

Ballard Link Extension

*Feasibility study of potential additional
alternative in South Lake Union*

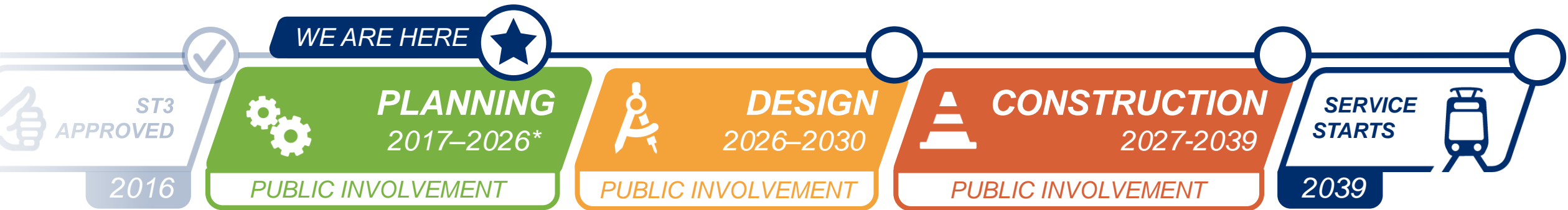
Mercer Corridor Group

01/25/2024



Ballard Link Extension (BLE)

Project timeline





ST3
APPROVED

2016



PLANNING



DES

2017–2019

Alternatives development

- ✓ Feb–March 2018: Early scoping
- ✓ Feb–April 2019: Scoping
- ✓ May–Oct 2019: Board identified preferred alternatives and other DEIS alternatives



2019–2026*

Environmental review

Late 2024: Publish Draft EIS

Public comment period

Board confirms or modifies preferred alternatives

2026: Publish Final EIS

Board selects project to be built

Federal Record of Decision

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Prior board actions

Motion No. M2023-18 – approved in March 2023

Confirms or modifies the preferred alternative light rail route and station locations for the Ballard Link Extension for additional environmental review, including preparation of a Final Environmental Impact Statement

Motion No. M2023-57 – approved in July 2023

Confirms or modifies the preferred station location for the Denny Station for the Ballard Link Extension Environmental Impact Statement

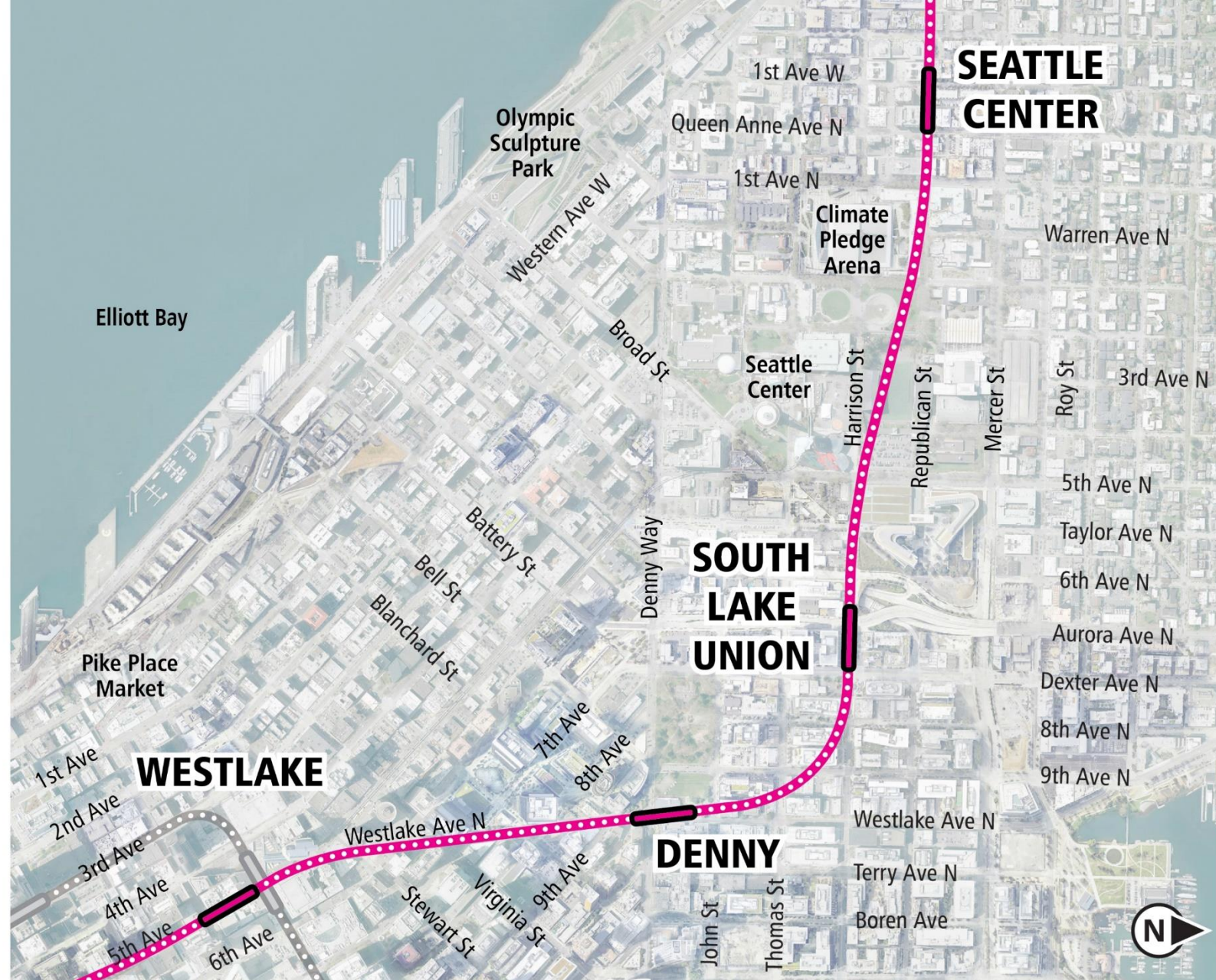
Ballard Link Extension alternatives

- Preferred alternative
- Other EIS alternatives



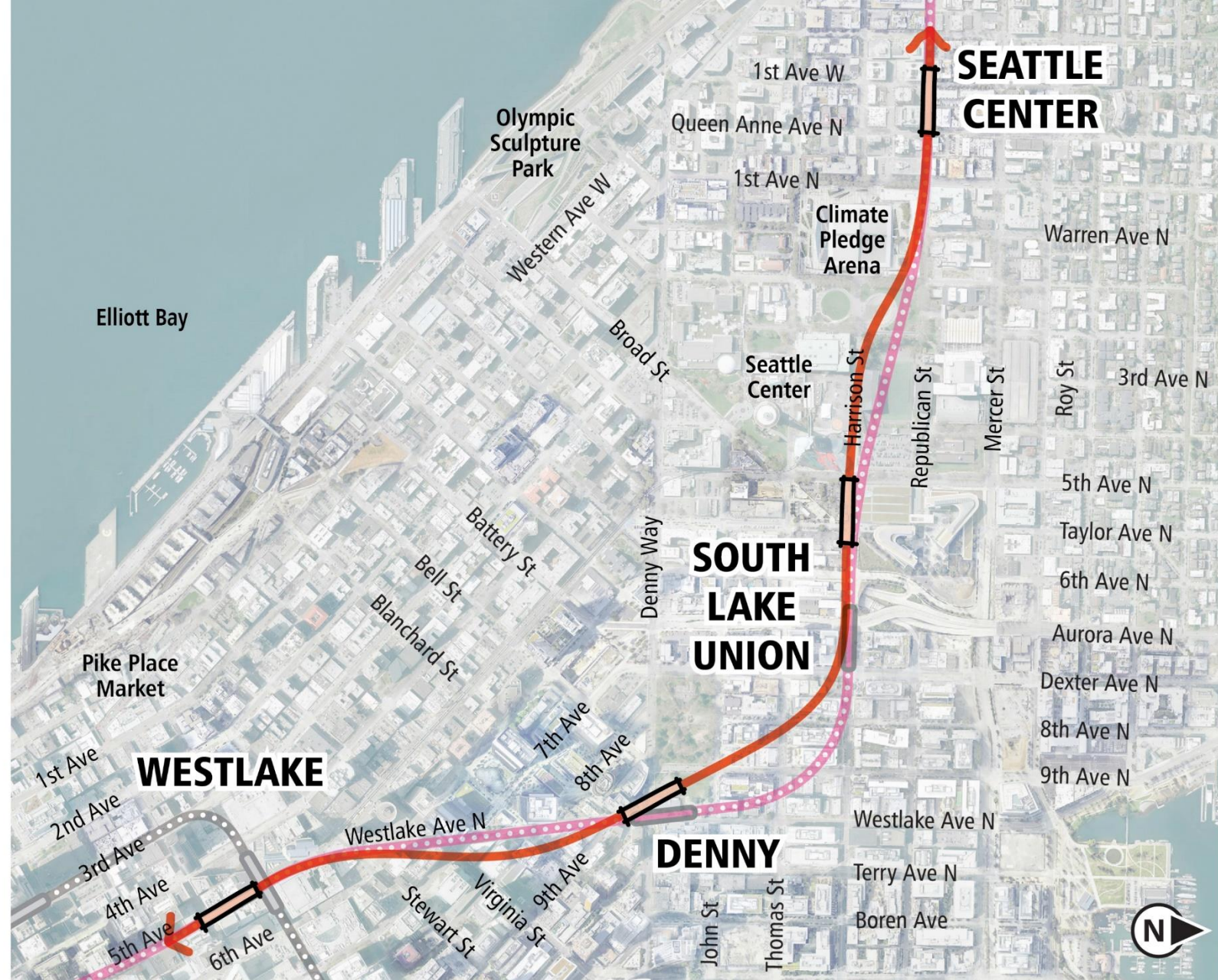
Preferred alternative

Currently in preliminary engineering design



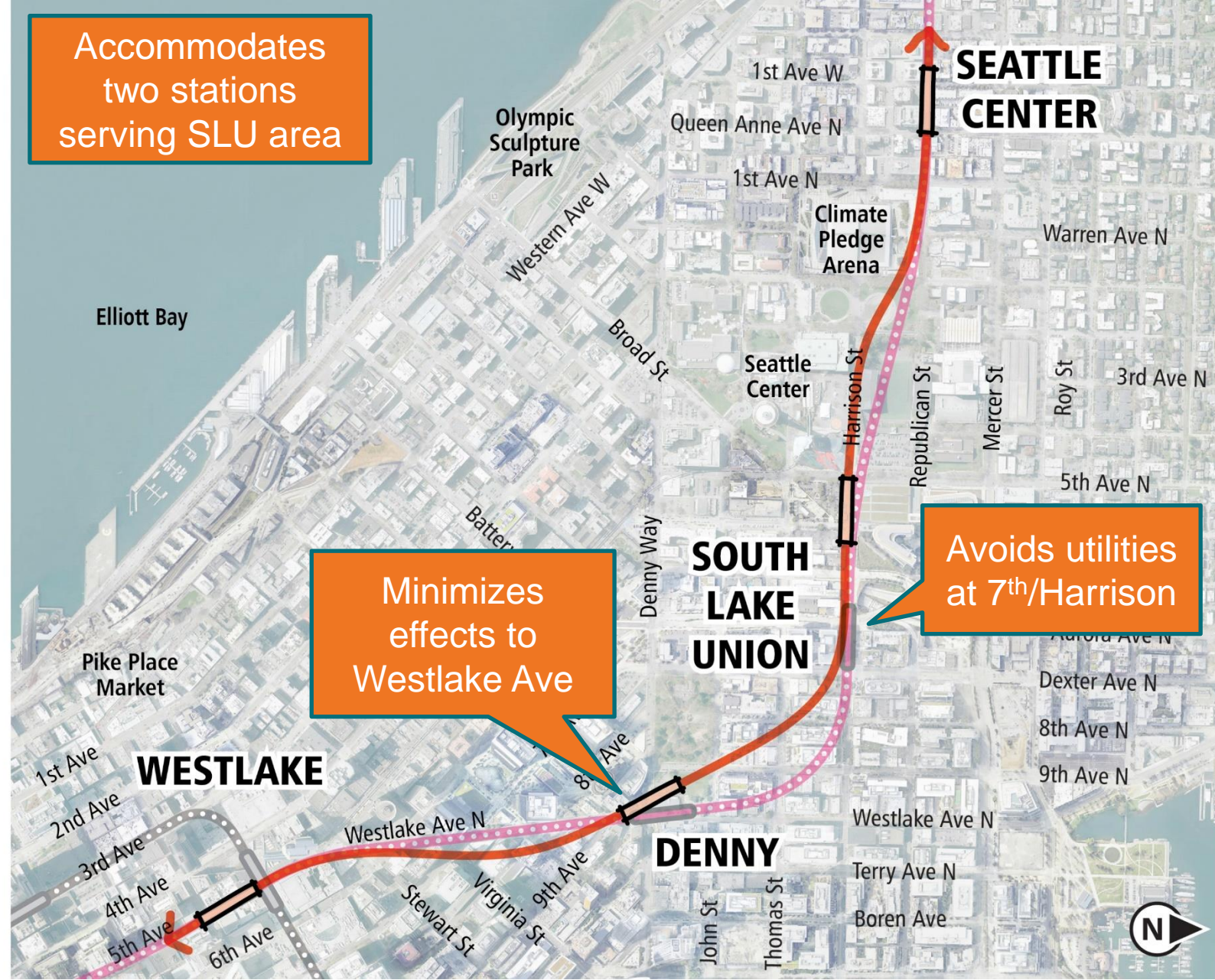
Potential additional alternative

Sketch of newly suggested concept; has not yet been designed



Potential additional alternative

Opportunities



Potential additional alternative Challenges



Motion No. M2023-109

Directing staff to assess the feasibility of an additional alternative in the South Lake Union area for potential inclusion in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Ballard Link Extension

Potential additional alternative

Study scope

Evaluate cost & schedule implications

Evaluate system implications

Evaluate environmental implications – roadway closure/access, utilities, noise & vibration, properties

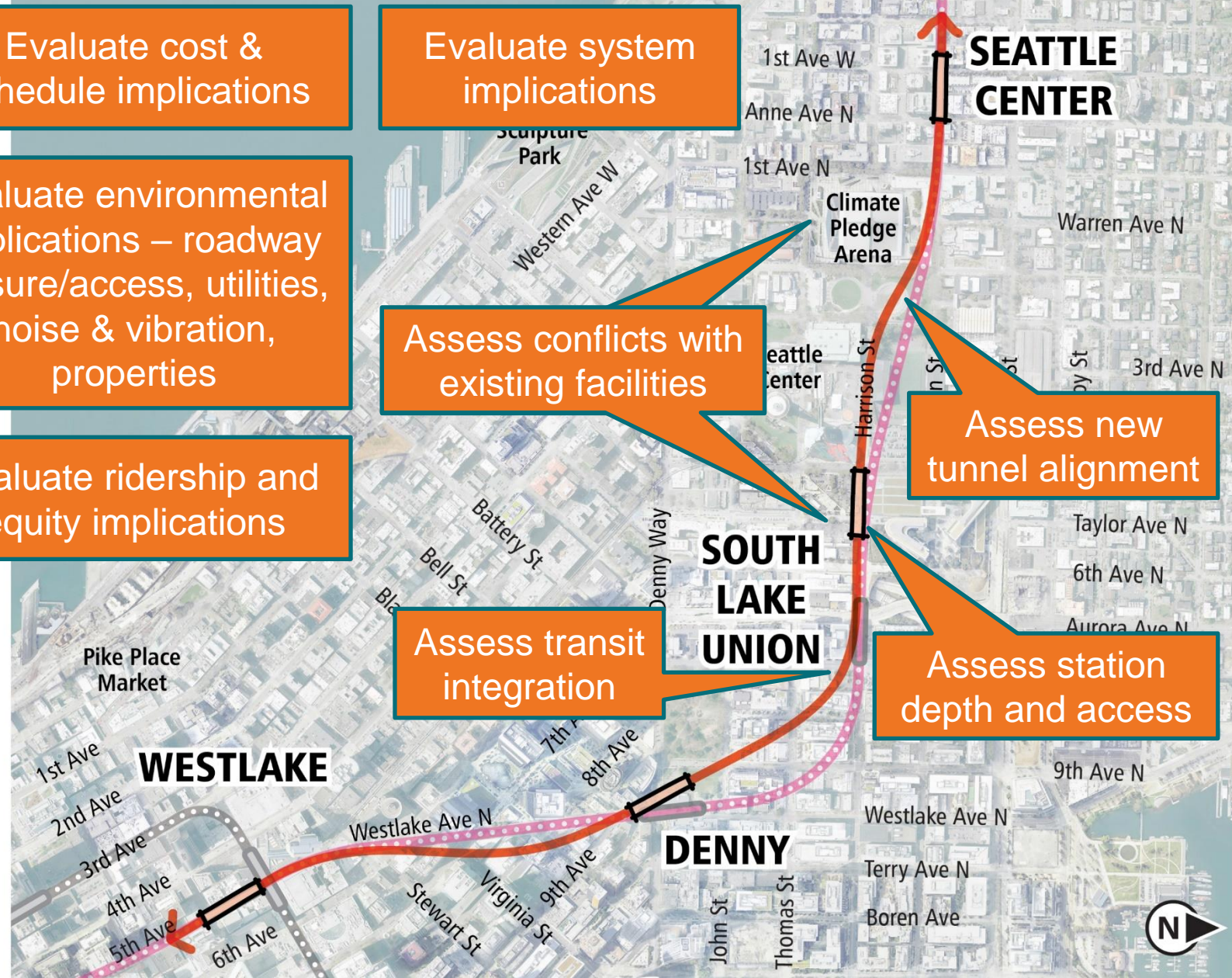
Assess conflicts with existing facilities

Evaluate ridership and equity implications

Assess new tunnel alignment

Assess transit integration

Assess station depth and access



Study timeline

	January					February				March				April					May				
	1/1-1/5	1/8-1/12	1/15-1/19	1/22-1/26	1/29-2/2	2/5-2/9	2/12-2/16	2/19-2/23	2/26-3/1	3/4-3/8	3/11-3/15	3/18-3/22	3/25-3/29	4/1-4/5	4/8-4/12	4/15-4/19	4/22-4/26	4/29-5/3	5/6-5/10	5/13-5/17	5/20-5/24	5/27-5/31	
Technical Work																							
Design & construction concept	[Orange bar]					[Orange bar]																	
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Discussion

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