

Central Subway Extension Alternatives Study

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Presentation Overview

- 1. Project overview
- 2. Recap prior 2015 Concept Feasibility Study
- 3. Goals and process for the current Alternatives Study



Project Study Area





Why Study a Subway Extension?

- •Heavy Muni demand in corridor
- •Dense neighborhoods, lots of surface activity
- •Tunnels to North Beach already constructed
- •Supported by prior studies
 - Four Corridor Plan (1994)
 - SPUR Study Session (2013)
 - T-Third Extension Concept Feasibility Study (2015)



2015 Concept Feasibility Study

- Evaluated constructability and operational issues
- Studied routes along Columbus, Powell, and Beach to Fisherman's Wharf
- Subway and surface alignments studied
- Most alignments and station locations found to be feasible
- Cost: \$367M \$1.4B in 2014 dollars



Current Work Overview

- Alternatives Study is kicking off
- Study timeline: Now through mid-2019
- Builds off of the 2015 Concept Feasibility Study
- End result: Alternatives (routes and stations) recommended for future environmental review
- Current step: Gathering input from small group meetings to confirm goals and develop preliminary alternatives to study





Alternatives Study Topics

Alternatives will be studied and compared based on:

- Community Needs and Acceptability
- Technical/Engineering Feasibility
- Cost
- Transportation Benefits (Meeting Project Goals)
- Construction Effects
- Operational Considerations (i.e. Capacity, Service Efficiency)
- ... and additional criteria based on feedback



Alternatives Study Steps

Step 1: Confirm Goals (Purpose and Need)★ We are here!Outreach Round 1: What transportation improvements are desired?Where should routes and stations be considered? (Late Spring 2018)

Step 2: Develop Preliminary Alternatives

<u>Outreach Round 2</u>: Do the alternatives address the needs expressed in Round 1? What criteria should we use to screen them? (*Fall 2018*)

Step 3: Analyze and Screen Alternatives in Draft Study <u>Outreach Round 3</u>: Based on the draft study results, which alternatives should we carry forward? (Spring 2019)

Step 4: Finalize Study, Recommend Alternatives for Environmental Review Phase



Presentation Recap

- 1. Existing transportation and land use conditions support consideration of a subway extension
- 2. Prior 2015 Concept Feasibility Study showed several routes to be feasible
- 3. Current Alternatives Study will develop a few route concepts (alternatives) in more detail
- 4. Community will play a major role in the development and screening of alternatives, and deciding whether to advance the project



Questions?

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