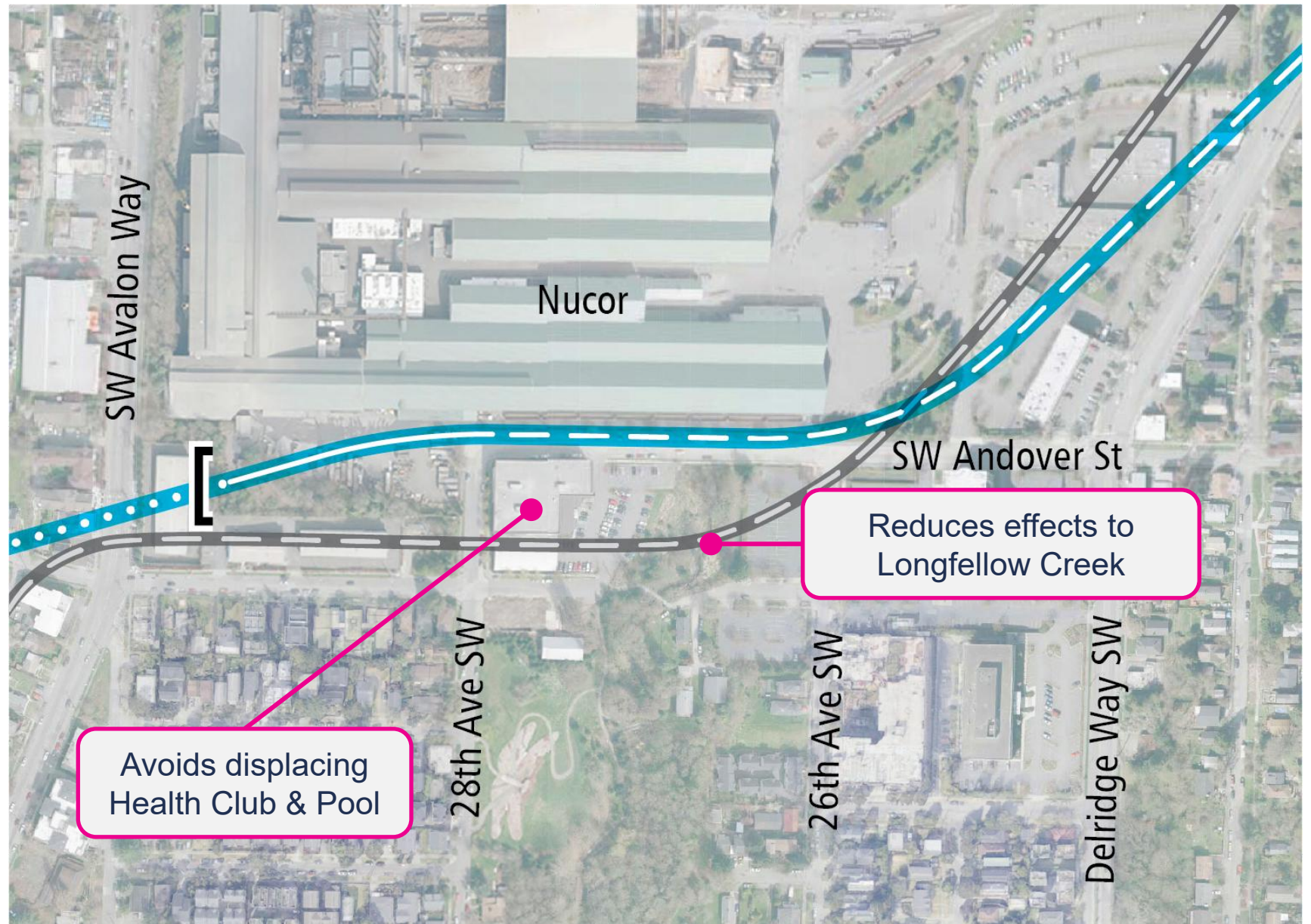
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-  Cost savings alignment (studied in FEIS)



# Shift Delridge guideway north

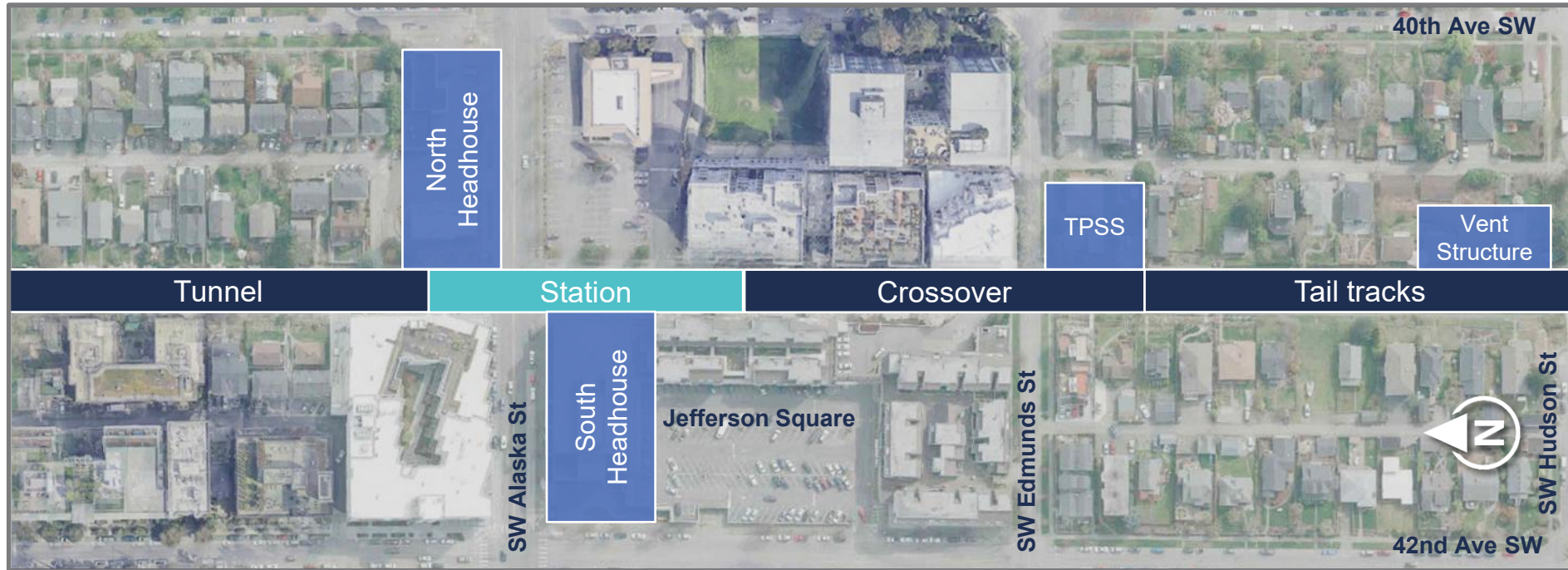
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ROUTE PROFILES	STATION PROFILES
Elevated	Elevated
At-grade	Retained cut
Retained cut	Tunnel
Tunnel	Tunnel portal



# Reconfigure Alaska Junction Station

Board-approved  
alignment



Cost savings  
alignment



# *Relocation Process*

# Acquisition and relocation timeline

WE ARE HERE

Planning

Design

Construction

Ongoing community & small business engagement

## **i** Notification letters to potentially affected property owners

Prior to Draft EIS and Final EIS

## Notices of Relocation Eligibility

Final determination of properties needed to build the project

- Sound Transit Board authorizes packages of properties needed to be acquired over 2 to 3 years
- Sound Transit staff prepares appraisals and offers to owners
- Relocation agents assist impacted residents and businesses in finding a new home or location

**i** Being a **potentially affected property** means that a property is close enough to one or more alternative alignments or station locations that it might need to be acquired in order to build the project.

**It does not mean that a decision has been made to purchase the property.**

# *Real Property Acquisition*

Sound Transit follows state and federal statutes in the property acquisition process - formally known as the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act.

**The acquisition program is designed to treat affected property owners and tenants fairly, minimize hardships, and maintain communications with all parties involved.**



# Residential *Relocation Assistance*

- **Advisory Services**
- **Moving and related expenses**
- **Replacement housing payments**
  - Price differential for homeowners
  - Rental assistance for tenants
  - Down payment assistance for tenants wishing to buy
- **Temporary housing assistance**
- **Incidental and other purchase-related expenses**



# Business Relocation Assistance

- **Advisory Services**
- **Moving costs** (packing, transportation, and reconnecting equipment, storage, search costs) – **uncapped**
- **Replacement of removable building equipment and trade fixtures**
- **Re-establishment may include:**
  - Repairs or improvements to the replacement real property
  - Signage
  - Advertisement of replacement location
  - Estimated increased costs of operation during the first two years



*Thank you.*



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