



**SOUND TRANSIT**

Tacoma Link Expansion  
Hilltop Platform Meeting  
June 15, 2016

# 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 & 6<sup>th</sup>
- Majority preferred side platforms at MLK Jr. Way & 11<sup>th</sup>
- Some support for center platform since it preserves parking and is better for bicyclists



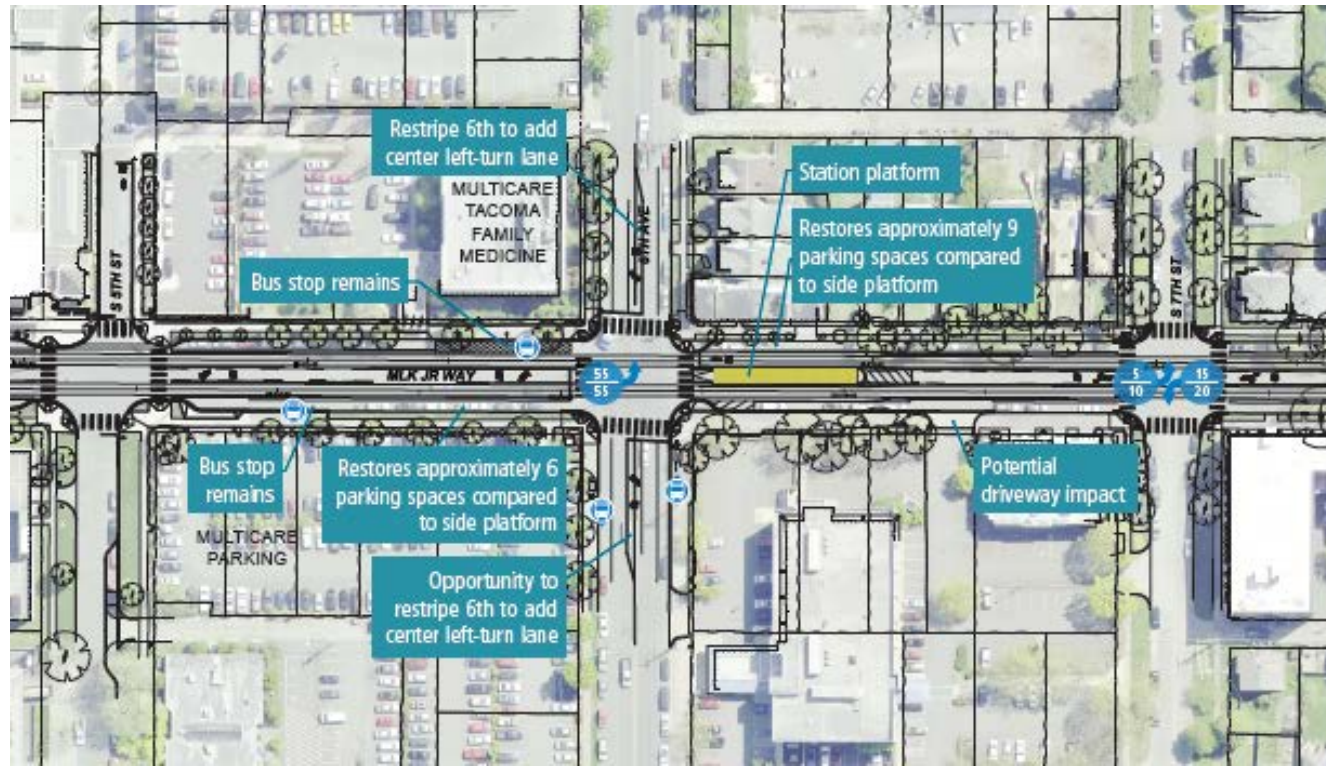
# Hilltop platform decision

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

## *Why the center platform?*

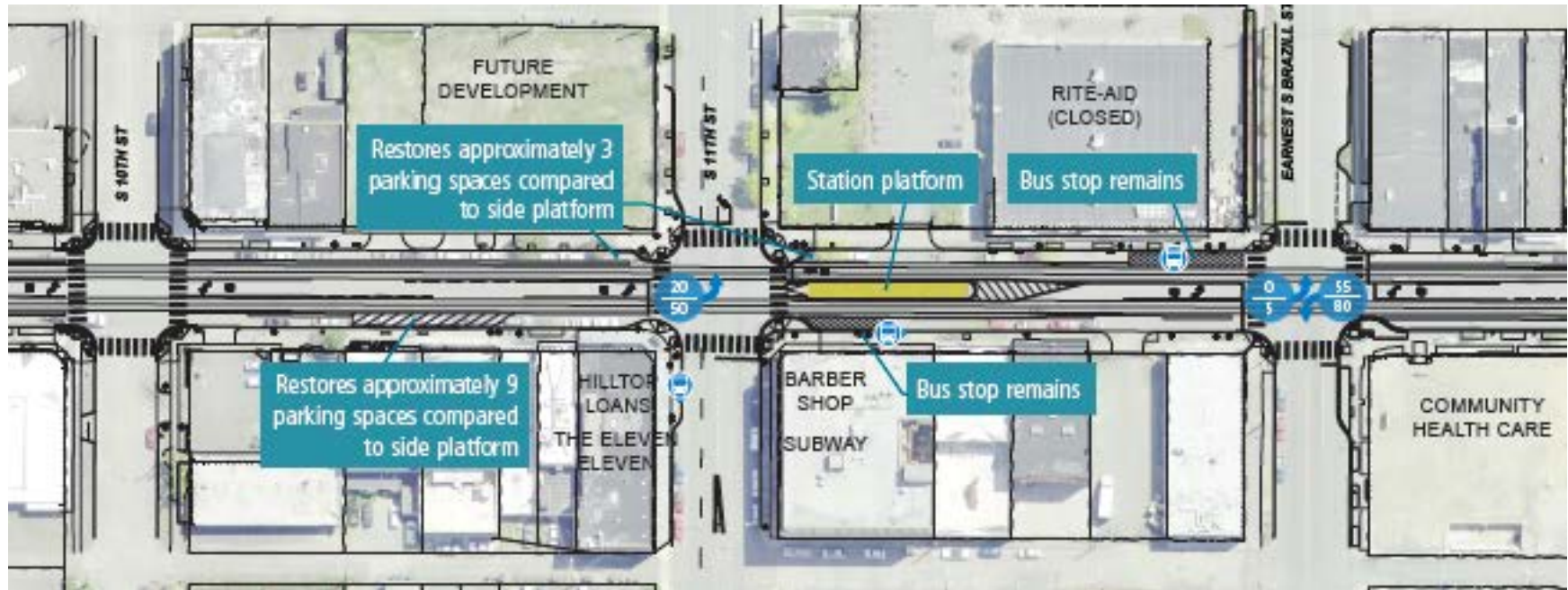
- **Safety:**
  - Provides queue space behind train
  - Creates pedestrian refuge at crosswalk
  - Eliminates pinch point for bikes
- **Parking:** Preserves current parking
- **Bus stops:** Close to bus stops

# MLK Jr. Way/6th Ave center platform





# MLK Jr. Way/11th St. center platform



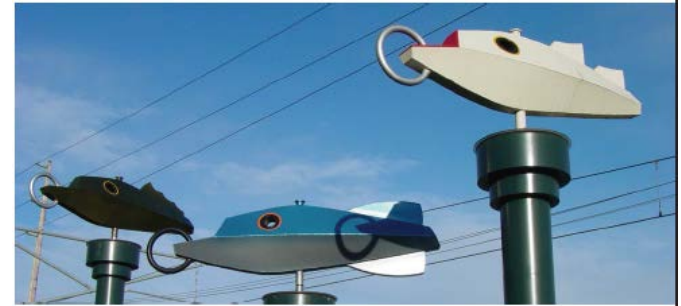
# What happens in final design?

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)





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Questions?



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Thank you!