



LIGHT RAIL PERMITTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETING
March 4-3:00PM | ROOM 1E-113



Agenda

- **3:00**
 - Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, Approval of February 4th Meeting Minutes – Co-Chair Mathews and Van Houten
 - Public Comment
- **3:20**
 - Updates
- **3:45**
 - Draft South Bellevue Segment Design and Mitigation Permit Advisory Document – Matthews Jackson and CAC
- **4:50**
 - Public Comment



CAC Scope of Work

LUC 20.25M.035.C. Scope of CAC Work

The scope of work for the CAC is intended to support the CAC purpose described in subsection A of this section. The CAC is advisory to the decision maker for the design and mitigation permits, and its scope includes:

1. **Becoming informed** on the proposed RLRT system or facility project;
2. **Accepting comments from the public** during CAC meetings for incorporation into the consolidated advice provided by the CAC to the Regional Transit Authority and the City of Bellevue;
3. **Participating in context setting** to describe the communities, urban and historic context, and natural environment through which the alignment passes;
4. **Providing early and ongoing advice** to the Regional Transit Authority on how to incorporate context sensitive design and mitigation into schematic designs for proposed project elements including stations, linear track elements, landscape development, walls (including concrete and masonry and tunnel portal), park and rides, traction power substations and other features of the RLRT system or facility; and
5. **Providing advisory guidance to permit decision makers** as described in more detail below regarding any RLRT system or facility design and mitigation issues prior to any final decision on required Design and Mitigation Permits, including written guidance as to whether the proposal complies with the policy and regulatory guidance of subsection E of this section and LUC 20.25M.040 and 20.25M.050.



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1. Building Height

- The CAC recommends that Sound Transit incorporate a living wall, green roof, or other green vegetation treatment on the garage as mitigation for Sound Transit's request for additional building height.

2. Landscape Development

- The CAC recommends the inclusion of a living wall, green roof, or other green vegetation be installed on the upper levels of the garage to help soften the edges of the structure as well as communicate the idea of a grand entry into Bellevue.
- The CAC recommends that additional landscaping options to help screen exposed noise walls should be included in the landscape plans. This should include a climbing vegetation option where there is limited space for additional landscaping.
- The CAC recommends that Sound Transit include additional appropriate landscaping to screen the guideway.
- The CAC recommends that more mature vegetation be incorporated into the design of the light rail corridor. This can be achieved by planting some large specimen trees at the point where the trains enter the South Bellevue Station (meadow), on the east side of the Y of Bellevue Way and 112th Ave SE, and in the median in 112th Ave SE.



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3. Light and Glare

- The CAC recommends light standards on the deck of the South Bellevue Station Garage are as low as feasible to avoid light pollution into the neighborhoods in the vicinity. **(In order to prevent light spillover or trespass Sound Transit is using LED lights for their poles that are designed with technology to reduce backlight and to focus light in a fixed area on the surface of the garage).**

4. Recycling and Solid Waste

- The CAC recommends that Sound Transit work with its sustainability group to evaluate a system wide compost collection bin option at its stations.

5. Critical Areas

- The CAC recommends that Sound Transit work collaboratively with the City of Bellevue to develop public information sign(s) at the South Bellevue Station that would inform transit users and visitors of wildlife and habitat within Mercer Slough Nature Park.
- The CAC recommends that Sound Transit adhere to all best management practices and complies with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations related to wildlife including but not limited to migratory birds.

6. Use of City Right of Way

The CAC acknowledges that specific details regarding the use of the City ROW will be handled through the review and issuance of Right of Way Use Permits per LUC 20.25M.040.J; however, they want to emphasize the importance of limiting impacts on traffic to the best level technically feasible.



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Additional General Design Guidelines

- The CAC recommends that more earth tones and color variety be incorporated into the proposed art treatments and other station and corridor elements. **(Sound Transit has indicated that the artists for the station are evaluating options for additional color and earth tones in proposed art treatments.)**
- The CAC recommends less hard edges in the design of the South Bellevue Station. One suggestion would be to incorporate more organic shapes into the design to soften hard lines. **(Sound Transit has attempted to incorporate more organic shapes in the design using art treatments at both the station, parking garage, and guideway.)**
- The CAC recommends Sound Transit evaluate the possibility of using an artistic design for the mesh screening at the South Bellevue Station Garage. **(Sound Transit has proposed a green artistic treatment for the mesh screening on the garage. Final color combinations are still in development.)**
- The CAC recommends that Sound Transit extend the proposed art treatment on the guideway noise walls and additional colors be incorporated into the design. **(Sound Transit has shown an art treatment on a portion of the guideway noise walls that reflects CAC pre-advisory advice. The CAC has requested additional color variety which is under development. Sound Transit has also indicated that an extension of the art treatment is in preliminary design.)**



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- The CAC recommends that Sound Transit use a stacked stone or brick type pattern with variegated earth tones for noise walls. Ashlar stone walls one recommendation from the CAC. The CAC also recommends evaluation of art opportunities to help buffer any negative visual impacts of areas of tall noise walls.
- The CAC recommends Sound Transit work with the City of Bellevue to install way finding kiosk(s) at the South Bellevue Station and as appropriate along the alignment to direct people to available resources and recreational opportunities within Mercer Slough Nature Park.
- The CAC recommends that Sound Transit use round catenary poles instead of H poles from the South Bellevue Station to the tunnel portal at the intersection of 112th Ave SE and Main Street.

Departures by the Director from specific recommendations included within the CAC's Design and Mitigation Permit Advisory Document shall be limited to those instances where the Director determines that the departure is necessary to ensure that the RLRT facility or system is consistent with: (i) applicable policy and regulatory guidance contained in the Light Rail Overlay; (ii) authority granted to the CAC pursuant to this section; (iii) SEPA conditions or other regulatory requirements applicable to the RLRT system or facility; or (iv) state or federal law. Departures from the CAC Design and Mitigation Permit Advisory Document shall be addressed in the decision by the Director, and rationale for the departures shall be provided.



Next Meeting

No Meeting on March 18th

April 1, 2015

- Introduction to Central Bellevue Segment Design and Mitigation Permit