

West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions

Avalon Neighbors

June 29, 2020



Tonight's Agenda

- ***Responding to your questions:***
 - Timeline and process
 - What are we studying in the EIS?
 - What is the property acquisition process?
 - Other topics: West Seattle Bridge, COVID-19 and Realignment
- ***Questions and Answers***

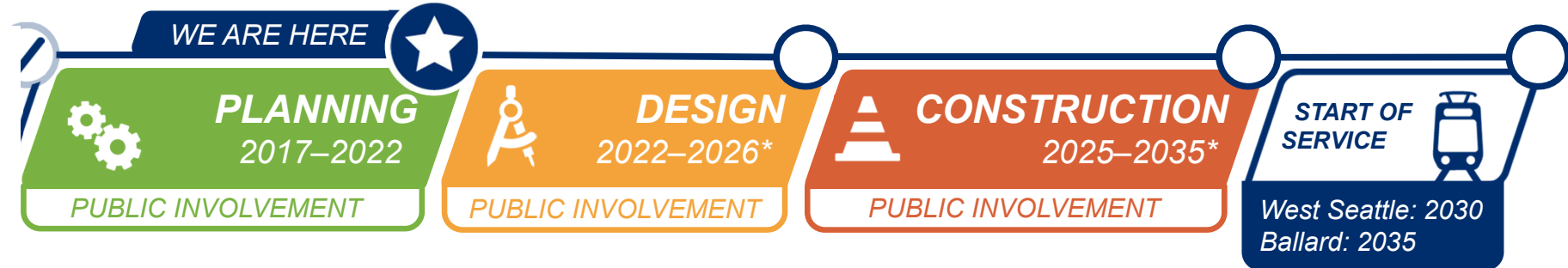
Timeline and process

Questions

- Please walk us through the **EIS study process**
- What was the reasoning for rejecting the **West Seattle Bridge/Fauntleroy Level 1 alternative**?
- What was your plan to **inform our neighborhood** about the Yancy addition and provide time for us to **engage in the process**?
- Is there any **new information** now based on continued study?
- **What is not changeable** at this point ?

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Project timeline



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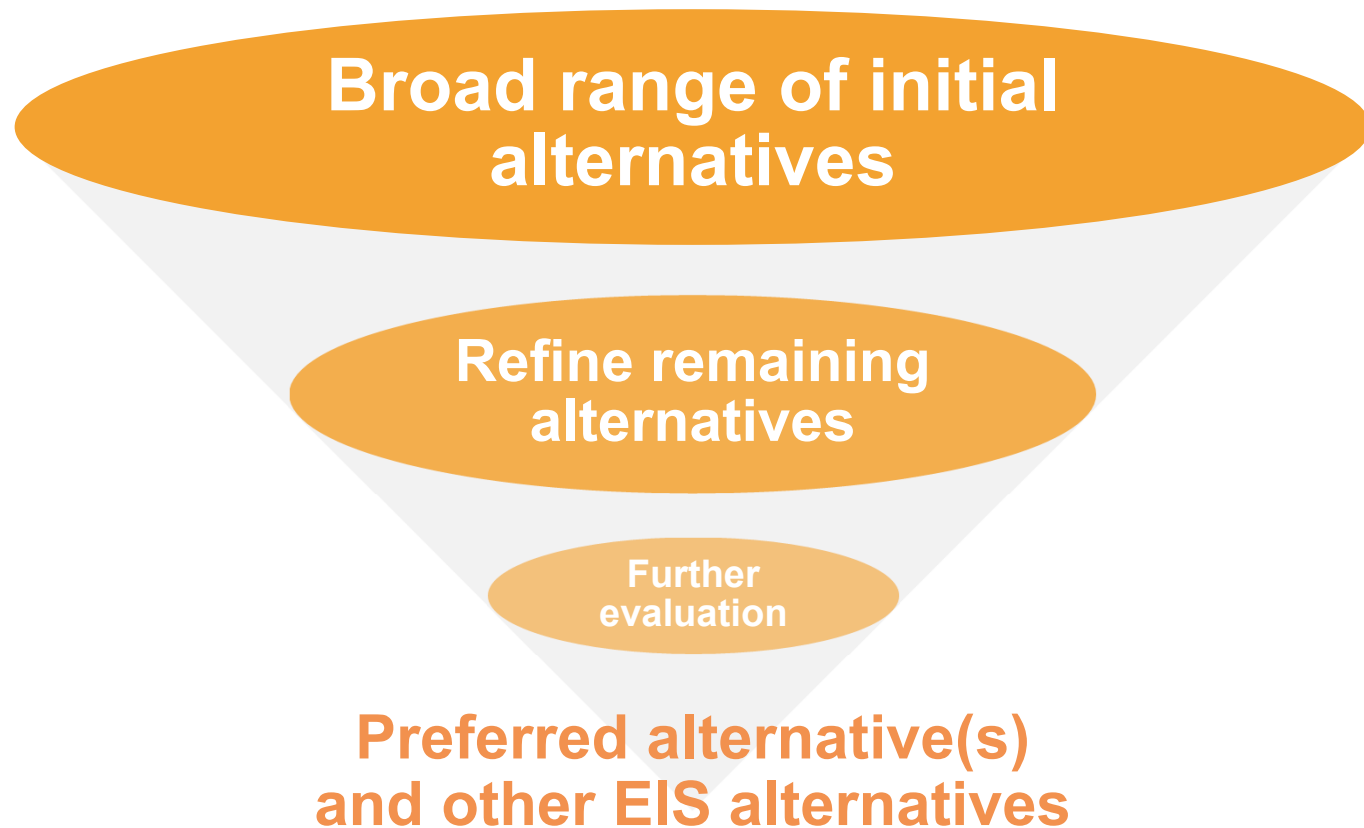
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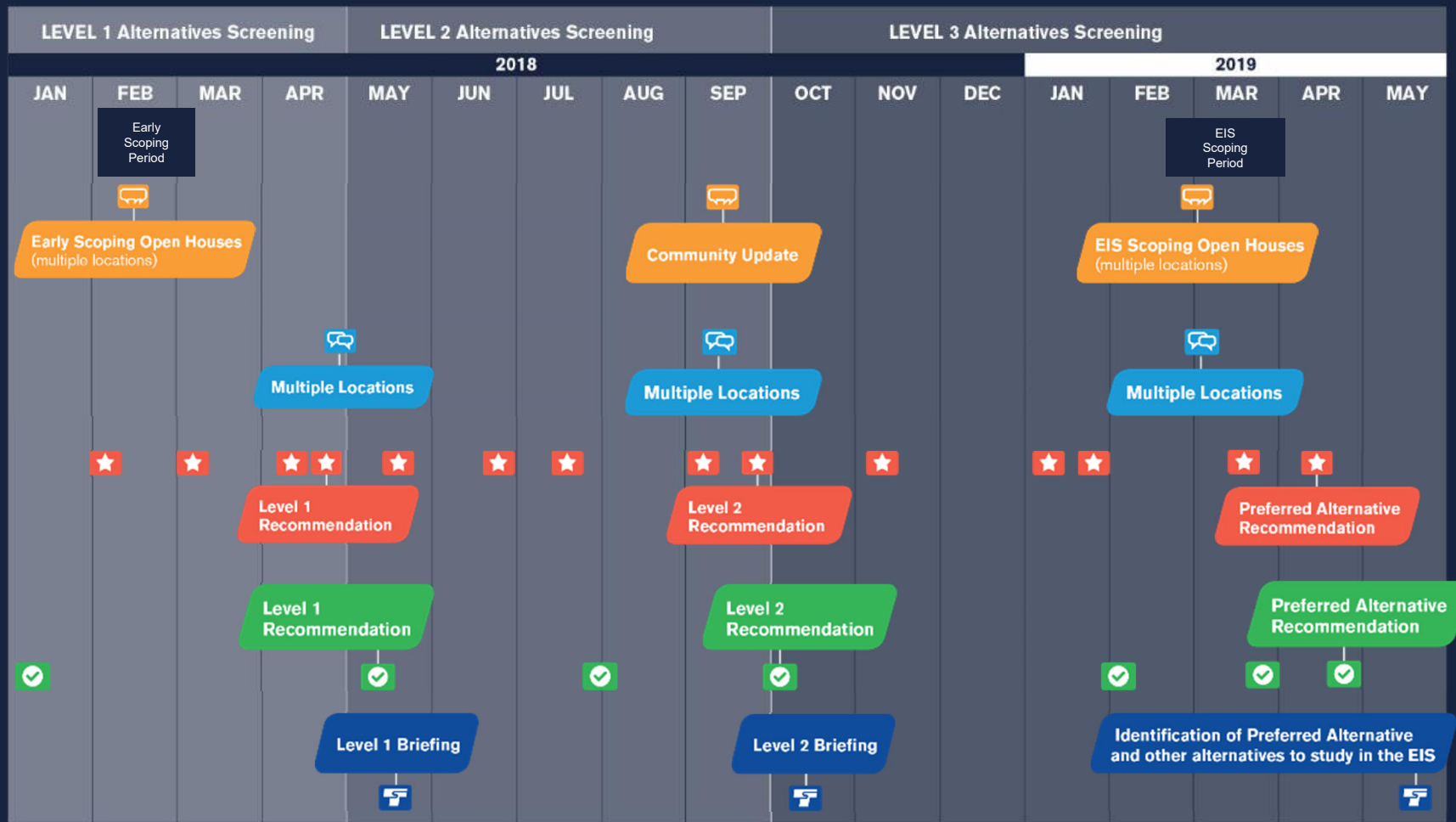
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Alternatives development screening process

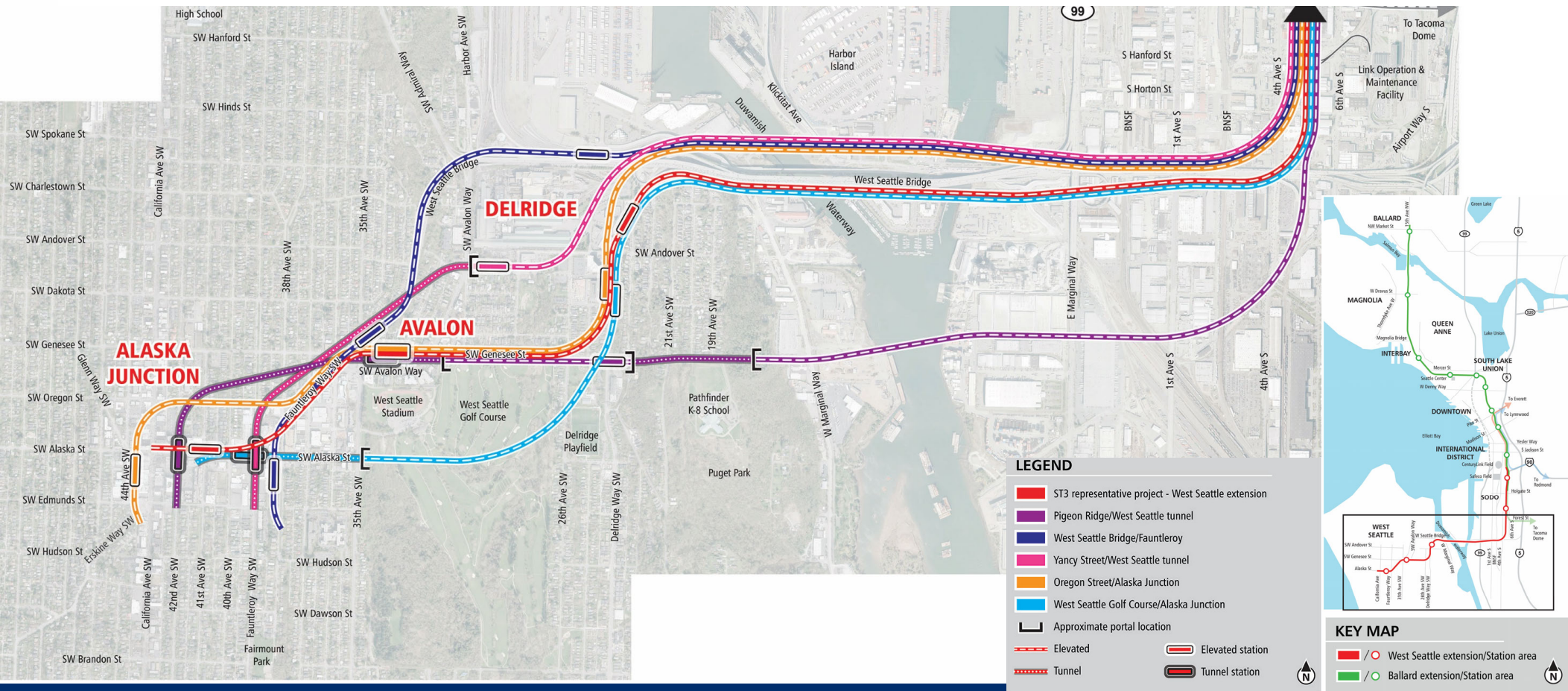


Community engagement and collaboration

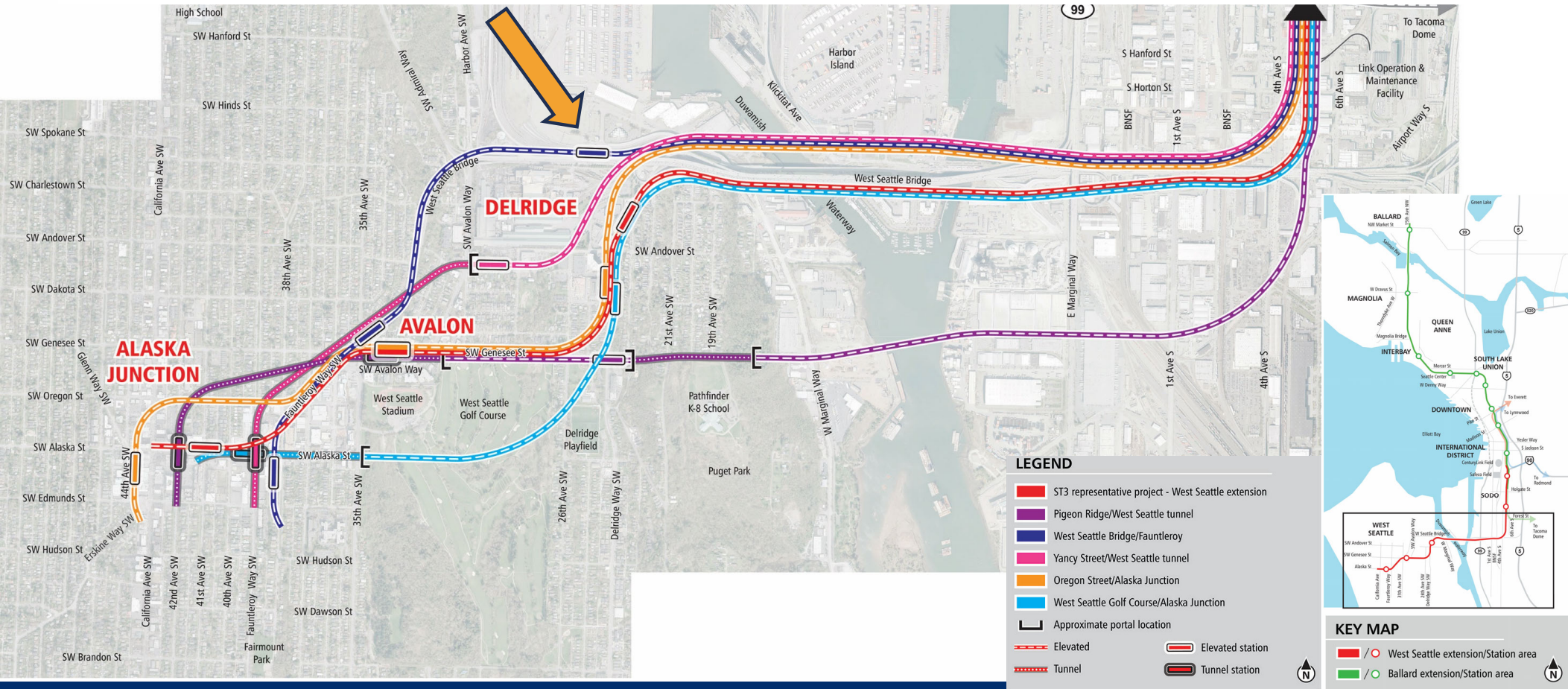


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Level 2 alternatives – West Seattle and Duwamish



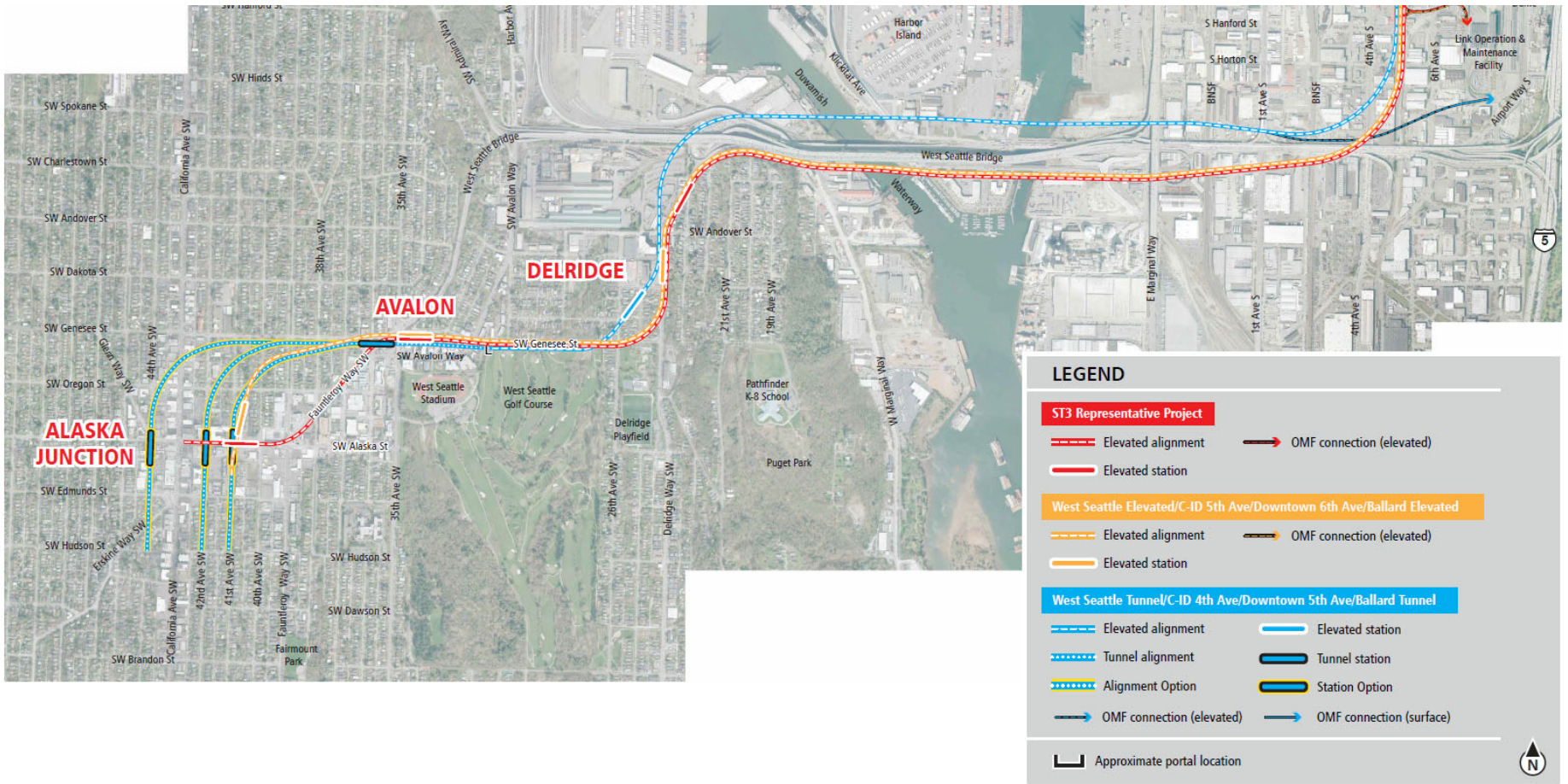
KEY MAP

- Red line with circle: West Seattle extension/Station area
- Green line with circle: Ballard extension/Station area

LEGEND

- Red line: ST3 representative project - West Seattle extension
- Purple line: Pigeon Ridge/West Seattle tunnel
- Orange line: Oregon Street/Alaska Junction/elevated
- Blue line: Golf Course/Alaska Junction/Tunnel
- Brown line: Oregon Street/Alaska Junction/tunnel
- Black line: Approximate portal location
- Red dashed line: Elevated
- Red dotted line: Tunnel
- Red rectangle: Elevated station
- Red circle: Tunnel station

Level 3 alternatives – West Seattle and Duwamish



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Sound Transit Board Motion (May 2019)

- The Board identified preferred alternatives and other alternatives for study in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.
- *“The Board directs staff to conduct an **initial assessment** of the following alternatives, **which were suggested during the scoping period**, to establish whether further detailed study in the Draft EIS is appropriate:*
 - *Yancy/Andover alignment – an alignment along the Yancy/Andover corridor with a Delridge Station serving Youngstown.”*

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How did we inform the neighborhood?

Community Engagement Snapshot

- ✓ *Email updates to project listserv*
- ✓ *Emails to community organizations*
- ✓ *Community briefings and meetings*
- ✓ *Media briefing*
- ✓ *Fairs, festivals, farmers markets*
- ✓ *Door-to-door flyering*
- ✓ *Online open house*

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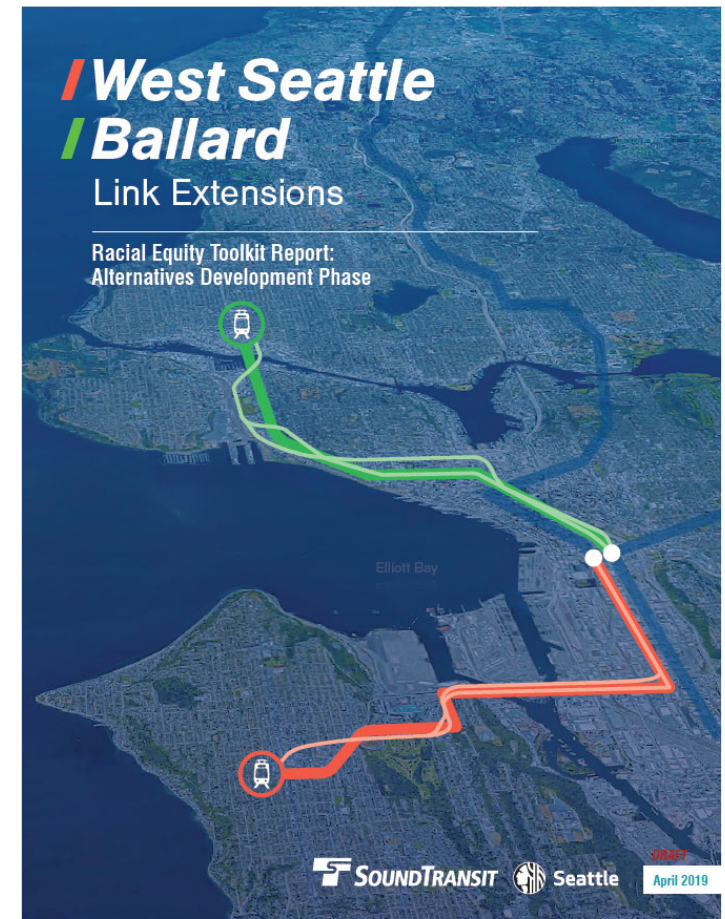
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Board action – mid 2021

To inform Board's action:

- DEIS technical analysis
- Community feedback
- Racial Equity Toolkit



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Draft EIS alternatives

What we're studying in this phase

- Preferred Alternatives
- Preferred Alternatives with Third-Party Funding
- Other Draft EIS alternatives



***What are we studying in the
EIS?***

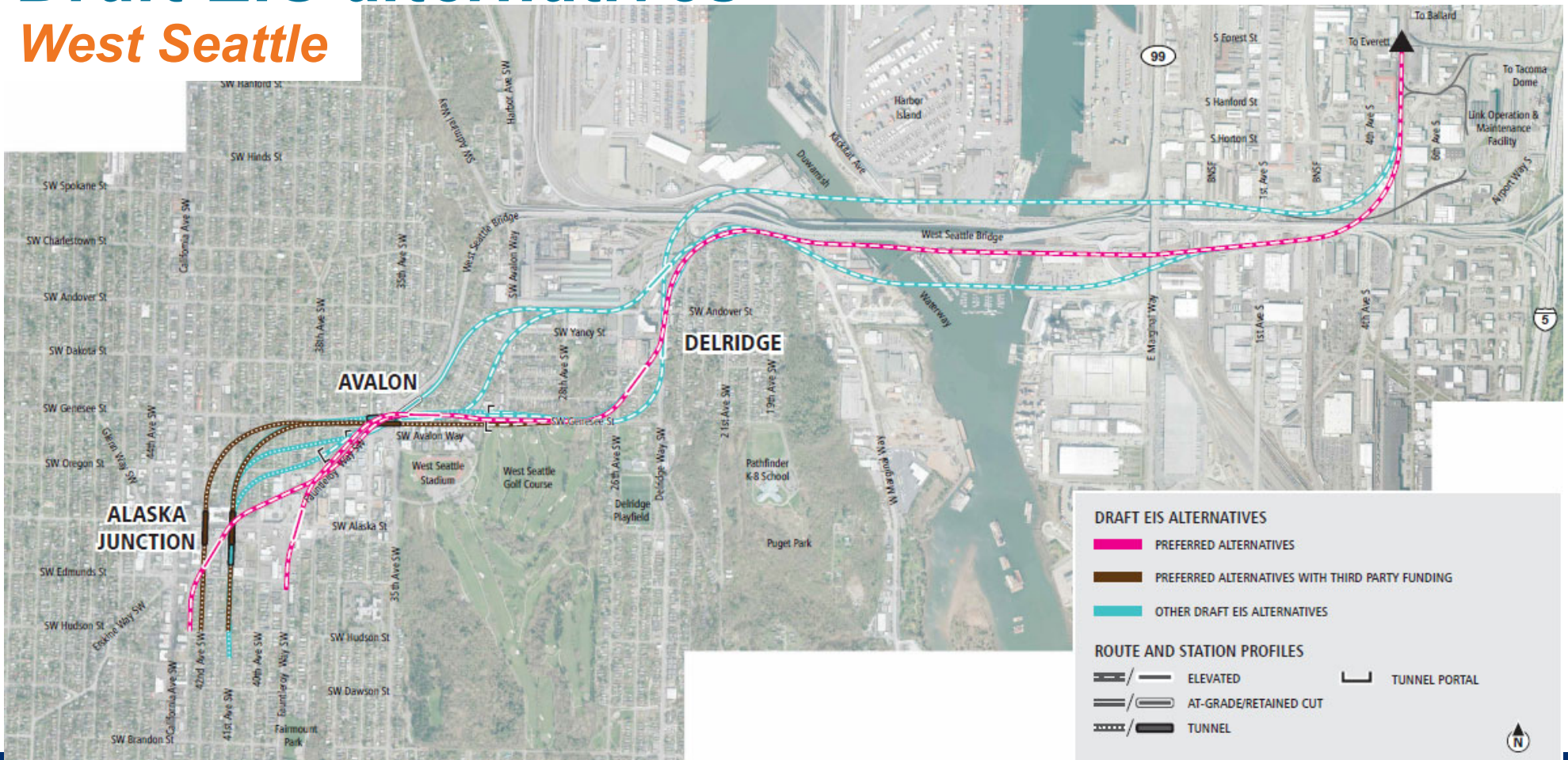
Questions

- *What is included in the **EIS study** for West Seattle? Can scope be added / deleted?*
- *Are **at-grade options** being considered in West Seattle for cost savings?*
- *Does Sound Transit favor the route to the **north or south of the existing West Seattle High Bridge?***

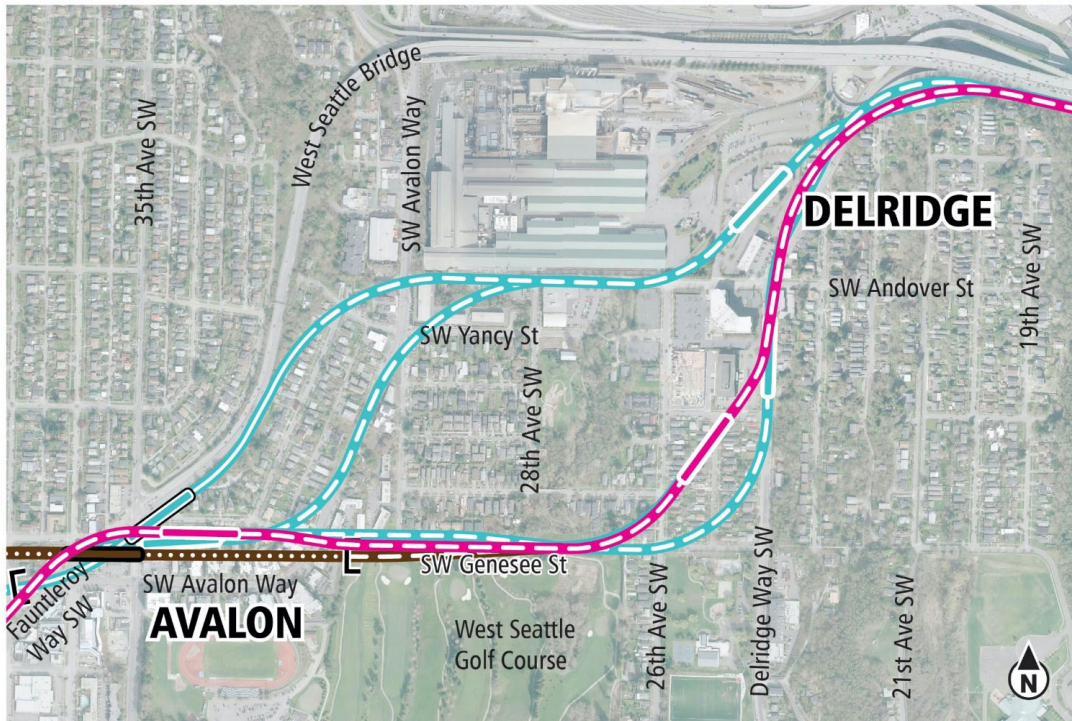
Avalon / Delridge alternatives

Draft EIS alternatives

West Seattle



Draft EIS alternatives *Delridge*



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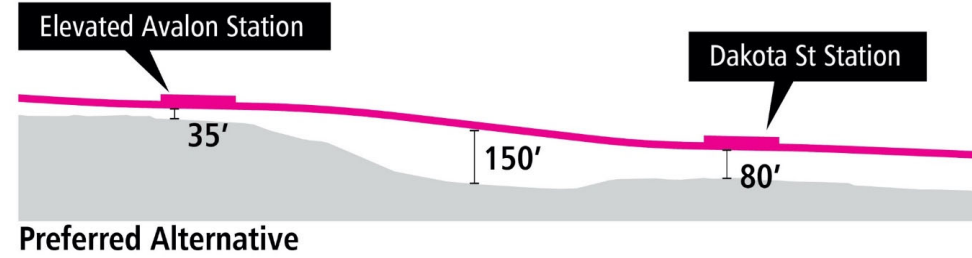
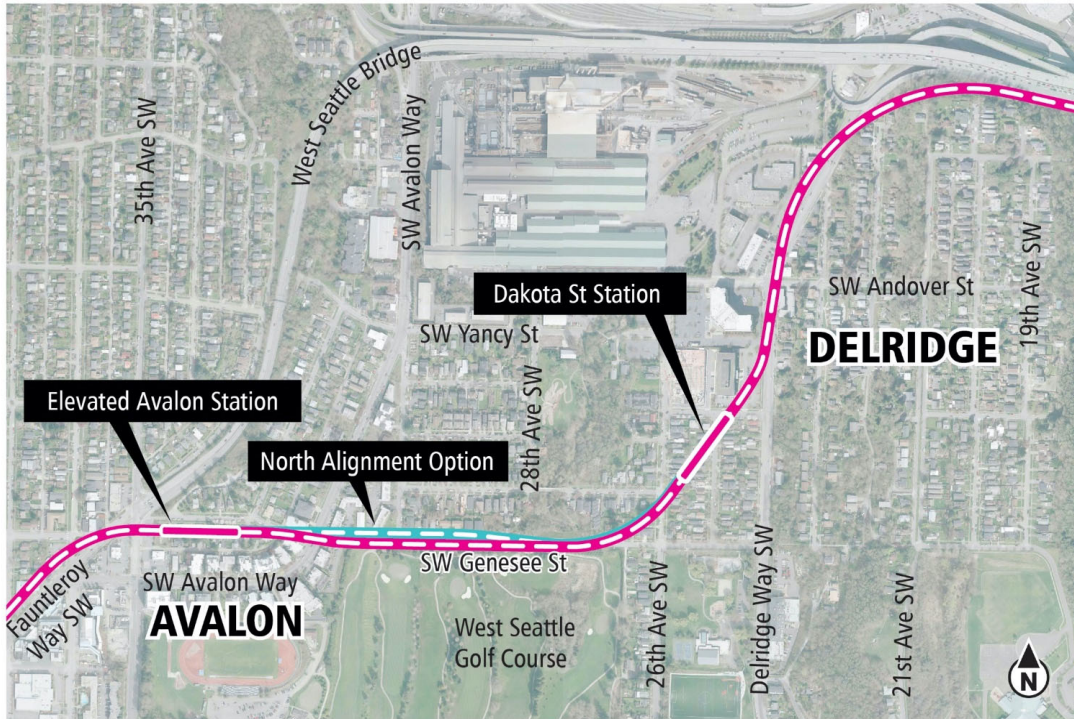
- PREFERRED ALTERNATIVES
- PREFERRED ALTERNATIVES WITH THIRD PARTY FUNDING
- OTHER DRAFT EIS ALTERNATIVES

ROUTE AND STATION PROFILES

	ELEVATED		TUNNEL PORTAL
	AT-GRADE		
	TUNNEL		

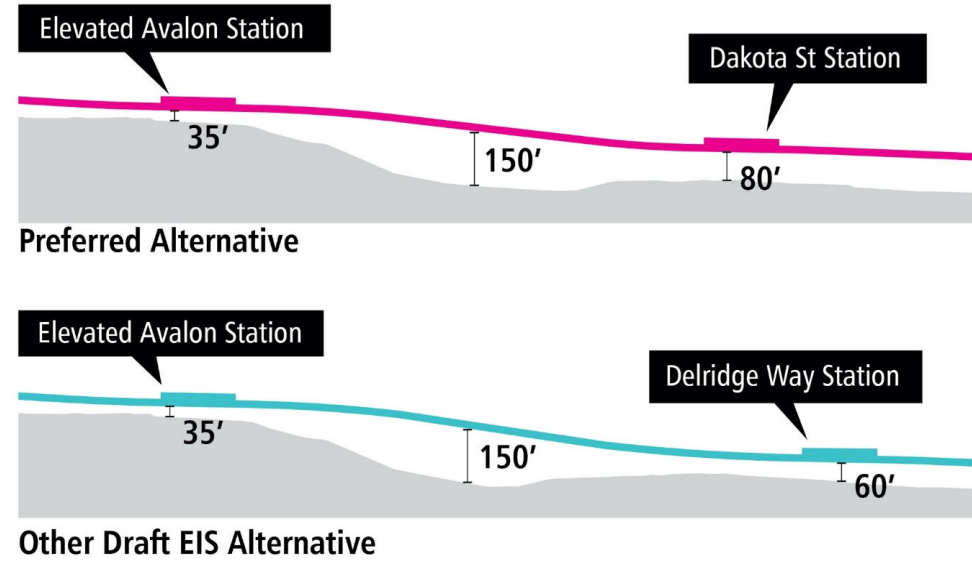
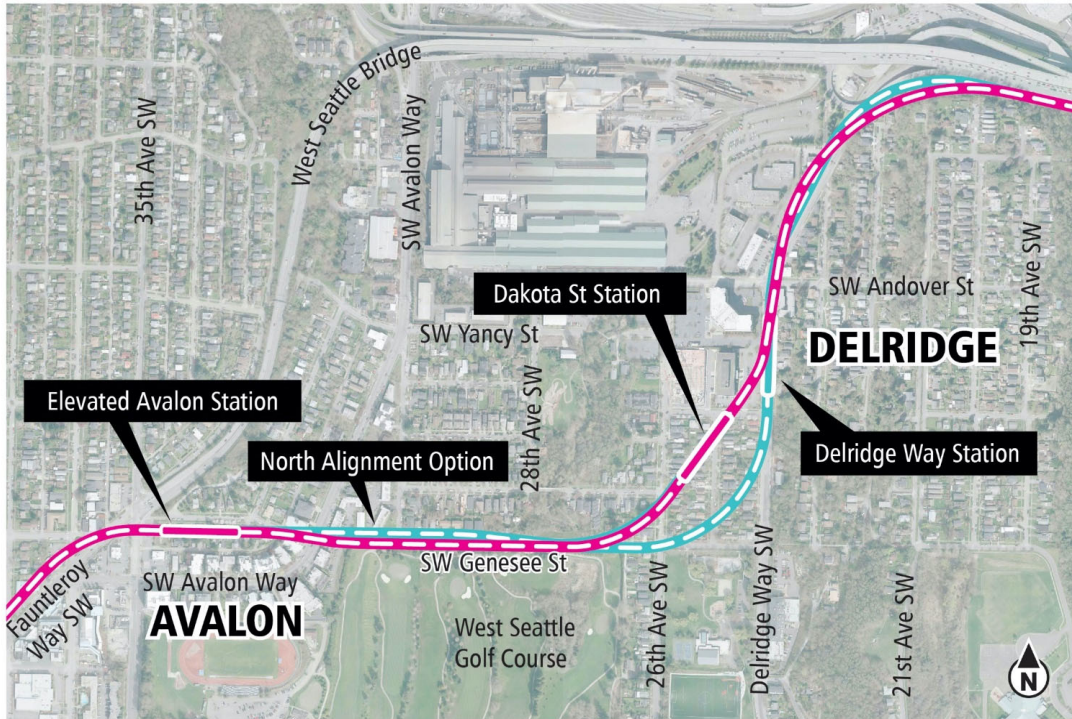
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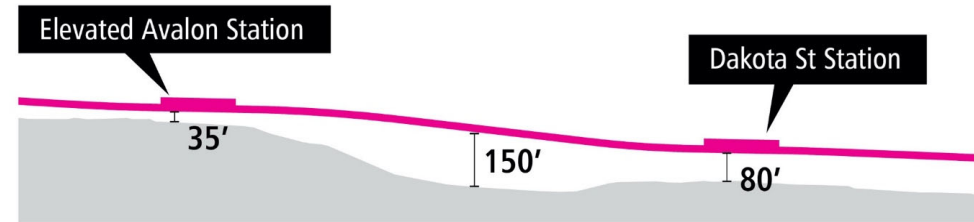
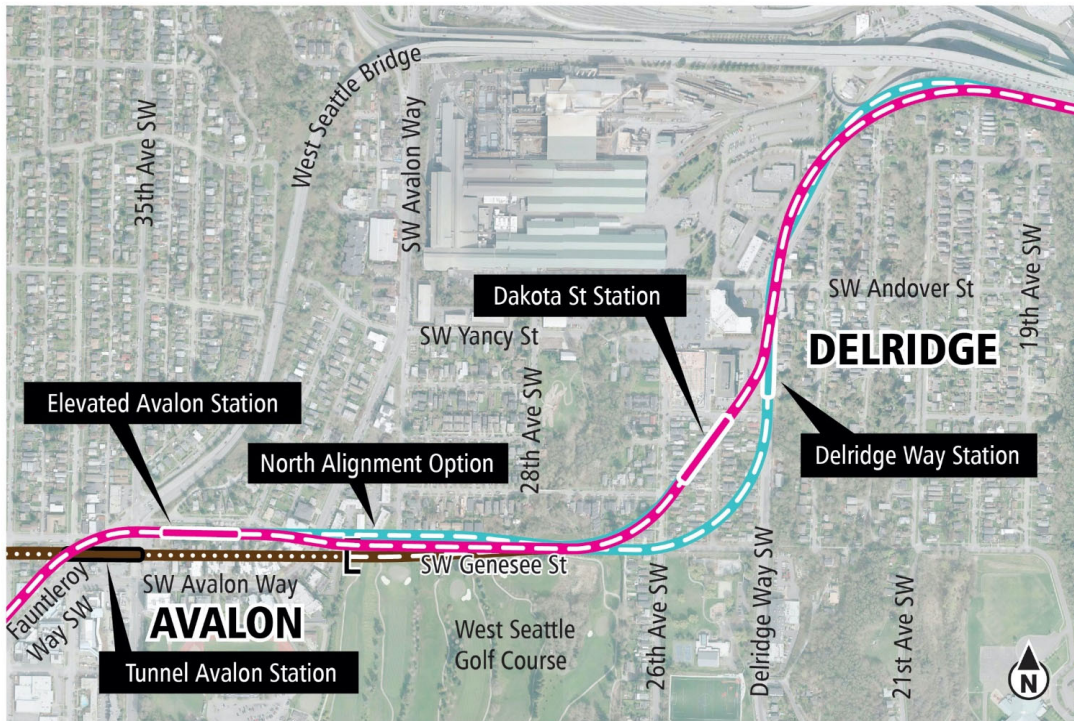
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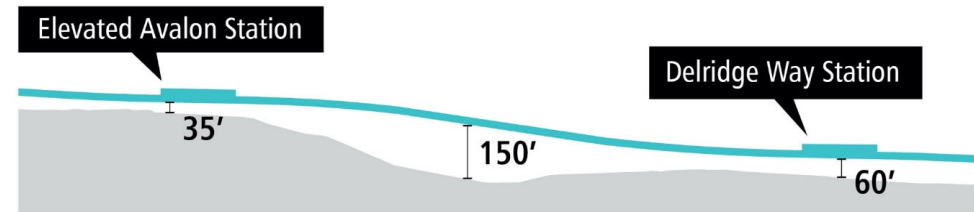


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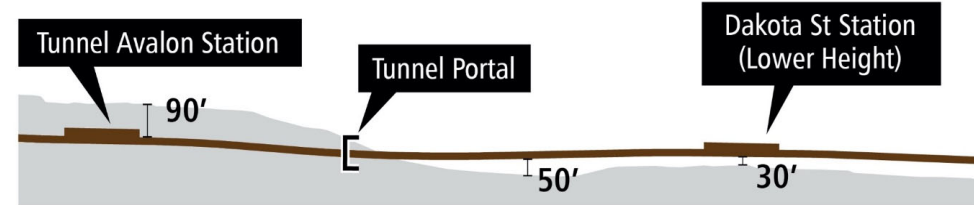
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Preferred Alternative



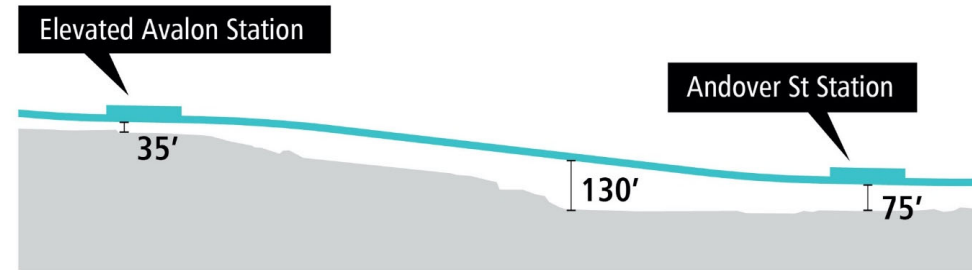
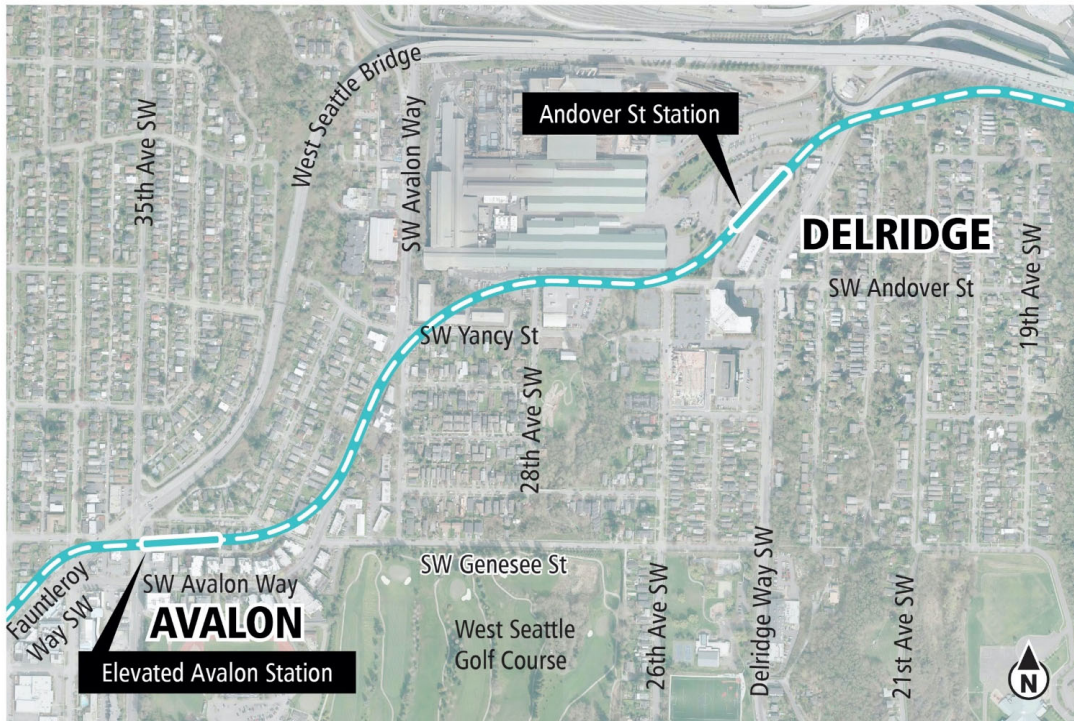
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Preferred Alternative with Third Party Funding

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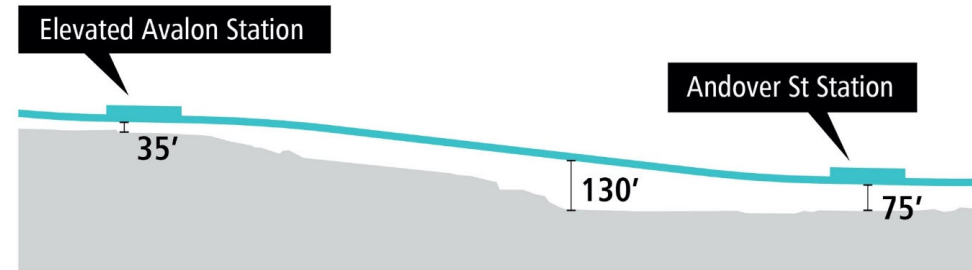
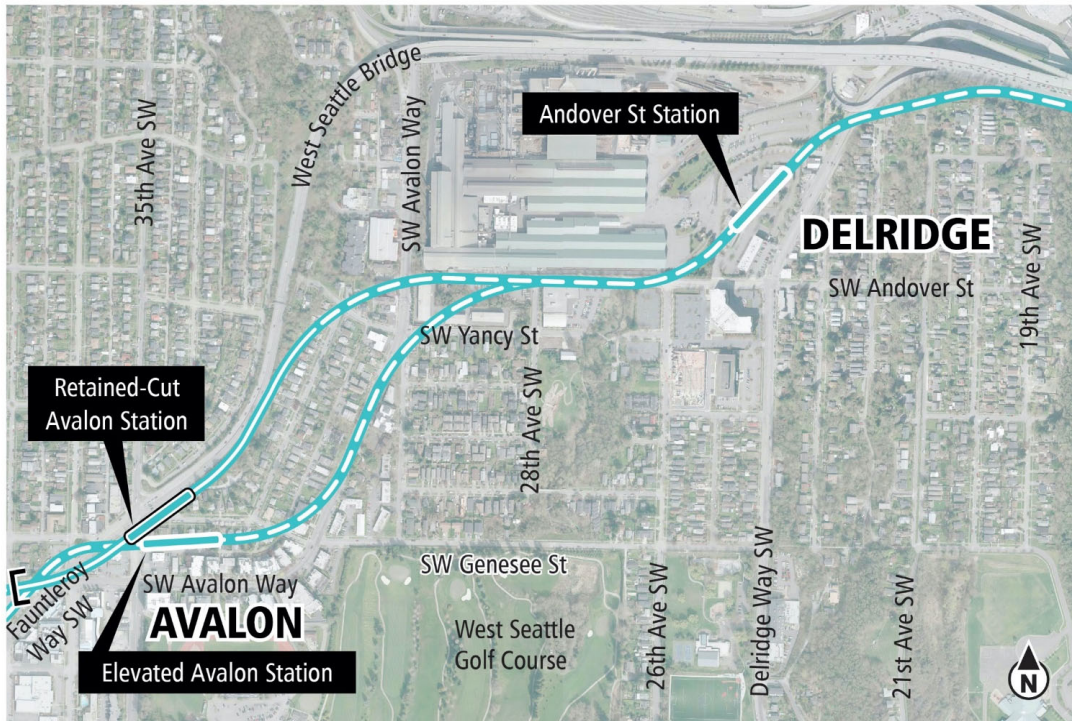
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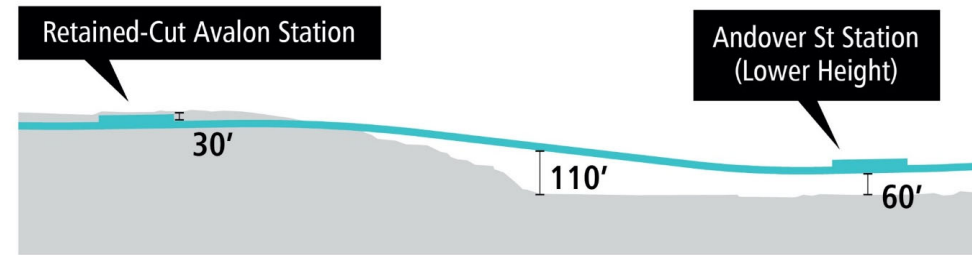
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So, what's an Environmental Impact Statement?

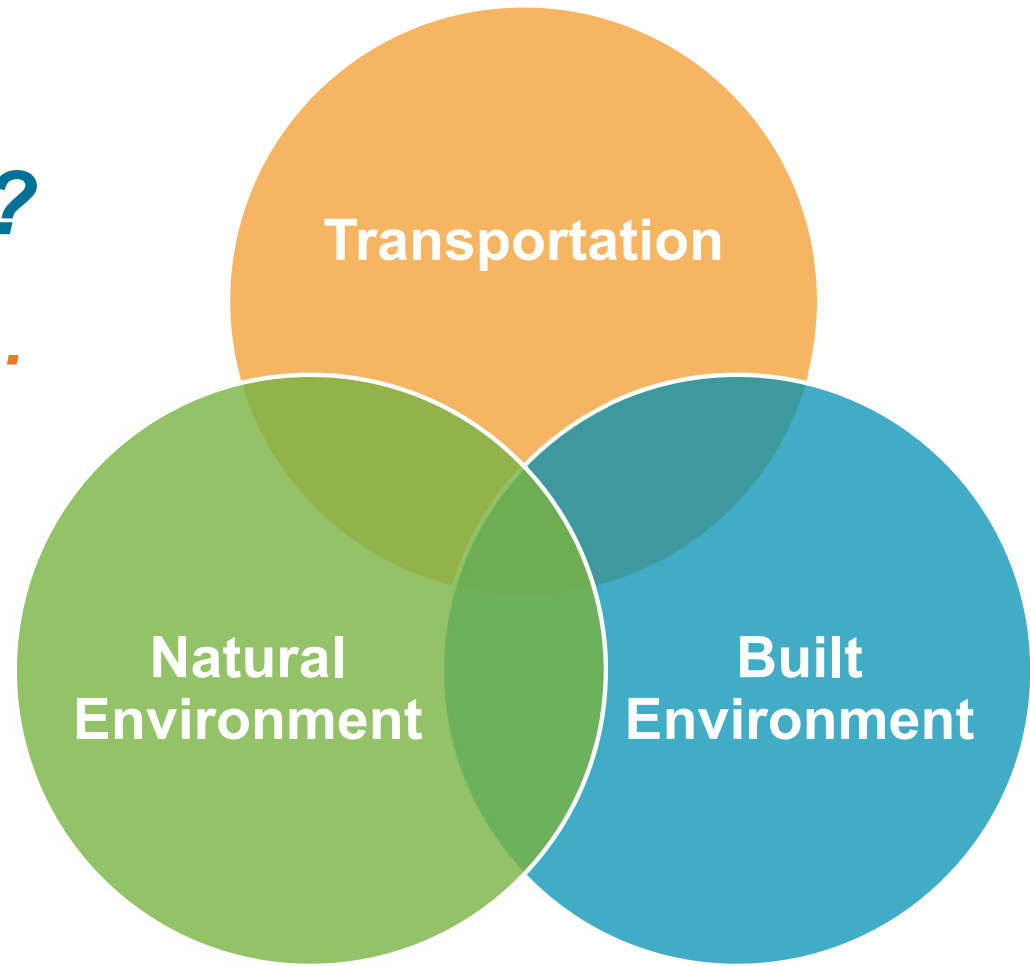
Or, "EIS" for short.

Provides agencies and the public an understanding of environmental consequences and assists in decision-making.

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- ✓ Scope
 - ✓ Range of alternatives
 - ✓ Potential impacts
 - ✓ Potential mitigation

What is typically studied in an EIS?

How a project affects...



EIS studies:

Transportation impacts

- ✓ Ridership
- ✓ Transit operations
- ✓ Regional and local traffic
- ✓ Non-motorized facilities and modes
- ✓ Freight movement
- ✓ Marine navigation
- ✓ Parking

EIS studies:

Natural environment impacts

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- ✓ Air quality and greenhouse gas emissions
 - ✓ Ecosystems and fish and wildlife habitat
 - ✓ Water resources
 - ✓ Geology and soils

EIS studies:

Built environment impacts

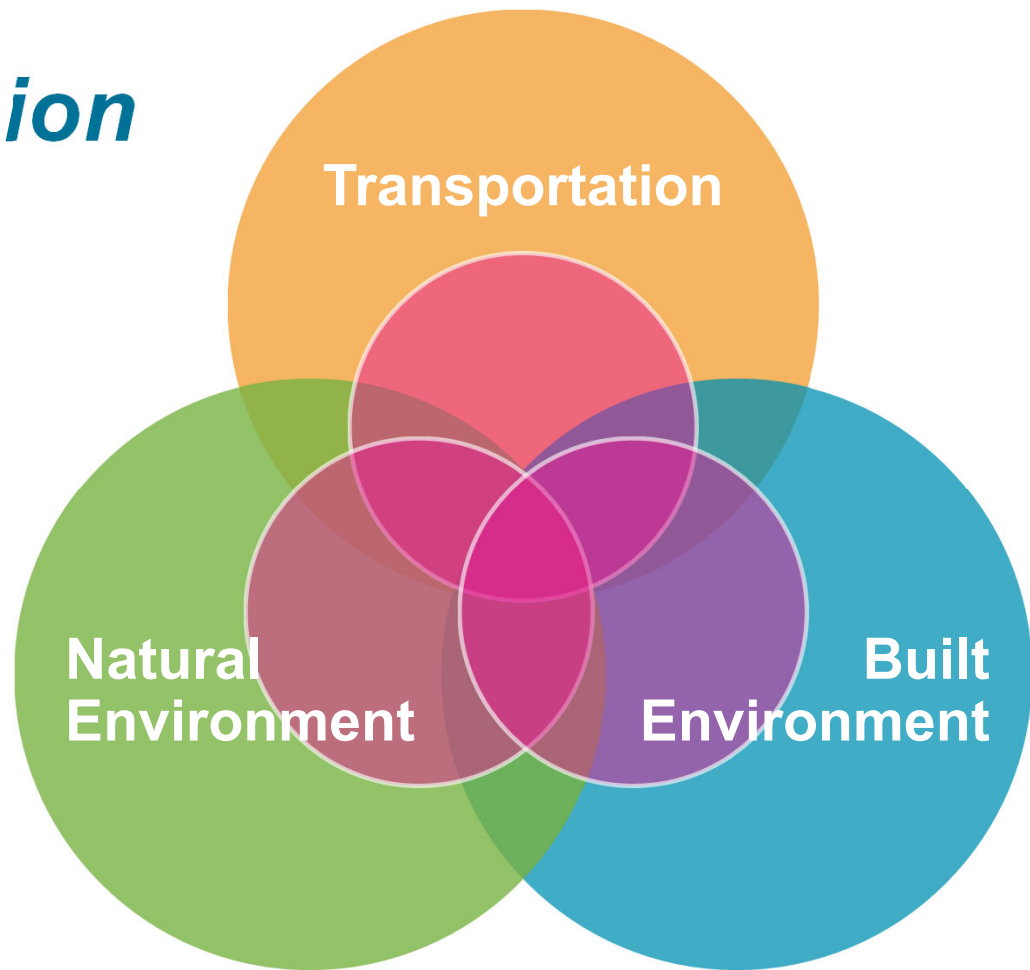
- ✓ Noise and vibration
- ✓ Economic effects
- ✓ Visual resources
- ✓ Parks resources
- ✓ Land use
- ✓ Acquisitions, displacements and relocations

EIS studies: Built environment impacts

- ✓ Energy use
- ✓ Hazardous materials
- ✓ Public services / utilities
- ✓ Impacts on low income and minority populations
- ✓ Cultural, historic and archaeological resources
- ✓ Neighborhoods and community facilities

Equity and inclusion

Environmental justice focus within each area of the EIS



EIS studies: ***Environmental justice***

- ✓ Describes demographics
- ✓ Evaluates whether project disproportionately impacts minority and low-income communities
- ✓ Considers potential project benefits such as improved access to opportunity
- ✓ Documents what we hear from outreach efforts

Outreach to potentially affected properties



Before DEIS publication (late 2020)

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***What is the property
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Acquisition / relocation process



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During final design (2022-2026)*

- › Sound Transit *identifies full / partial acquisitions*
- › Sound Transit Board *authorizes property purchases*
- › Sound Transit will *prepare an appraisal* to determine fair market value of property needed for the project
- › Sound Transit will provide *full relocation services* to people and businesses displaced by the project, including referrals to comparable properties and payment of moving costs
- › Sound Transit *staff are available to support property owners and tenants* through this process

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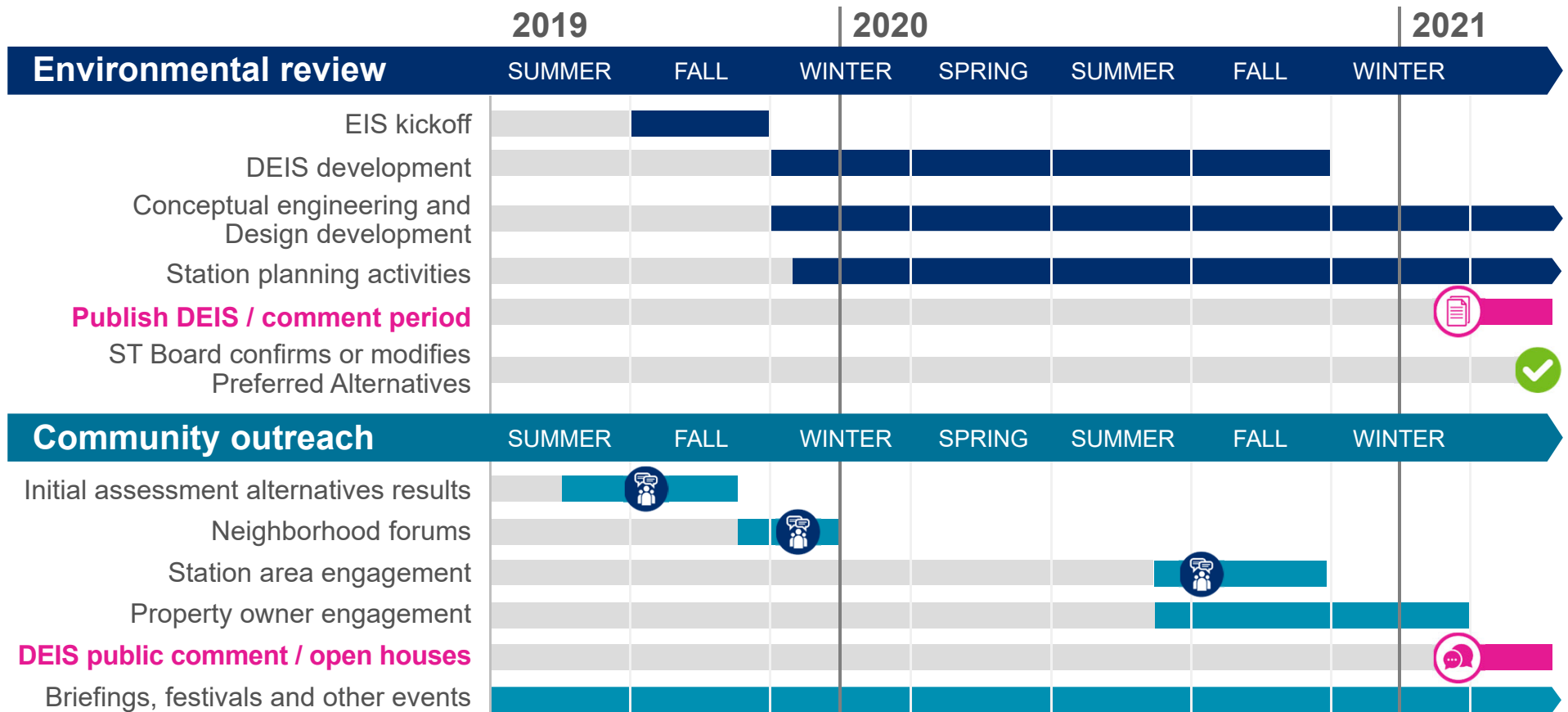
- How does the **acquisition process** work? How is property value assessed?
- How should our neighborhood evaluate any plans for **investing in our properties** over the next several years?
- When are the letters being mailed out to **inform property owners of potential acquisition**?

Other topics

Questions

- *Will Sound Transit be willing to join with City of Seattle with options for the West Seattle Bridge?*
- *How is the study taking into consideration COVID and the West Seattle Bridge being closed?*

Community outreach and collaboration



Questions

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