Long Term

Because it is an appropriate analogy for light rail, think of Sound Transit and the City's processes as two parallel tracks. Sound Transit is primarily focused on development of the stations, including the alignment of the tracks, station facilities, parking, and power substations. The City's planning process focuses on the station areas, including land use and mobility within roughly a halfmile radius from future stations. Both organizations are hosting meetings this evening, which creates an opportunity to learn and comment about issues related to stations and station areas. Below is a timeline that shows a general schedule for both Sound Transit and City tracks and will give you an idea of what to expect over the next decade and beyond.

	2013	2014 - 2015	2016 - 2023	Beyond 2023
SHORELINE	Station Subarea Planning Work Begins, Including Visioning and Design Workshops Update Land Use and Zoning Maps and Development Code Regulations	Adopt and Implement Supportive Plans and Policies for Station Subarea Redevelopment	Implementation of Adopted Plans and Policies	
		Changes in Land Use and Redevelopment Will Occur Incrementally Over Decades Market Forces and Property Owner Decisions Will Influence How and Where Redevelopment Occurs It is Anticipated that Redevelopment Will Provide: • A Variety of Housing Types • Mixed-Use Development • Complete Streets and Enhanced Connectivity in the Station Subareas		
SOUND TRANSIT	Link Light Rail DEIS Review and Comment Period through September 23, 2013 Open House/Public Hearings August 14, 20, 21 & 22 Sound Transit Board Will Identify Preferred Alternative, including • Station Locations • Elevated or At-Grade Tracks • Parking Configuration	Final Environmental Impact Statement Published Record of Decision Issued	Right-of-Way Acquisition Final Design, Permitting, and Construction • Light Rail Transit Trackway • Stations • Parking Structures	Light Rail Service Operating

Near Term

The timeline below outlines steps in Light Rail Station Subarea Planning, which is the mechanism by which the City will create standards to determine much about the look and feel of areas surrounding stations. We are currently in the stage of creating a general and long-range vision for the station subarea near NE 185th Street, and tonight is an opportunity to help shape that vision. In the fall, we will host interactive design workshops and use computer modeling to visualize various alternatives and opportunities. Next, the City will draft regulatory language for appropriate uses and housing styles and standards for design and transition, and perform an environmental analysis. These will all go through a public process, and by next summer the Council hopes to adopt a subarea plan for the 185th station, including development code language and new zoning designations for certain areas. This process will be repeated for the second Shoreline station at either NE 145th or NE 155th Streets, likely beginning in early 2014.

