Meeting purpose

• Review feedback received at April workshops
• Share final platform designs and address comments from April
• Answer questions about platform designs
• Present information about final design and what to expect
City of Tacoma priorities

- Safety is the top priority for the project
- Working collaboratively with ST so they build a project that will suit the needs of businesses and residents
- Excited about the end result and how it will enhance the quality of life in Tacoma
Pierce Transit priorities

- Good multi-modal connectivity, i.e. bus-to-train and bike-to-bus conveniences
- Platform locations that minimize distances for transfers between bus and rail
- Minimizing potential conflicts between bikes and buses where paths intersect
- ADA accessibility
- Design elements that promote safe bus operations when entering and exiting traffic at bus zone locations
- Preserving stops and route segments where demand for bus service remains strong
Hilltop platform selection process

August 2015
City Council request
Council asks Sound Transit to identify alternate platform locations at:
- 6th and 11th on Martin Luther King Jr. Way
- Stadium District

Fall 2015
30% design and public feedback
- Hosts public open house in December 2015 to share 30% designs

Mar.-Apr. 2016
Platform design and public feedback
- Sound Transit develops new platform design options
- Sound Transit and City host two workshops to gather feedback on platform options

May-June 2016
Platform selection and public meetings
- City selects platform locations in consultation with Pierce Transit and Sound Transit and following review of comments
- Sound Transit and City hold two public meetings to share results
What we heard in April

Top priorities
• Safe conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers
• On-street parking
• Pedestrian accessibility
• Convenient bus stops
• Traffic flow

Participants shared mixed preferences:
• Slightly more preference for side platforms at MLK Jr. Way & 6th
• Majority preferred side platforms at MLK Jr. Way & 11th
• Some support for center platform since it preserves parking and is better for bicyclists
Hilltop platform decision

The City selected the elongated center platform option at both locations.

*Why the center platform?*

- **Safety:**
  - Provides queue space behind train
  - Creates pedestrian refuge at crosswalk
  - Eliminates pinch point for bikes
- **Parking:** Preserves current parking
- **Bus stops:** Close to bus stops
MLK Jr. Way/6th Ave center platform
MLK Jr. Way/11th St. center platform

- Restores approximately 3 parking spaces compared to side platform
- Station platform
- Bus stop remains
- Restores approximately 9 parking spaces compared to side platform
- Bus stop remains
What happens in final design?

During final design, Sound Transit will:

- Develop station designs
- Conduct field work
- Refine the construction schedule
- Incorporate art
- Identify architectural elements
- Coordinate permits

Opportunities for input:

- Station naming
- Business construction mitigation
- Station design
- Screening of Traction Power Substations
- Artwork (STart)
Questions?
Thank you!