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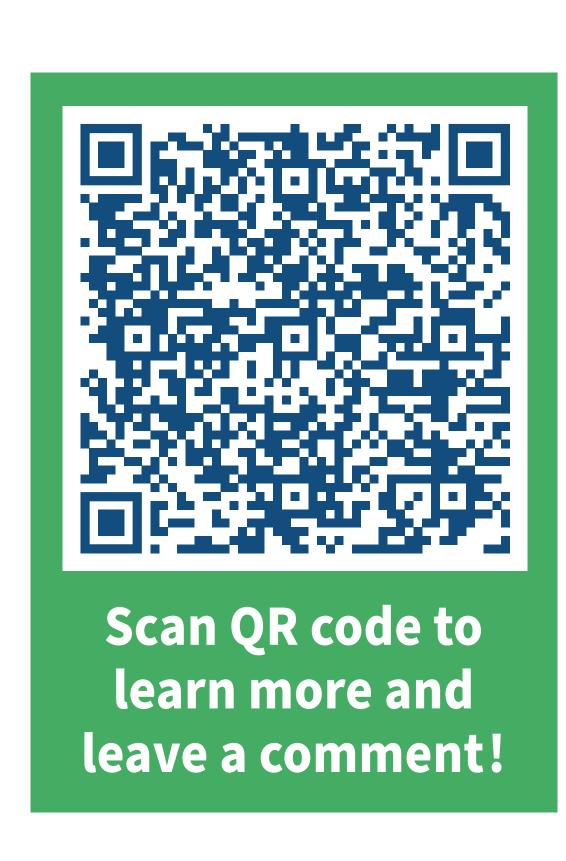
TO THE

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS COMMUNITY MEETING

PROJECT CONTACT

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PURPOSEAND NEED

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.

TOPICS CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED

- PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT
 - Climate, geology, soil type and distribution, groundwater characteristics, air quality, and 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

WHAT MAKES A GOOD COMMENT?

Throughout the EIS process, there will be periods during which the public is invited to submit comments.

- → All comments must → be written, and must be legible.
 - about issues and locations.
- Be specific \rightarrow All comments must be submitted during formal comment periods.





WHERE WE'VE BEEN

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 will now prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) which will take a more in-depth look at the truck route options identified in the 2016 study, and update the study's findings to include today's conditions, improved project understanding, and additional community input.
- Moving forward with work on the EIS, the City is committed to clear and open communication with the public of its findings, its intentions, and it actions.





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EIS PROCESS

Public Meeting

Public Comment

Public Hearing

WE ARE HERE



PHASE 1

The City has open

formal scoping to

request input on

alternatives and

issues that should be

analyzed in the EIS.

comment period:

February 14 through

Formal public

March 15

~3-4 MONTHS



Scoping

ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

The City and consultants will reconsider the technical feasibility of rerouting alternatives evaluated in the 2016 BNSF study, as well as new alternatives, including those introduced by community members in the Phase 1 scoping period.

PHASE 2

The City will share technical information regarding rerouting alternatives, and host a second community meeting.

Formal public comment period:
Dates TBD

~9 MONTHS

Draft

EIS

The City will take input from

the Phase 2 scoping meeting

to determine the final set of

alternatives to be analyzed

in the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS

will describe the alternatives,

impacts, and identify ways to

document environmental

mitigate those impacts.

available for public and

agency review.

Formal public

Dates TBD

comment period:

The Draft EIS will be made



~3 MONTHS

Final EIS

The Final EIS will formally respond to all comments submitted on the Draft EIS and make any updates to the analyses in the EIS as appropriate.

Notice of Final EIS

The City will present
the Final EIS and final
rerouting alternative
decision to the City
Council and Allentown
community and provide
notice that the final EIS
has been completed.

