ALLENTOWN TRUCK REROUTE PROJECT

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS



February 28, 2023

Scoping Phase 1 Community Meeting

Agenda





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Welcome and Introductions

Staff Members



CITY OF TUKWILA

Mark Hafs, EIS Project Manager

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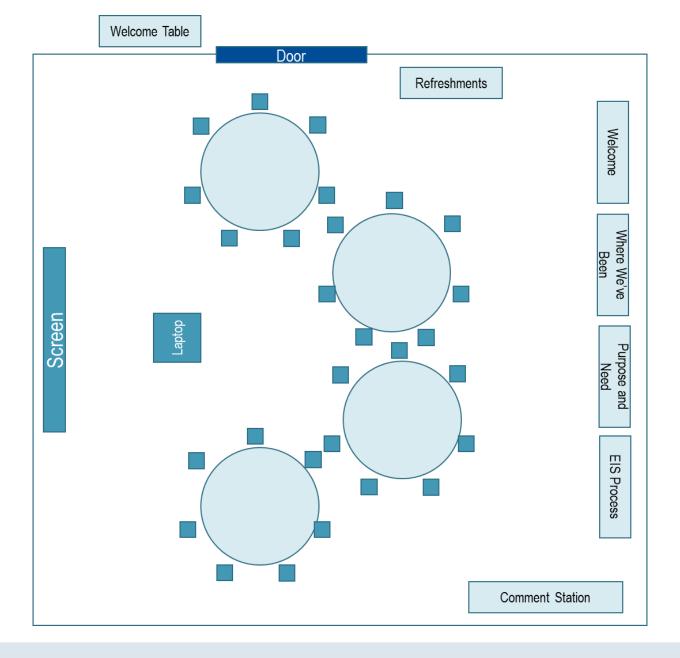
- Josh Hartley, Dept PW Director
- Brittany Robinson, Analyst

HDR

- Adam Teepe, EIS Project Manager
- Dennis Sandstrom, Public Involvement Manager
- Cami Shigaya, Public Involvement Coordinator
- Hernann Ambion, Public Involvement Coordinator



2 Room Tour





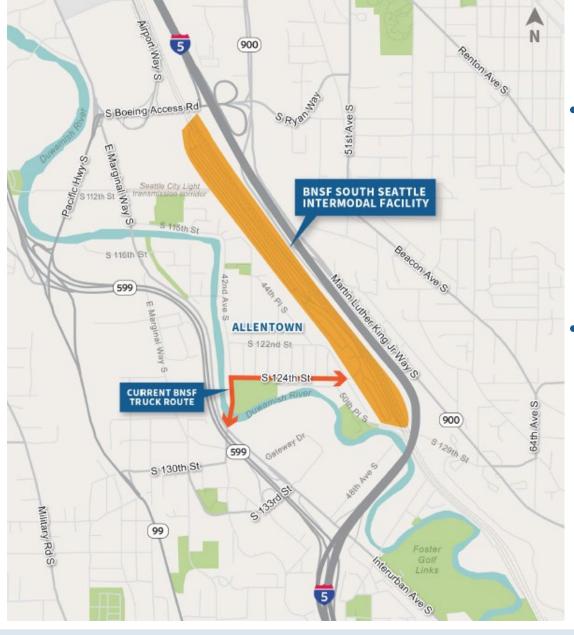
Project Overview

Informing Steps



- BNSF's South Seattle Intermodal Facility is located on the east side of the Allentown neighborhood. For many years, trucks traveling to and from the BNSF facility have accessed it mainly via a route that uses 42nd Ave. S (over the 42nd Ave. S Bridge) and S 124th Street.
- In 2015, the City undertook a study to find a new truck route that would reduce the impacts of trucks in Allentown. The BNSF Railway Intermodal Facility Access Study was completed in late 2016.
- The study proposed four alternative truck routes that would not travel through Allentown, and one alternative that considered the impacts of leaving the current truck route in place





 As part of the study, the City held open houses where the public gave input about the needs of the Allentown community and commented on the proposed truck route alternatives.

 Using the 2016 study as a starting point, the City is now preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which will take a more in-depth look at the truck route options and update the study's findings to include today's conditions, improved project understanding, and additional community input.



EIS Process

Purpose and Need Statement



The purpose and need for this project is to develop an alternative route to the BNSF Intermodal Facility in Allentown to improve livability and safety in Allentown, without compromising the operations of the intermodal facility.



EIS Process Timeline













Public Hearing



Formal public comment period:

February 14 through March 15



TBD



comment period:

TBD



Public Comment

Share your input



- Formal comment period ends March 15th
- Scoping input:
 - Rerouting alternatives to consider
 - Topics to study in the EIS
- Multiple ways to provide your comment:
 - Submit an online comment on our project website (QR code to the website is in the handout and on the Welcome board)
 - Email your comment to AllentownTruckReRoute@TukwilaWA.gov
 - Mail your comment to Mark Hafs (postmarked by March 15)
 6300 Southcenter Blvd. Suite 200
 Tukwila, WA 98188



5 Small Group Discussions

Discussion Points



- What alternatives should the City consider?
 - Why a particular alternative?
 - Pros/cons
- What topics should we study as we analyze alternatives?
 - Physical environment (climate, geology, soil type and distribution, groundwater characteristics, air quality, noise levels)
 - Biological environment (location and distribution of flora and fauna wildlife characteristics)
 - Socio-economic and health conditions (demography, culture, heritage sites, social and health status of the people and their environment)

All formal scoping comments must be written. The formal comment period ends March 15th.



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