Snohomish County
Light Rail Station Area/Subarea Planning

SCT Planning Advisory Committee
July 12, 2018
Project Synopsis

• Prepare an area of unincorporated Snohomish County for the arrival of light rail.

• Leverage a future of light rail and transit in a way that provides added benefits to the community, and makes light rail safely, conveniently and efficiently accessible by walking, biking, transit and vehicles.

• Joint project between the departments of Planning and Development Services; Public Works; Parks, Recreation and Tourism; and Human Services.

• Coordination with Sound Transit; Community Transit; Everett Transit; the cities of Everett, Lynnwood, Mill Creek, and Mukilteo; and WSDOT.
Project is comprised of two components:

• Station Area Planning
  • 164th St & Interstate 5 (Ash Way)
  • 128th St & Interstate 5 (Mariner)

• Subarea Plan
  • Unincorporated area between the cities of Everett, Lynnwood, Mill Creek and Mukilteo
Station Area Planning

- Identify potential station locations and alignments:
  - Engineering and environmental feasibility of alignment.
  - Start with ST’s “representative alignment”.

- Analyze station location potential:
  - Access for transit, vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles.
  - Land use redevelopment.
  - Market Conditions.
Subarea Planning

- Detailed plan which will include specific policies, regulations and maps.
- Ensures that land use and transportation are integrated.
- Includes both station areas and an unfunded light rail station at Airport Road and State Route 99.
Snohomish County and Sound Transit Timelines

- The county’s planning project is in advance of Sound Transit’s with the intention for it to be incorporated into their process.
- Station planning is preceding subarea planning as it builds on the E-W Corridor Study completed in 2017 which looked at solutions to improve SWIFT reliability and overall congestion management.
- Adoption of the subarea plan in 2023 awaits updating of the regional VISION in 2020 in a way that assigns more growth to unincorporated urban areas with funded light rail stations than is provided under the current regional plan.
- Final decisions on the actual station location and alignment will be made by Sound Transit.
Public Involvement

- Online Open House
  - June 22-July 23

- Online Open House
  - Late Summer

- Online and In Person Open House
  - 1st Quarter 2019

- Subarea Planning Outreach
  - 2019-2020

- 2023 GMA Update Outreach
  - TBD

Stakeholder and one-on-one meetings, Advisory Support Team and project website
Online Open House

- Learn about the project background, purpose and timeline.
- Tell us about the neighborhood, what they like about it and their vision for the future.
- Provide input on what they consider to be the important elements of design for the light rail station areas.
- Help identify and provide feedback on potential project benefits and impacts.
- Find out about public involvement opportunities and how to stay informed.

**When:** June 22 – July 23, 2018  
**Where:** [https://snocolrc.participate.online](https://snocolrc.participate.online)
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Questions?