

Open House Comments (Feb. 28)

Union Station Open House 02/28/2012

Albert Pong		Taxpayer	
Why is rail being imposed on Broadway, Yesler, and Jackson. Rail Cannot detour and must be at least a 100 times more expensive than rubber tired vehicles if there is a call for aid car or cordoning off of streets by police. Why should the tax payer be driven into [?] by the intermittent traffic clogging[?] service. This is an intolerable boondoggle.			

Xander Barbor			
Review operating hours on Sunday. Needs to run later. There is a large need for the Downtown and Aloha extensions. Pressure the WSDOT to contribute as promised to the construction of a 1 st Avenue line.			

Jacob Struiksmma			
Blind person. Problem with current line—need in Braille at stations when train is running [and] route information. Tactile map would be great to have.			

Brett Youngstrom		Citizen	
Nice job on the open house materials and outreach. I'd like to see estimates for travel time along the line. A grid would be nice (all stops, all possible trip times) but even end to end and from the middle would be nice. Thank you!			

Gordon Werner			
Currently on Sundays First Hill is cut off from Capitol Hill (transitwise) around 7-8pm when the [?] stops operating. It would be great if the FHS could operate until at least 9pm on Sundays so people can go out to eat on Capitol Hill and still have transit available without having to go downtown first.			

James S. McIntosh		All Aboard Washington	
I am still fairly disappointed that there is NO station in front of King Street Station. The two stations are two block walks from King Street Station. Currently thousands use that station every year with more—perhaps explosive growth expected as gas comes into shorter and shorter supply. For common users, the elderly, the handicapped, and tourists, a close by station is a real benefit. Most cities throughout the world have a local transit station right at the major rail station.			

Robert Scheuermay		Light Rail Transit Ass.	
Great job Ethan and the rest of the crew. This line will set a world standard of great design. Thanks for your good work.			

Mark D Blitzer			
Sunday hours should be to <u>at least</u> 9pm. 7pm is much too early, especially in the summer. South Lake Union Line – S – the end hours should be extended past 9pm, especially given future increased ridership due to SLU park and MOHAI. Pay kiosks at SLU line should be equalized. Now outside (station) kiosks take credit cards and coins but not bills. Pay first stations inside can take bills but not credit cards. Confusing to first-time riders.			

Richard Donovan			
Requests ASL interpreter for next open house on March 7. Call Erin Baretich. Interpreter Skills, Inc. (206) 782-6000 (206) 465-5570			

Attachment A – Open House Comments (Feb. 28)

Jeffrey Cook		Citizen	
Will this streetcar utilize the Orca fare card? Will it cost additional to transfer between light rail and streetcar?			

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Lawrence Smith		12 th Ave Pedestrian Improvement volunteer	
<p>Thanks for the open house. Well-presented graphic displays. I still get the feeling it looks great on paper but not working so well when finished and operational.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broadway and Pine has single lane for rail and auto. Where do autos go to clear a path for emergency vehicles? 2. At peak hours, can Broadway be bus and train only like 3rd Ave downtown is? 3. Trains need priority at streetlights!! 			
Scott Amick			
<p>Please spend/budget the money it takes to do high-quality signal preemption. The SLUT appears to have a cheaper system which doesn't quickly change signals in favor of the streetcar AND it's too cheap to return traffic lights to where they were in the cycle before the signal preemption. (Worst case is Valley/Fairview/Eastlake intersection) really long N-S green lights instead of smarter, shorter signals and sensors. Thanks! Scott</p>			
Andrea Clinkscales		Sound Transit	
<p>Concern about bicycle box at Jackson and 12th—notes their usefulness in separating cyclists from vehicles but may be incorrectly used at this intersection. Suggests considering a box on Jackson at the top of the hill so that left-turning cyclists don't have to use crosswalk onto 12th. Concerned about high volume of pedestrians at this intersection.</p>			
Jon Morgan		Pedestrian Advisory Board	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wondering if lighting in plazas will conform to Ped Lighting Plans being developed? Doesn't look Dark Sky compliant 2. Who will own and maintain the lights and plazas –SDOT? DPD? Parks? SCL? 3. Original schedule had construction starting late 2011 and service starting fall 2013. Why the delay? 4. Thought Broadway would be reduced to 2 lanes (not 3) and bikeway would be built up to Aloha. Why the change? 5. What signal, signage, and design changes will be made to Broadway to facilitate bike movements at intersections and to prevent bike/ped collisions at stops? 6. Why stop at 7pm Sundays and holidays? Link runs until midnight Sunday 7. Is SDOT working to redeploy duplicating Metro service? (e.g. 9) 8. Did neighborhood concerns on 8th Ave tail[?] track get resolved? 			
Tim Whittome			
<p>Likes the route and design elements for station. Hope 5 have poster[?] art, landscaping, and lighting at the station. Glad it's finally starting!! ☺ Glad you will be going into Pioneer Square!</p>			
Mike Orr			
<p>Great to see the bicycle lanes and planting strips. Keep 10-minute frequency! Too bad about no evening service on Sundays.</p>			

Open House Comments (March 7)

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Dana Phelan		Washington Hall/Historic Seattle	
<p>Very excited that the streetcar will stop 1-½ blocks from Washington Hall, a community event/performance venue being rehabbed by Historic Seattle. I'm interested in stop design and opportunities to incorporate public art and information about the neighborhood, as well as directional information that lets folks know where to find Washington Hall.</p>			
Justin Kuxhaus			
<p>Questions 1) Will there be parking changes on side streets near Broadway during construction? 2) Will there be a designated or posted detour for Broadway during construction?</p>			
Gary Burnapp		Individual	
<p>Looking forward to the project. I'd support and urge the City of Seattle to support efforts to extend the streetcar north on Broadway to Aloha vicinity, so that the entire business and residential district is covered. Thanks for the presentation.</p>			
Bill Bumpass			
<p>I understand the north terminus on Broadway will be one block south of the entrance to the Link tunnel - - DUMB! It looks as if we do not have a coordinated transit system. There must be some way to extend the tracks one more block to allow an easier transfer between the two.</p>			
David Shelton			
<p>I'm concerned about the safety of bicyclists traveling westbound on Jackson as they cross the streetcar tracks which are turning from Jackson onto 14th Ave. What is the plan to make sure that crossing is safe? I would recommend signage directing bicyclists to use the crosswalk across 14th on the north side of Jackson so that they cross the tracks at a perpendicular angle or paint the bike lane to curve to the right in order to cross the tracks at a perpendicular angle.</p>			
<p>Possible Response: David emailed me with request to see Bike Presentation PP – Ethan is working on this</p>			
Karl Swenson			
<p>I'm a big supporter of this project & believe it will be an asset to the communities served. However, the Aloha extension is critical and must be pursued now not later. It makes no sense to leave out the main portion of the Broadway retail corridor. Additionally, adding a streetcar terminus at the busiest intersection on Capitol Hill is only asking for traffic and safety concerns.</p>			
Sean Peterfreund		Jacobs Associates – Engineering	
<p>I understand the 14th jog is to serve more areas and avoid the 60" water main on 12th. But it will all but eliminate end-to-end riders. The result add 5 minutes to the ride as opposed to Boren-12th Ave. I will walk to save time and money</p> <p>Attachment A – Open House Comments (March 7)</p>			
Heidi Aulenbach			
<p>Enjoyed attending the community gathering March 7th and met with Bob the project manager. I am deaf and low vision. Feedback: Install display (visual) with amber color light lettering. Install tactile signals for crossing streets along streetcar route. Thank you :)</p>			
Laura Morris		University of Washington	
<p>A total waste of money. It presents no advantage over the current bus system. A bicycle lane down Broadway??? It is the main route for all the ambulances headed for the hospitals in the immediate area.</p>			

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Kristin O'Donnell		Yesler Terrace Community Council	
1) Need translation of construction alerts in Amharic and Oromo. 2) Why bikeways on south end of Broadway (with fairly steep hill) for N/S traffic 12 th is more or less level 3) What business/residential density will 14 th Ave stop serve? ***4) AND Thank you! For the commitment to forgo night construction in areas without trolley wires!			
Jack Schwaegler		Michael Baker Jr. Inc	
Could I get a copy of the schedule (construction timeline board) electronically? (Jessica said it could be emailed). <u>Nice presentation!</u> Good informative boards, lots of staff willing to answer questions. Good choice of venue.			
Patrick Arnold		Self – Live in ID Chinatown	
I use monorail tunnels and streetcar to (???) Alliance Area. I would like to see connection with this streetcar to 5 th /6 th & Pike.			
Shannon Britton		Grounds Manager at Seattle U	
I would like to be kept in the loop re: all construction impacts to the SU campus grounds including water shutdowns, power shutdowns, construction scheduling, landscape design, any other public meetings. Thank you.			
Ann Boles		Community Member	
Curious about Art and adornment. How are local artists being included in the loop of community involvement? Also I wonder about parking arrangements for residents who will experience an impact due to construction. Will there be displacement of residents due to construction and location needs of development>			
Greg McKnight			
Awesome project. Will be a great connection from two dense areas with limited N/S connection currently. I do hope grants/funding can be found for the Aloha extension! Attachment A – Open House Comments (March 7)			
John Sewell			
Thanks for the open house. The boards were very informative. I appreciated the people on hand to answer questions. I look forward to the completed project!			
Liesl Zappler		Swedish Medical Center	
Please send me landscape plans for the Broadway station. Please send me the Alternate Routes for Cyclists map.			
Tina Ethridge			
Better way of handling the fare on the train. It was a dreadful experience trying to get the change into the appropriate thing (slot). You should incorporate using the metro pass into the system.			
Mike Fleming		Landscape Architect	
I am a resident of Capitol Hill and will use the streetcar – more so if ORCA is accepted and if the Aloha extension is included. I also support a future extension along waterfront to the Sculpture Park.			
Adam Drake		WA State Deaf-Blind Citizens, Inc.	
The textured strips should be extended from the island stations to edge of crosswalks between bikeway and street. This will enable the visual loss people be alerted of the streetcar rails since the rails are not thick as Link Light Rail. I represent the community where several of people from our organization living in Capitol Hill.			