

Move Forward on 4th!

Letter/Phone Campaign

Sound Transit says it has the choice of building on 4th Avenue or 5th Avenue and have yet to decide. However, their actions show they prefer 5th because of:

- Blocking a community member from being in the CID Community Advisory Group
- Sending agents to 5th Avenue and King Street business owners to offer moving money
- Emphasizing 5th Avenue is a better route than 4th Avenue in presentations through selective criteria, e.g. resident displacement 120 for 4th Avenue, 0 for 5th Avenue
- Not explaining “full closure of King Street or Weller Street”
- Not explaining how many businesses on King Street, Weller Street will be permanently moved, disruptions to community life, residents, 1200 elderly and 300 businesses
- Incomplete plans presented for 4th Avenue options
- Concluding that demolition and construction “will not impact neighborhood cohesion” aka, community life

Construction on 5th Avenue in Chinatown to Japantown means:

- Full closure of King Street, S. Weller and 5th Avenue for several years
- Re-routing cars, buses, to 6th, Maynard, 7th, 8th, 10th & 12th
- Gas, water, electrical shut offs to businesses, non-profits and residents
- Traffic detours throughout Chinatown, Japantown, Little Saigon
- Daily dump trucks, cement trucks, cranes, supply trucks, delivery vehicles
- Construction workers taking parking from businesses
- Increased noise & air pollution, dust, dirt, vibrations, torn up/closed sidewalks, streets
- Taking property away from owners of color
- Demolishing National Register Seattle Chinatown Historic District properties

Severe disruptions to:

- 300 businesses already battered by the pandemic, higher than ever anti-Asian hate crimes, criminal violence
- 30 immigrant businesses permanently closed or forced to move
- Schools, daycares, programs serving thousands of children and youth

Programs, classes, recreation for 1,200 elderly with closure of Hing Hay Park’s 6th