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Friends for “Move Forward on 4th!”

“Another major project is harming the Seattle Chinatown International District (Chinatown, Japantown, Little Saigon): Sound Transit wants to take 3 blocks from the National Register Chinatown Historic District again.”

Here’s what you can do to help. Send an email, sign the petition below and share this information with your family, friends, and networks.

Sound Transit Move Forward on Fourth 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
- Taking property from owners of color for demolition and resale after construction

- Endangering lives of 1,200 elderly by blocking access/egress for emergency vehicles with street/sidewalk closures and detours
- Permanent changes to National Register Seattle Chinatown Historic District—loss of 3 blocks in addition to prior loss of 3 blocks for Transit Tunnel

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 non-English speakers

How to Write Your Email:

1. Begin with: To ***Sound Transit Board Members and Seattle City Council Members***
2. Choose 2 or 3 impacts or peoples or activities to mention from bulleted lists above.
3. Conclusion: tell Sound Transit to take 5th Ave. off the table. Fourth NOT Fifth!

To Sound Transit Board: emailtheboard@soundtransit.org

Seattle City Council: council@seattle.gov

Cc: Seattle Equity Team Lead: Nicole.kistler@seattle.gov

Go to “Move Forward on 4th” Petition and sign at: <https://chng.it/5qMfLLBD>



Thank you.

Transit Equity for All (TEA)
TEA Website under construction.

4th Ave Tunnel Station avoids 5th Ave impacts!