Roosevelt Station Construction to Begin in Early 2017

By Andrea Burnett, Sound Transit

In November of 2016, the Sound Transit Board of Directors authorized award of a contract to Hoffman Construction Company to build the Roosevelt Station, which will serve Northgate Link Extension trains when light rail service begins in 2021.

The $152 million contract includes constructing civil, structural and architectural finishes for the underground station in the Roosevelt neighborhood, with entrances along 12th Avenue NE at NE 65th Street and at NE 67th Street. It includes elevators, escalators and stairs, mechanical and electrical equipment, fire protection and emergency ventilation systems, public art, and surface features and landscaping.

Most of the Northgate Link Extension is underground in twin tunnels to and from the University of Washington Station at Husky Stadium with stops at stations in the Roosevelt and U District neighborhoods. The extension then moves to the surface on the west side of First Avenue NE and NE 94th Street and transition to an elevated guideway to a station adjacent to the Northgate Mall.

Hoffman Construction will gain site access to the Roosevelt Station in February and will begin building the station walls.

The $1.9 billion Northgate Link project extends light rail 4.3 miles north from the University of Washington. Riders using Roosevelt Station will enjoy two-minute rides to the U-District, four-minute rides to Husky Stadium, 10-minute rides to downtown and 44-minute rides to Sea-Tac Airport.

More information on the Northgate Link Extension can be found at soundtransit.org/northgatelink.

How would you spend $90,000 in your neighborhood?

By: Katie Wood

The Neighborhood Park and Street Fund provides funds annually to neighborhoods for small-scale improvements to streets and parks. In 2017, this program will be folded into the City’s Participatory Budgeting process, in which Seattle residents will democratically decide how to spend the funds.

In 2017, $2,000,000 will be available split equally between the 7 council districts. Continued on page 3...
Roosevelt TOD meetings:

As Roosevelt Station takes shape the construction area near the station will become available for Transit Oriented Development (TOD). TOD usually involves a mix of new housing and commercial uses that creates additional ridership at the transit facility. Combining housing and commercial activity near the light rail station will make it easier for people to use transit, support local businesses and contribute to neighborhood growth.

Sound Transit and the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association invite you to learn and comment about the future development at the Roosevelt light rail station construction site. Three Workshops are scheduled to delve into program issues (affordable housing, community benefit, and design guidelines).

- Roosevelt TOD Workshops: Calvary Christian Church, 68010 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115
  - January 25, 2017 (5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
  - February 8, 2017 (5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)
  - February 22, 2017 (5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

- Roosevelt TOD Open House: March 9, 2017 (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) Roosevelt High School Commons, 1410 NE 66th St., Seattle

Seattle HALA proposal for Urban Village boundary & zoning changes

Over 70 community members attended the Dec. 10th RNA sponsored HALA workshop. The group split into table-sized groups to discuss the Zoning and Urban Village boundary changes proposed by the City of Seattle. An RNA report will be submitted to the City of Seattle based on the various comments and responses.

Overall most people supported the zoning changes delineated on the current draft plan and a range of informative comments were presented by community members. The community is split on the Urban Village expansion; many of these ideas will also be included in the report.

Additional links:
HALA, Housing Affordability Livability Agenda: https://hala.consider.it/
Roosevelt Draft Plan: https://goo.gl/8JEiuP
Guide to Housing Options: https://goo.gl/CdywB1

Land Use committee meetings are on 2nd Tuesdays 7pm at the CCA 6801 Roosevelt Way NE.
Blockheads Needed!
By Gina Leone

Hello neighbors! The Roosie is distributed door to door in our neighborhood by a wonderful network of volunteers called Blockheads. They live in the neighborhood and you probably even know one or two of them. Without their help, you may not get the Roosie each month. And the RNA is forever grateful to them all.

But with our ever-changing neighborhood, we are delivering more and more newsletters and sadly, some of our Blockheads have moved away. We currently have about 14 blocks that do not have designated Blockheads. If you have NOT received a Roosie on your porch every month, you may live on one of these blocks.

If you have a little extra time each month, please consider becoming a Blockhead. One block typically takes less than a half hour to distribute to, and it’s a great way to get exercise and meet your neighbors. If you are interested, please email blockhead@rooseveltseattle.org for more information.

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District 4 will have just over $285,000 for neighbors to allocate to projects within their district. The district roughly stretches south from NE 85th St down to the Ship Canal and from I-5 east to Lake Washington. Wallingford and part of East Lake Union are also included.

Projects must be one-time capital expenditures. In the past, projects have consisted of traffic circles, protected bike lanes, crosswalks, street trees, park updates, curb bulbs, school crossing enhancements, public space amenities, as well as landscaping and beautification projects. The Department of Neighborhoods (DON) is working on an online system to accept ideas. All submittals are due during the month of February. More information will be available on the DON website soon. https://goo.gl/HF3q60

If you have an idea that you would like to get in, please e-mail fundraising@rooseveltseattle.org with your project idea, location, need, and who it will benefit.
Get Involved!

Please contact the RNA to share your skills and learn more about your neighborhood.

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