



Community Advisory Group Meeting



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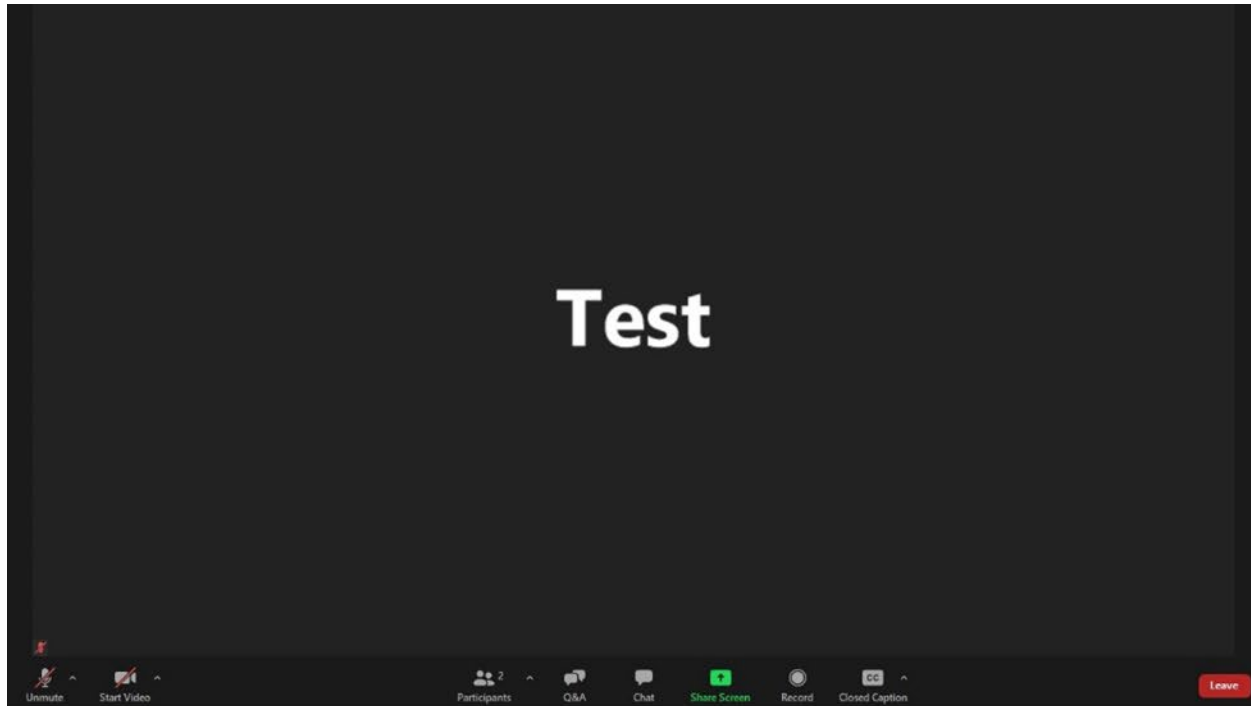
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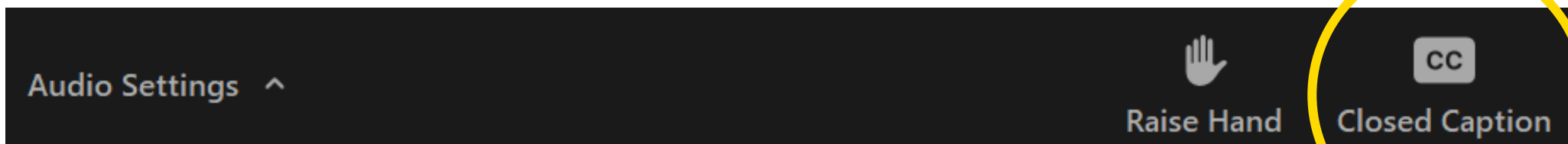
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Meeting Agenda

Time	Topic
4:00 p.m.	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Meeting Overview○ Introductions and Check In○ Program Update
4:35 p.m.	Visioning Exercise Recap
4:50 p.m.	Vancouver Waterfront Transit Station Discussion
5:45 p.m.	Public Comment
5:55 p.m.	Closing

Our CAG Meeting Space

- ▶ Put relationships first
- ▶ Keep focused on our common goal
- ▶ Notice power dynamics in the room
- ▶ Create a space for multiple truths & norms
- ▶ Be kind and brave
- ▶ Practice examining racially biased systems and processes
- ▶ Look for learning





Welcome CAG Members

Ed Washington & Lynn Valenter, CAG Co-Chairs

CAG Sharing

- ▶ **Welcome**
 - Ed Washington & Lynn Valenter, Co-Chairs
- ▶ **Open Discussion – CAG Members**
 - Please share your name, organizational affiliation or at-large status, and pronouns
- ▶ **Check-in: If the Interstate Bridge had a theme song, what do you think it would be?**

Program Update

Ray Mabey, Assistant Program Administrator

Recent Program Updates

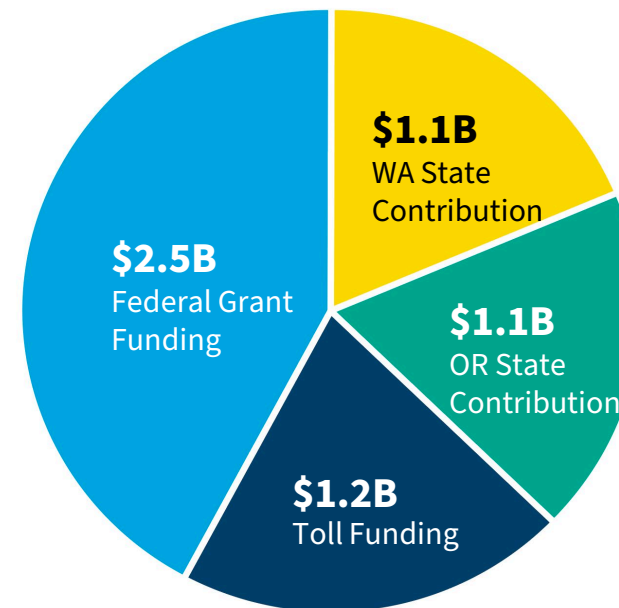
- ▶ Senator Murray & Senator Cantwell Tour and Roundtable
- ▶ WA Senate Transportation Committee Work Session
- ▶ Yakama Tribal Council
- ▶ Bi-State Legislative Committee
- ▶ Community Presentations:
 - East Portland Rotary
 - Community-Based Organization Listening Sessions
 - *People Living with Disabilities*
 - *BIPOC & Persons with Lower Income*
 - *Youth*



Recent Program Updates - Funding

- ▶ **Federal funds, tolling, and state funds are needed to address the estimated \$6B IBR program cost**
 - Bridge tolls will help pay for the new bridge and its continued operation and maintenance through the duration of the construction loan
- ▶ **Federal Grant Update**
 - IBR program was awarded **\$600 million** through the USDOT **Mega Program** grant
 - Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant application submitted for \$1.5 billion, with announcements expected in mid-2024
 - Pursuing approximately \$1 billion through the Federal Transit Administration Capital Improvement Grant program

Potential Program Funding Sources



- WA State Contribution**
\$45M in planning secured; construction funding committed
- OR State Contribution**
\$55M in planning secured; construction funding committed
- Federal Grant Funding**
\$600M Mega Grant and \$1M BIP planning grant secured; pursuing remaining grant amount
- Toll Funding**
Tolling authorized; bonding not yet secured



Visioning Exercise Recap

Small Group Discussion Highlights

▶ **Avoid Further Harm**

- Tolling implementation and its economic implications
- Data collection on traffic, congestion, and emissions
- Importance of avoiding harm to marginalized groups
- Business community's need for clear communication on changes
- Proper signage reflecting historical information
- Comprehensive information beyond pavement details
- Education on public transportation

Small Group Discussion Highlights

▶ **Community Benefits:**

- Role of parks and open spaces in economic growth
- Enhancing public access to water
- Attracting the LGBTQ+ community to Vancouver
- Proposal for historical signage and pictorial representations
- Highlighting the bridge's significance

Small Group Discussion Highlights

► **Mobility and Accessibility**

- Walkability for non-car users
- Safety across transportation modes
- Addressing congestion issues for smoother regional travel
- Enhancing Vancouver's appeal and accessibility for LGBTQ+ community
- Bridging opportunities for diverse communities
- Enhancing freight capacity for job creation
- Promoting environmental benefits and connectivity



Vancouver Waterfront Station

Matt Deml, Mahlon Clements, & Nolan Lienhart
Design Team

Upcoming Urban Design Discussions

- ▶ **Today:**

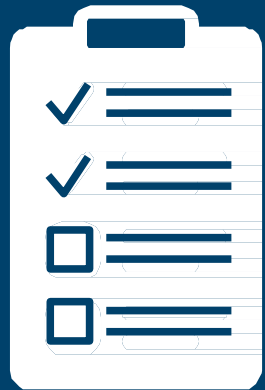
- Vancouver Waterfront Station

- ▶ **Future Meetings:**

- Hayden Island Station

- Evergreen Station

- Expo Station



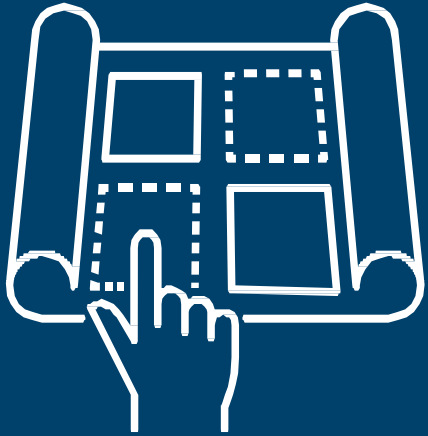
Community Values & Priorities

Lenses to understand design

Community Values & Priorities

► As identified by CAG:

- Increasing the capacity of river crossings by providing all modes of transportation is essential to effectively and safely move more people, goods, and services
- Centering equity & avoiding further harm
- Improve resiliency to global climate change
- Informed, data-driven decision-making
- Cost effectiveness (affordability & future planning)
- Economic empowerment
- Congestion relief
- Transportation facilities must reflect the needs of all ages & abilities, and remove barriers, including language, to access and ensure availability to transportation choices
- Protect natural resources
- Honor and protect historical heritage & cultural resources
- Bi-State cooperation
- Opportunities for meaningful and equitable community engagement



Focus Area Planning

Vancouver Waterfront Focus Area

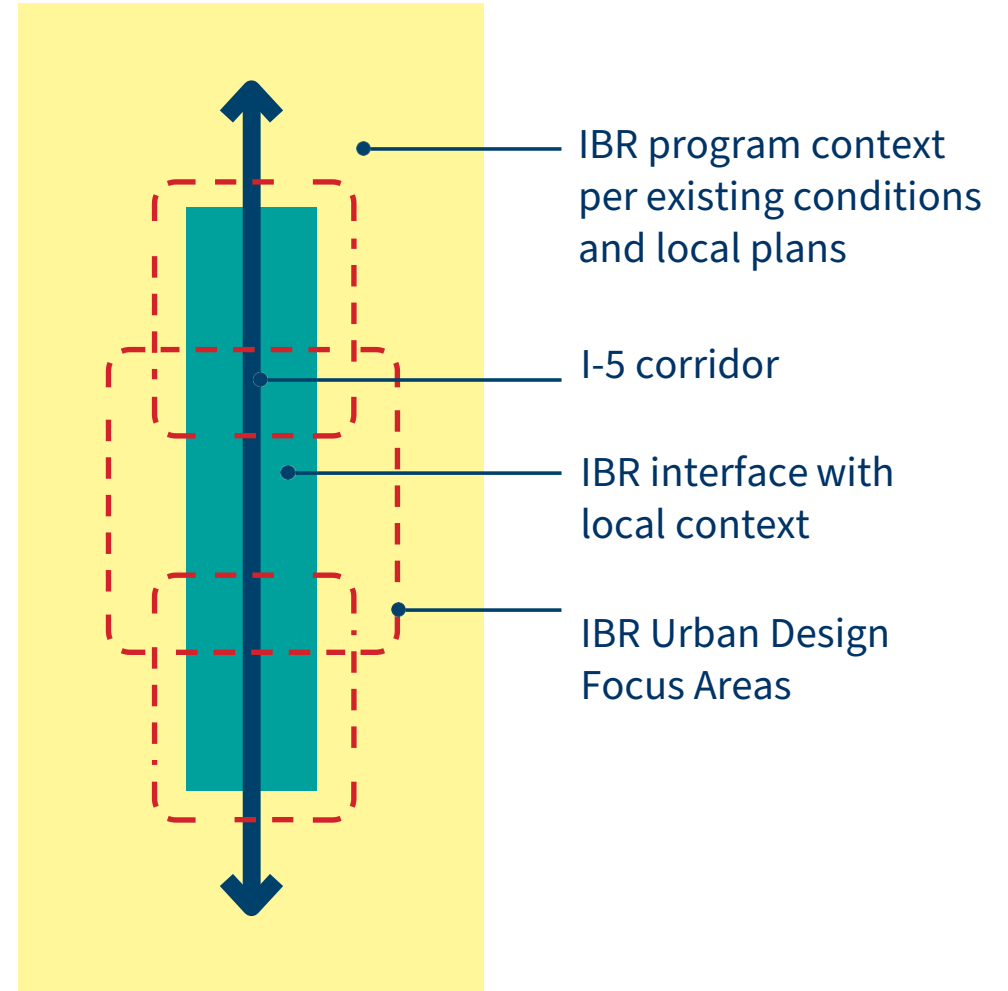
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To have a holistic conversation about the wide range of interrelated urban design issues, we will discuss urban elements both within and outside of the IBR program corridor. Not all topics, concepts, or spaces discussed during our urban design discussions will be part of the IBR program.


We will also be exploring a wide range of potential opportunities, many of which will be dependent on greater level of detail that we will work towards as we advance the coordinated design. The IBR program must reserve space needed for stormwater and other maintenance and operations functions before determining which specific locations will be available for other urban design programming.




VANCOUVER WATERFRONT

The following ongoing analysis will guide the next stage of design at Vancouver Waterfront:

STATION LOCATION:

-  A) Center Platform or
- B) Side Platform

STATION ACCESS INCLUDES:

-  What combination of plazas, sidewalks, ramps, stairs, and elevators?


PRIMARY EAST/WEST PED/BIKE CONNECTIONS AT:

- 
 - Phil Arnold Way
 - Between SR-14 and BSNF
 - W Columbia Way


SHARED USE PATH CONNECTION AT:

- A) Under I-5 or
- B) East of I-5

BUS TRANSFER AT:

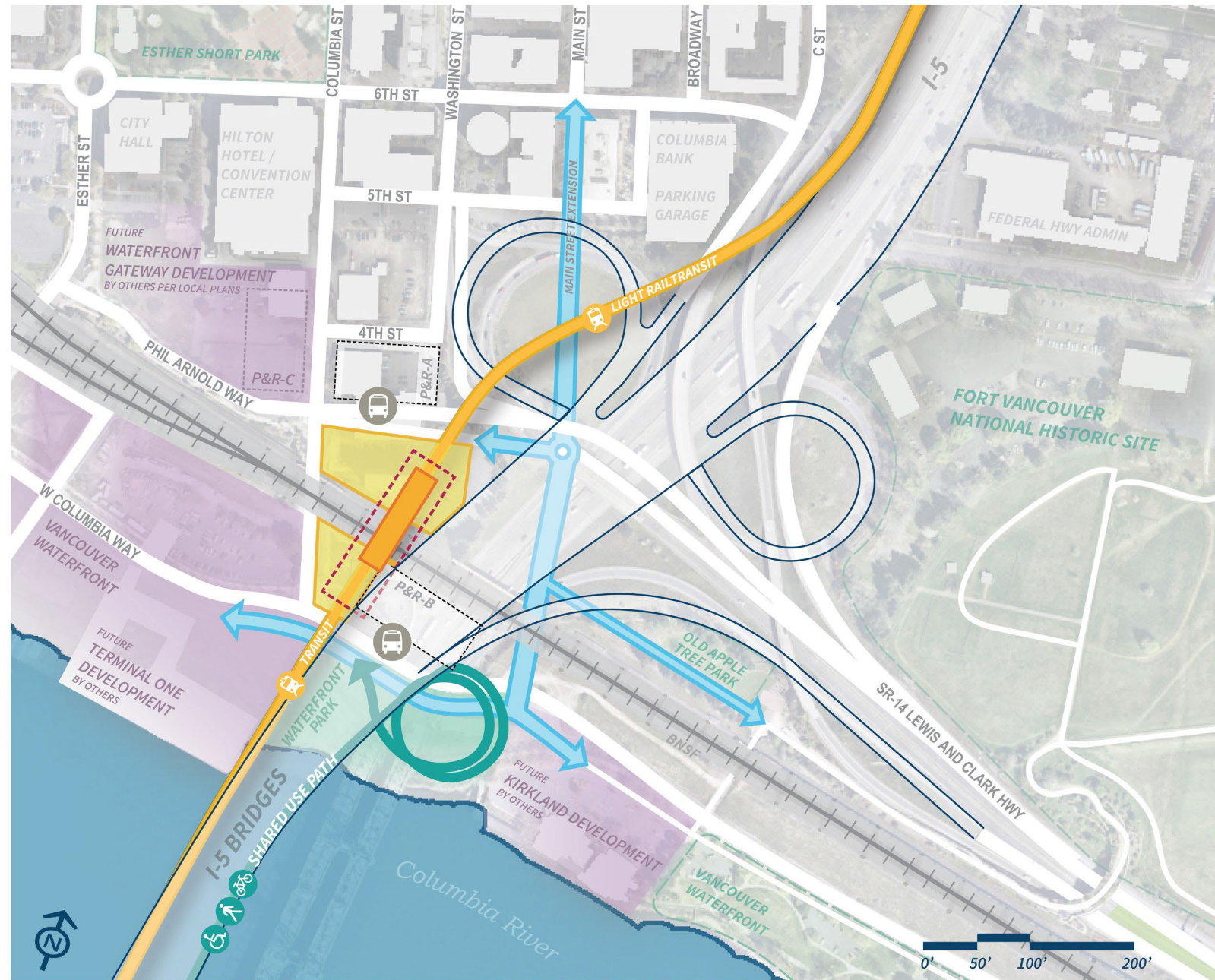
-  A) On or adjacent to street or
- B) In park & ride structure

PARK AND RIDE LOCATION AT:

-  P&R-A) Phil Arnold Way & Columbia or
- P&R-B) Under I5 along Columbia Way or
- P&R-C) Integrated with Gateway Development

Context:

-  Future Development by others
-  Future Open Space by others
-  Existing Parks & Open Space





Station Design Concepts

Vancouver Waterfront Station

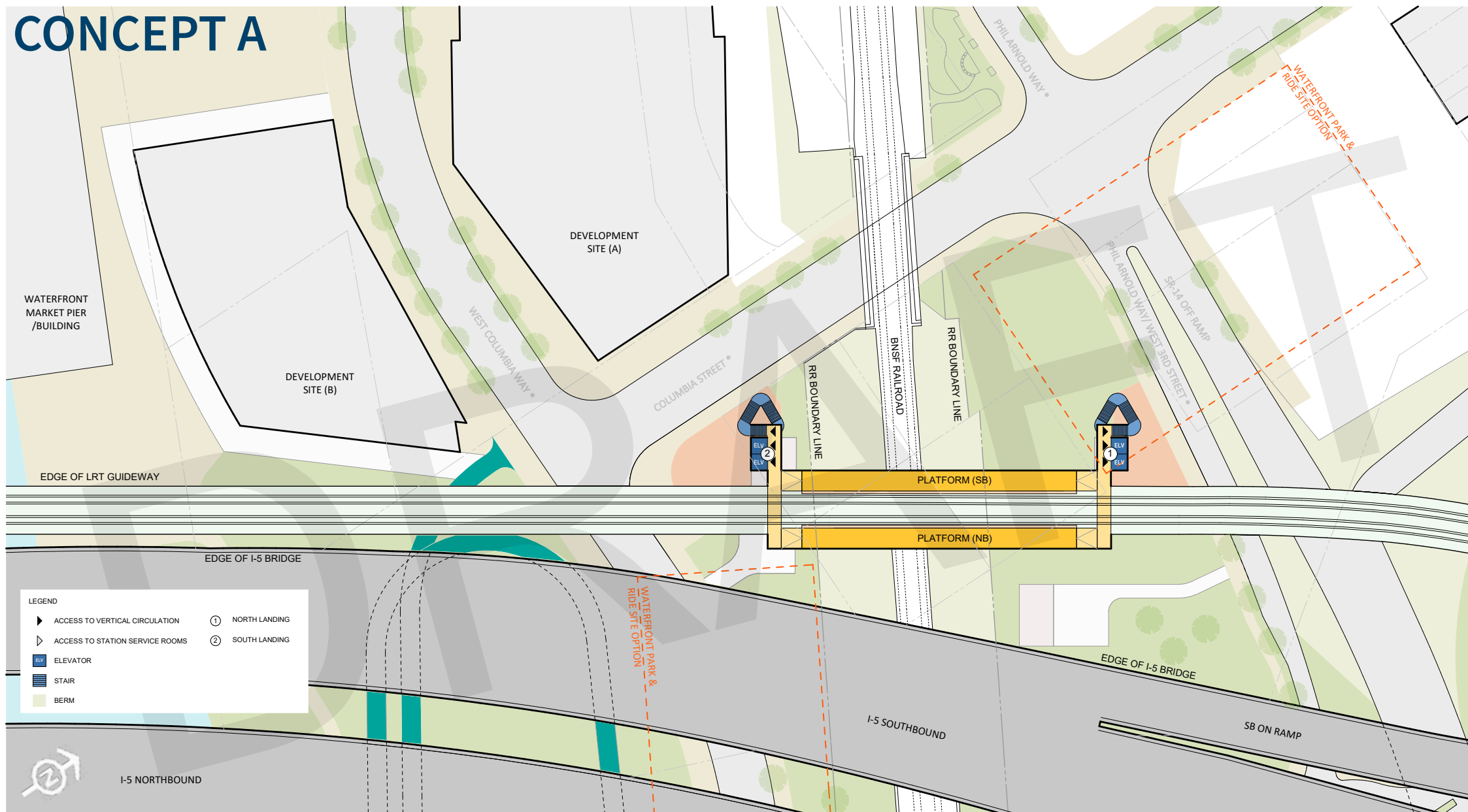
STATION CONCEPT COMPARISON

Station Concept	Platform		# of Entrances	# of Stairs	# of Elevators	Potential Station Access Location			Track Crossings	Plaza / Access Design Flexibility	Need for BNSF Coordination during:	
	Side or Center	Station Location				South of Columbia Way	Btwn Columbia & BNSF	North of BNSF			Construction	Maintenance
A	Side	Straddling BNSF	2	2	2-4	X	✓	✓	2	More	More	More
B	Center		2	2	2-4	X	✓	✓	0-2	Less	More	More
C	Side	South of BNSF	1	2	2	X	✓	X	2	More	Less	Less

Station Design Requirements/Constraints	
LRT System	Platform length (200') and height (75')
	Platform location constrained by trackway/guideway geometry
	Ground-level context: 2 entrances w/ entry plaza, bus integration, bike parking, PUDO
East-West Platform Location	West edge of bridge configuration option and Block B tightly constrain East-West location
	Single Level Bridge is more constrained than Double Deck Bridge for plaza / access design
	Design for 10' offset between structures for constructibility and maintenance
BNSF	Platforms above tracks assumed to be allowable
	Needed BNSF coordination considered equal for vertical circulation construction and maintenance
	Needed BNSF coordination differences are specific to functional platform area (paving, shelter, etc.)
Street Level Context	Exposure to BNSF fumes considered equal between location options (if an issue, similar mitigation required)
	Columbia Street alignment will not change significantly , except at intersection
	Columbia Way alignment flexible east of intersection only; intersection configuration TBD
	Center platforms constrain plaza design and station access design more than side platform

PUDO = Pickup & Dropoff

CONCEPT A



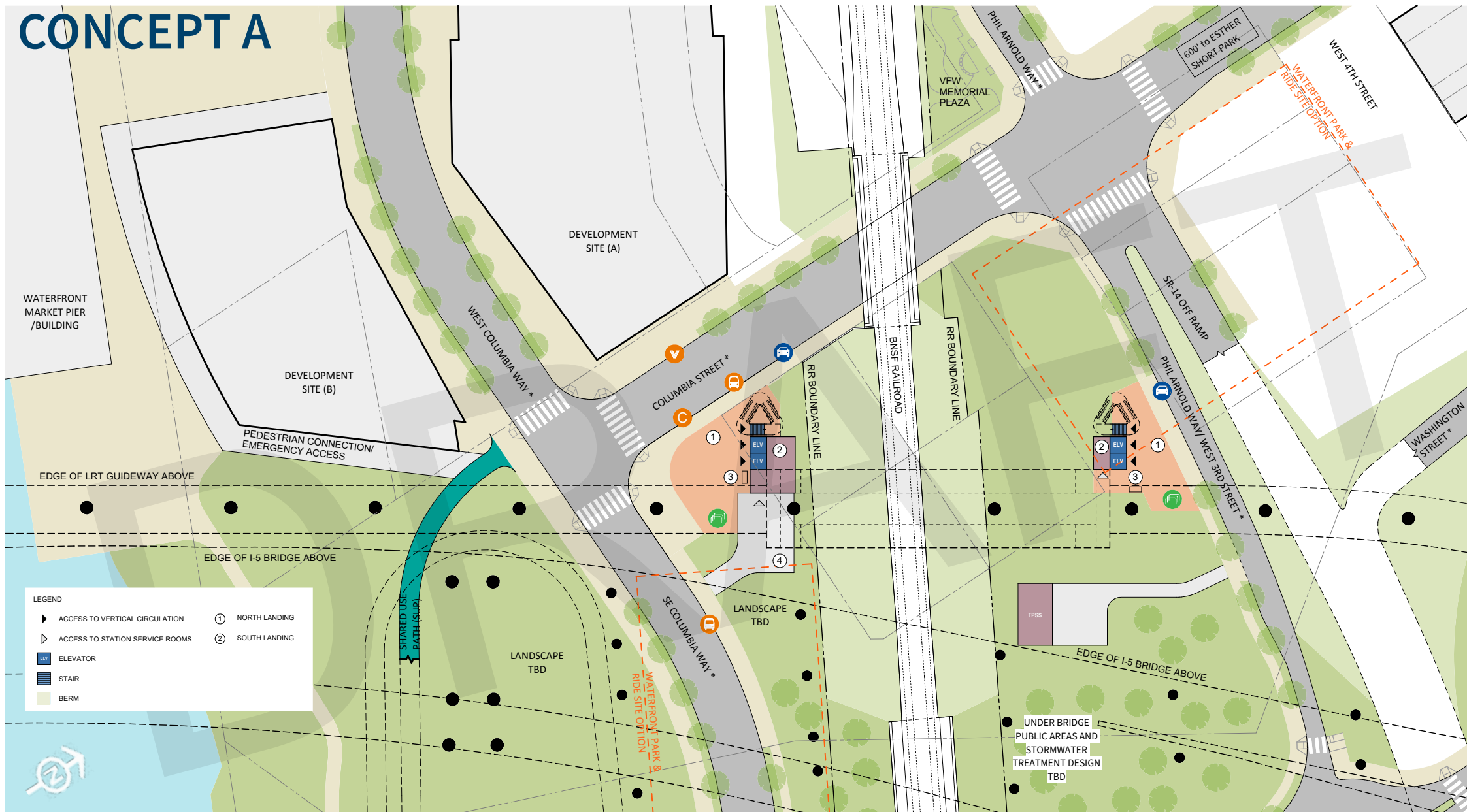
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- ▶ ACCESS TO VERTICAL CIRCULATION
- ▶ ACCESS TO STATION SERVICE ROOMS
- ELV ELEVATOR
- STAIR
- BERM

① NORTH LANDING
② SOUTH LANDING



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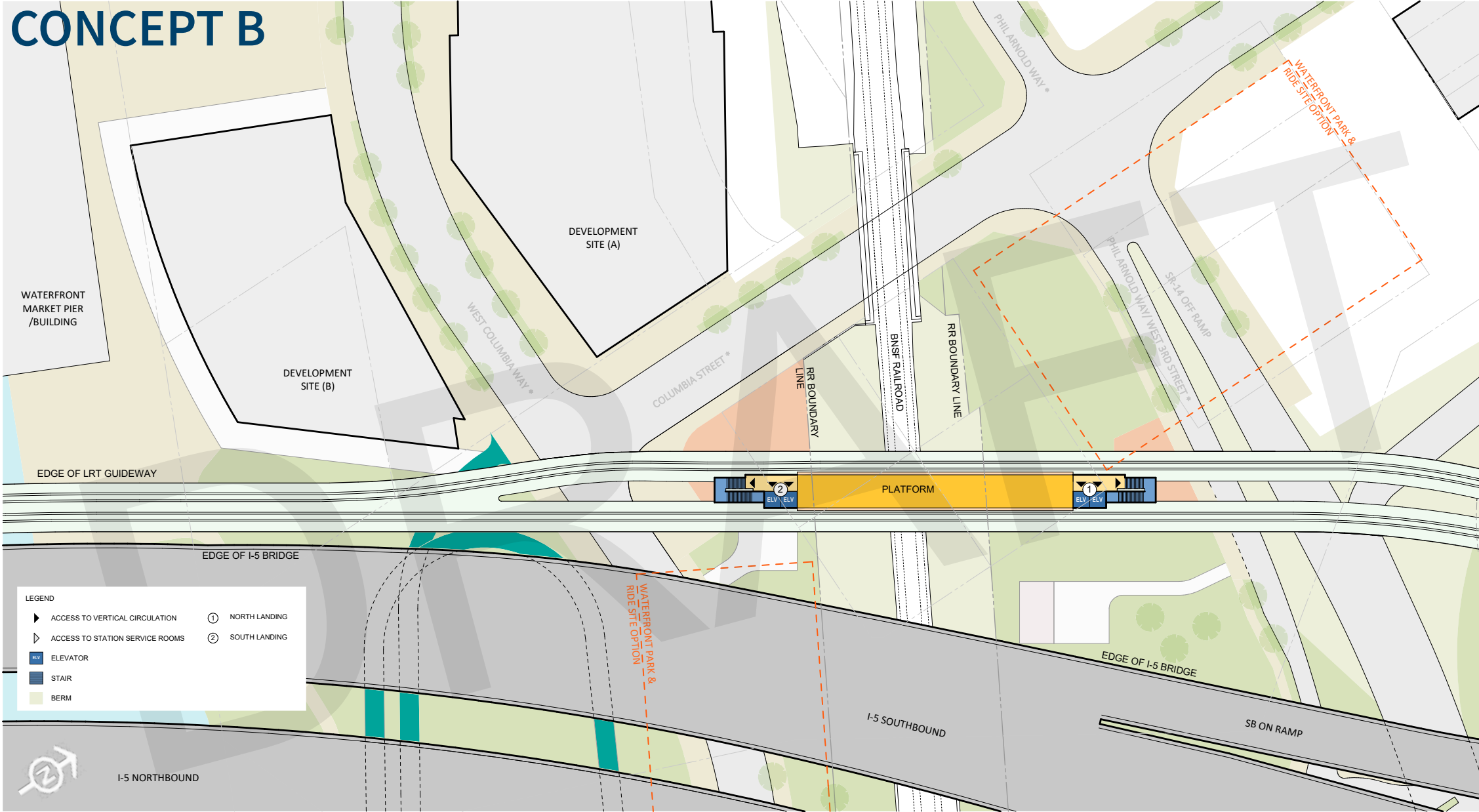


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CONCEPT B



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CONCEPT B

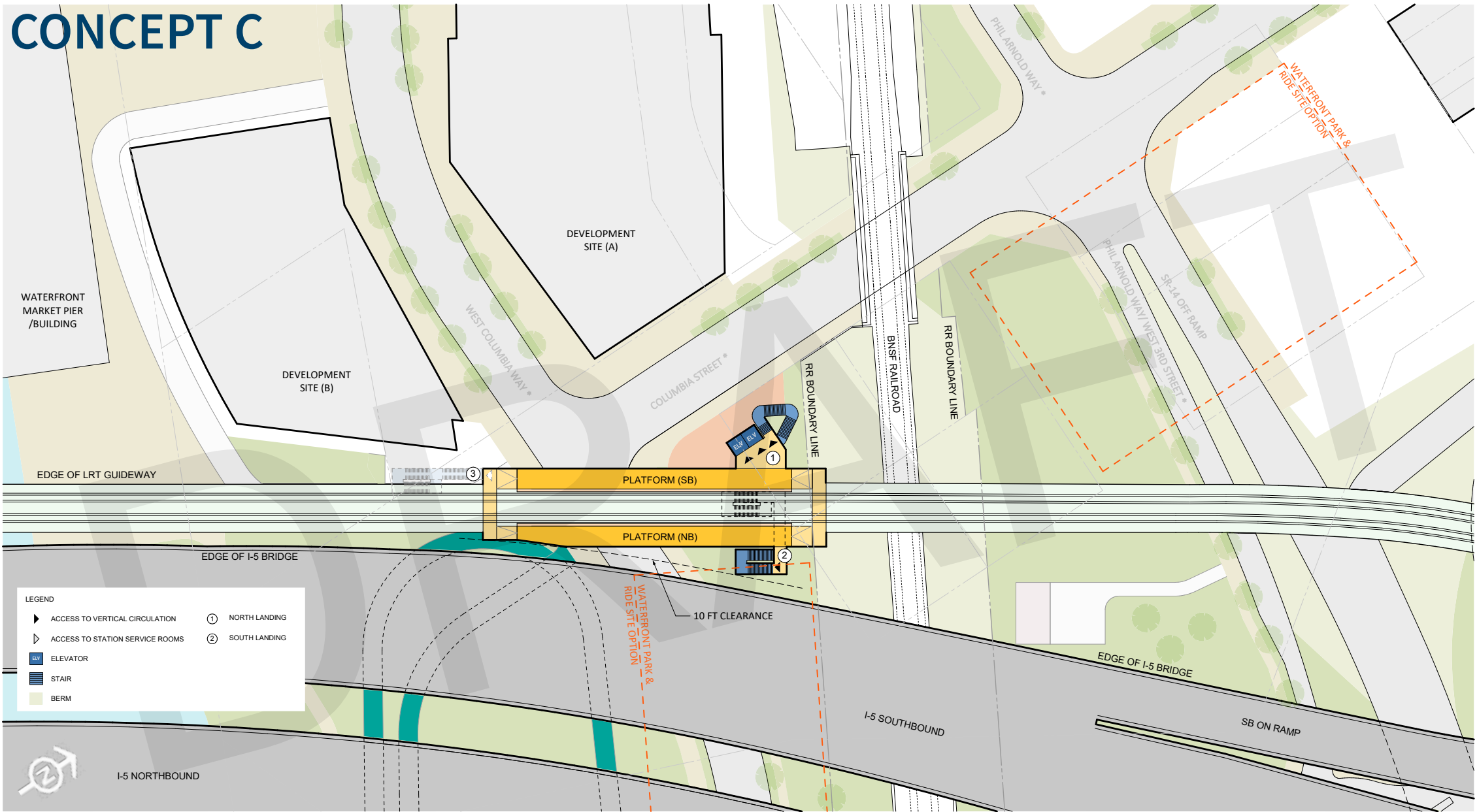


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CONCEPT C



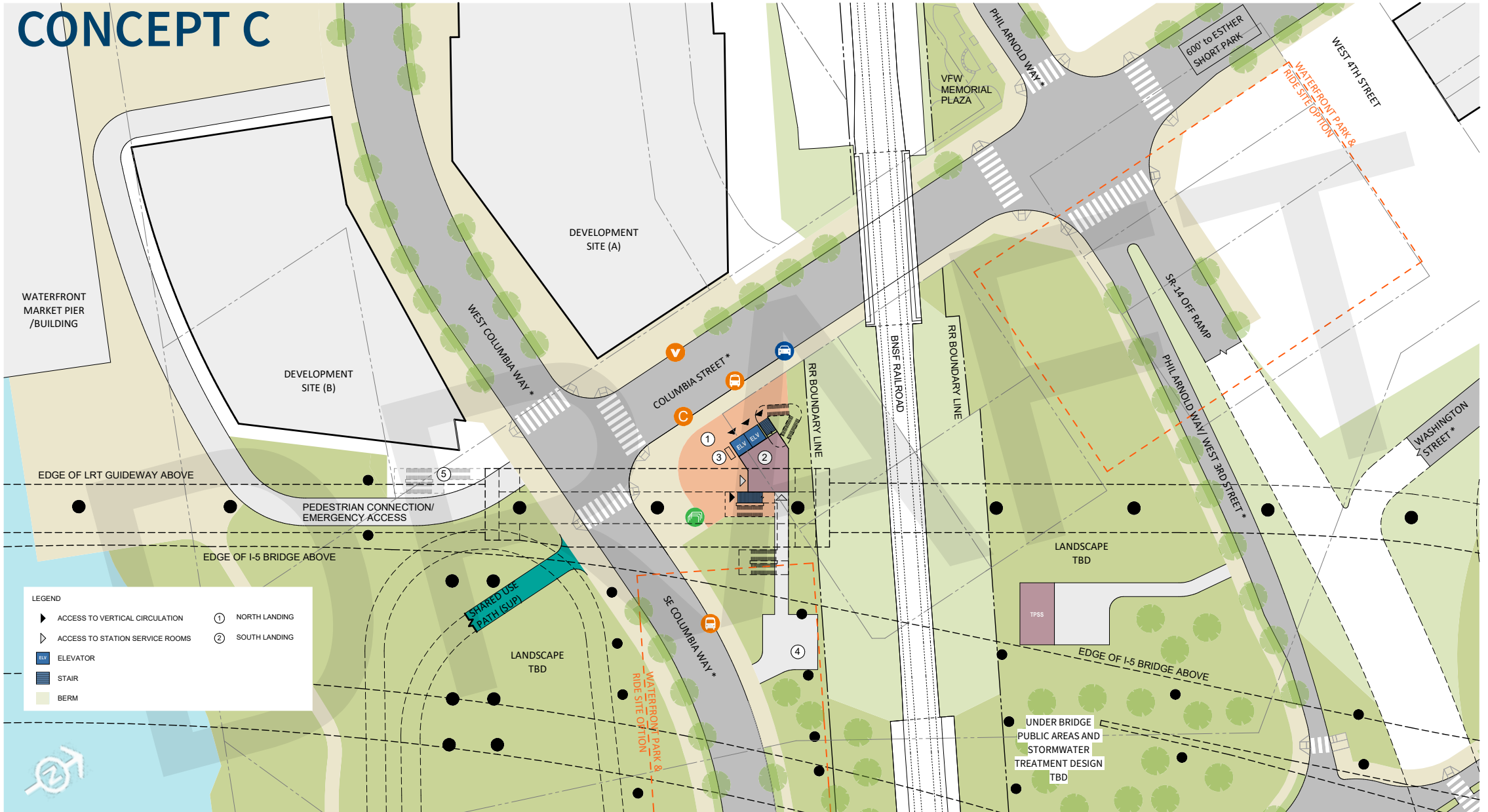
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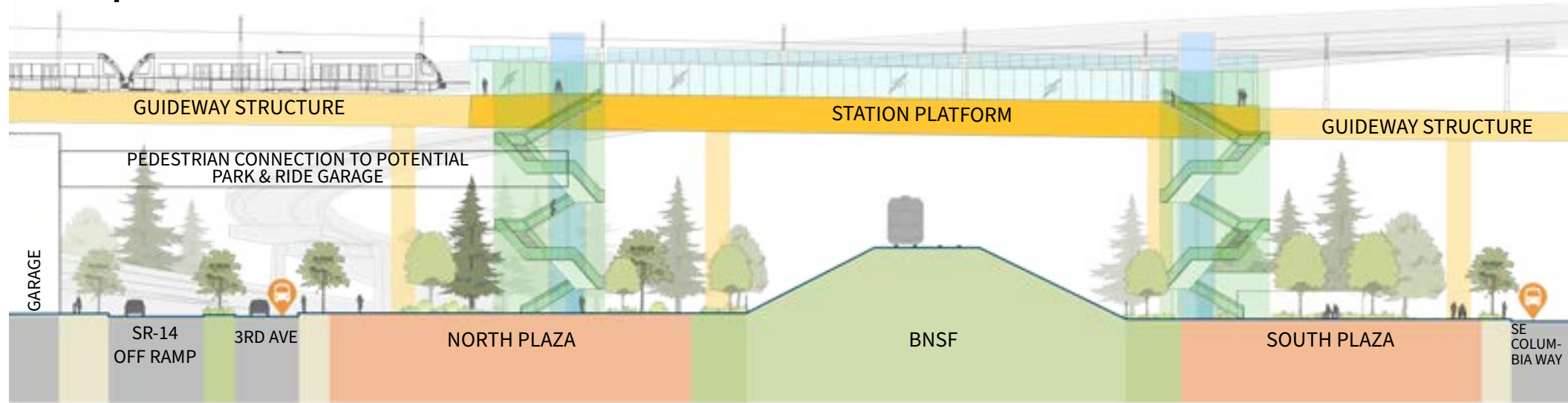
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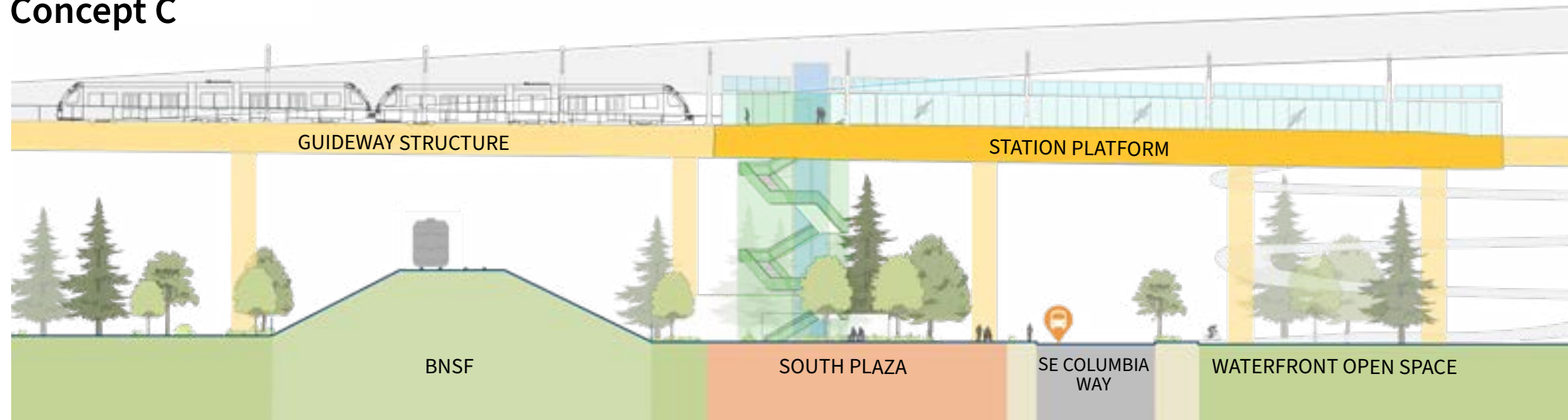
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Concepts A & B

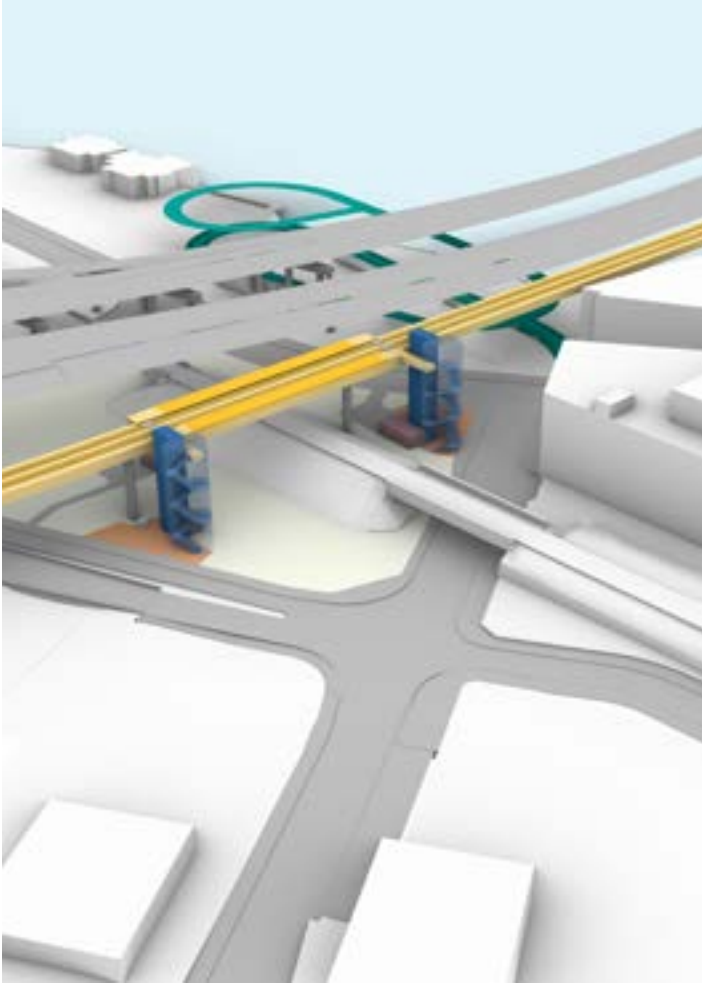


Concept C



3D VIEWS

Concept A



Concept B



Concept C



Discussion

- ▶ **What questions do you have?**
- ▶ **What design elements from each concept align with the community values & priorities?**
- ▶ **Are there changes to each station concept you would like to see considered?**
- ▶ **What would you like to hear from other IBR advisory groups (eg EAG, CBAG)?**



Questions?

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What's Next?

Upcoming Advisory Group Meetings

- ▶ Community Benefits Advisory Group (CAG)
 - January 25, 2024 – 9:30 – 11:30 AM
- ▶ Community Advisory Group (CAG)
 - February 8th, 2024 – 4:00 - 6:00 PM



Public Comment

Comment Instructions

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- ▶ Please provide your name and affiliation
- ▶ 10-minute timeframe will be divided among the number of requested speakers

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