Seattle Center’s Purpose: To create exceptional events, experiences and environments that delight and inspire the human spirit to build stronger communities.
Agenda

- **Purpose** of Today’s Charrette
- **Roles and Responsibilities** of Participants
- **Process and Timeline**
- **Intended Outcomes** for Today’s Charrette
- **Shared Vocabulary/Frequently Used Terms**
- **Breakout Sessions:**
  - PART 1: Unearth Common Concerns
  - PART 2: Ideas and Opportunities
- **Report Back**
- **Next Steps**
WHO DO YOU THINK THIS STATION WILL SERVE IN 10 YEARS?

LAND USE MAP

804 parcels totaling 269 acres

Source: 2019 King County Parcel Data

*Includes entire area of parcels fully or partially located within the walkshed.

= Potential Station Locations with 10-Minute Walkshed
Charrette Purpose: Envision an Integrated, Successful Light Rail Station for Seattle Center and Uptown

- Over 40 cultural, educational, sports and entertainment resident organizations + community programs + 1000’s of events = **over 12 million visitors each year**.

- 3 mega-projects are poised to transform the Seattle Center campus:
  - **Climate Pledge Arena**: Renewed venue, new energy
  - **Memorial Stadium**: Partnership between SPS and City
  - **Light Rail**: Increased access throughout the region

What is YOUR vision for a successful Seattle Center/Uptown station that serves the campus, community, and transit riders?
Roles and Responsibilities

**Seattle Center**
Steward of the Campus, Property Owner and Landlord, City Department

**City of Seattle**
Overseer of integration of WSBLE into the City; Regulatory/Permitting Agency, Cooperating/Partner Agency, manages public ROW for other city properties

**Sound Transit**
Transit Agency in charge of planning, designing, building and operating the regional transit system

**Stakeholders/ Resident Organizations**
Cultural Organizations, Businesses, Service Providers, Event Producers and Neighbors
Process and Timeline

2016

2017 to 2023

PLANNING

Alternatives development

Feb–March 2018: Early scoping
Feb–April 2019: Scoping
May–Oct 2019: Board identified preferred alternatives and other DEIS alternatives

2019–2023

Environmental review

Early 2022: Publish Draft EIS
Public comment period
Board confirms or modifies preferred alternatives
2023: Publish Final EIS
Board selects projects to be built
Federal Record of Decision

2023 to 2027

DESIGN

PUBLICATION

2026 to 2037-2039*

CONSTRUCTION

START OF SERVICE

West Seattle: 2032
Ballard: 2037-2039*

*Smith Cove to Ballard: Target delivery 2037 / affordable delivery 2039
Learn more at soundtransit.org/realignment

(Source: Sound Transit)
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1. **Opportunities:** Let’s brainstorm possibilities with the wide range of creative minds and the depth of technical experts in the room.

2. **Common Priorities:** What shared values and outcomes do resident organizations have?

3. **Concerns:** What would be untenable to the community, and should inform the City’s comment letter on the Draft EIS during the Draft EIS comment period early next year.

4. **Shared Vocabulary:** Words matter. Let’s establish common understanding of frequently used terms.
Shared Vocabulary/Frequently Used Terms:

- Where is the proposed project?
- What does a “Preferred Alternative” mean?
- What does a “cut and cover” station look like?
- What is the “station box”?
- What do side or center platforms on stations look like?
- What are other station elements?
- What do stations look like on the ground?
- What are the Draft EIS comments and when are they due?
Shared Vocabulary/Frequently Used Terms: Draft EIS Alternatives
Shared Vocabulary/Frequently Used Terms: Preferred Alternative
Shared Vocabulary/
Frequently Used Terms:
Cut and Cover Station
Shared Vocabulary/
Frequently Used
Terms:
Station Box
Shared Vocabulary/ Frequently Used Terms:

Center Platform

Side Platform
Shared Vocabulary/
Frequently Used Terms:

Headhouses on the Station Box
(Example: Roosevelt Station)
Shared Vocabulary/Frequently Used Terms: Station Access

Roosevelt Station: 60% Design
Shared Vocabulary/Frequently Used Terms: Station Headhouses
Shared Vocabulary/Frequently Used Terms: Offset Station Entrances
Break Out Session: Preferred Alternative
What the City will be looking for in Draft EIS:

- **Temporary Construction Concerns:**
  - Lengthy periods of noise, road closures
  - Potential damage to the NW Rooms
  - Disruption of underground utilities (steam, water, sewer and power)

- **Permanent Operational Concerns:**
  - Station entrance could displace recreational space, events space, functional and support spaces (loading, maintenance)
  - Noise/vibration impacts underground
  - Adjacent/above-grade noise and aesthetic impacts
  - Loss of legacy trees
  - Ongoing coordination to operate a station within an active campus
Summary of Resident Organization Comments
(hand out at tables)

- Transit hub expands access to the Arts
- Maintaining revenue stream during Construction is a must
- Access during Construction is not Enough
- Comments from interviews with Resident Organizations show strong support for Light Rail along with concerns about impacts both during and after construction.
- Ensure that youth and families are heard
- Environmental Conditions Matter
- Strategic Planning must go beyond 1, 3 or 5 year plans
What Do YOU Think is Critical for the Success of the Seattle Center/Uptown Station? What Did we Miss?

1. Minimize construction/operational impacts to the campus

2. Visually integrate the station entrance with the Seattle Center campus

3. Support Seattle Center’s future success as a public recreational resource
   • Support the health of Seattle Center’s tenants – current and future
   • Retain open and functional spaces
   • Station operations fit within the daily campus activities
   • Expand the reach of Seattle Center to community
Ground Rules

- **Workshops start and end on time:** please arrive on time and stay until business is complete
- **Be prepared:** review previously distributed materials ahead of time
- **Please, no cell phones, laptop or digital devices to be used during the workshop**
- **Be open minded, curious, and seek to understand**
- **Stay focused on our common goal:** embrace an open and honest dialogue
- **Respect confidentiality:** individual thoughts should not be shared outside this group
- **Assume good intentions:** respect difference of opinion, don’t be critical of others for speaking honestly
- **Listen carefully & deeply:** seek to understand and embrace experiences different than your own
- **“Step up, Step back”:** empower yourself to speak, and be mindful of how much space you are taking up in the group
- **Use inclusive language:** honor stated pronouns and boundaries, and avoid jargon/acronyms to preserve accessibility of the space
- **Conduct the discussion based on knowledge, not assumptions**
- **Acknowledge an informed-consensus approach**
Breakout Session 1: Unearth Common Concerns

*Express your concerns, questions, and experiences with us!*

**Introductions:** in 30 seconds, introduce yourself, your role within your organization, and share your favorite system/station, or one that you think is GREAT, and tell us why
Breakout Session 1: Unearth Common Concerns

Some of our favorite systems and stations, or ones we think are GREAT and why:

- Avignon Station
- Utrecht Centraal Station, Netherlands
- Elizabeth Line, London Underground
- Tukwila International Boulevard Station
- Yaletown Roadhouse Station, Vancouver BC
Breakout Session 2: Ideas and Opportunities

An opportunity to explore and focus on possibilities together for addressing the potential concerns and creating a better outcome
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**Did we accomplish these?**
Next Steps

- Charrette Debrief – we will summarize and circulate to all of you
- Seattle Center Foundation will prepare a Draft EIS comment letter which will reflect what we heard today
- Seattle Center and the City of Seattle will take today’s ideas and collate, review and share with Sound Transit
- Resident Organizations – take today’s experiences back to your staff and stakeholders - tell your people!
One-Word Takeaways from Today!