

Community Advisory Group Blind Evaluation Instructions

6/4/14

Overview

At Community Advisory Group Meeting #3 on June 4, 2014, advisory group members will be introduced to a blind evaluation exercise of all 18 potential route options for the Energize Eastside project. The purpose of the exercise is for the advisory group to objectively consider the impacts of each route option independent of its location. Blind evaluation results will be another tool that can be used to support the advisory group's discussions about possible route options to recommend to Puget Sound Energy (PSE).

The blind evaluation will be open **Thursday, June 5** through **Monday, June 16 at 5 p.m.** All evaluations completed within this timeframe will be compiled for discussion at Community Advisory Group Meeting #4a on June 25. Note – the evaluation will take some time, so thank you in advance for taking the time to thoughtfully answer the questions.

Access to the blind evaluation

The blind evaluation is available online at <link> and is only for Community Advisory Group members.

Blind evaluation data table

Advisory group members will use the blind evaluation data table provided at Community Advisory Group Meeting #3 to score each route option by each evaluation factor. For ease in understanding, the evaluation factors have been reworded to better fit this exercise. The content remains the same, but the language is different; i.e., "Least proximity to residential areas" is now "Avoids residential areas."

The evaluation factors "Least effect on aesthetics" and "Most protective of health and safety" used during the Sub-Area Workshops were excluded because of their lack of associated measurable and/or universally-applicable data. Data and evaluation factors excluded in the blind evaluation will be brought back for consideration at future advisory group meetings.

The table is organized by evaluation factors and includes only measureable data that can be found along all routes. Data not applicable to all routes were excluded to keep the evaluation blind. For example, data on proximity to the Olympic Pipeline was excluded because not all routes are contiguous to it; those that are could be identified in the exercise.

To keep the evaluation blind, all 18 route options are randomly given tree names (e.g. "Maple," "Spruce," "Pine," etc).

Lastly, to streamline the information advisory group members can consider while completing the blind evaluation, "near" data (within 600 feet of proposed route options) is provided for optional consideration on page 3 of the data table, and is supplemental to the "adjacent" data (within 25 feet of proposed route options) provided on pages 1-2.

Scoring key

The blind evaluation will use a 5-point scoring system similar to the one used at the Sub-Area Workshop #2:

- Best meets the factor = 5 ★★★★★
- Meets the factor = 4 ★★★★
- Somewhat meets the factor = 3 ★★★
- Mostly does not meet the factor = 2 ★★
- Least meets the factor = 1 ★

For example, for the evaluation factor “Avoids residential areas,” if a route has a low number of adjacent residential properties, it would score high – receiving 4 or 5 points out of the possible 5 because it meets the evaluation factor well. If a route has a high number of adjacent residential properties, it would receive a lower score (a score of 1 or 2) because it does not meet that evaluation factor.

Note: The same score can be applied to multiple routes. For example, two or three routes might receive a 5 if they all best meet the factor.