

Central Sub-Area Workshop #1 – Issues Checklist results summary

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At the Central Sub-Area Workshop #1 on March 26, 2014, participants completed an Issues Checklist Worksheet to assess the top five issues in their sub-area.

The worksheet asked the question:

“For the potential route segments in the north sub-area, what key issues should the Sub-Area Committee consider?”

A list of issues was included, as well as the option to write-in any additional issues not listed (indicated by “Other: ____”). Where appropriate, these were tallied with the corresponding issue topics provided.

The table below summarizes the results from the Issues Checklist Worksheets that were collected. Issues are listed in order of most to least frequently selected, with results by segment. Note that three checklists did not indicate an associated segment.

Issue and corresponding write-in (indented)	D	E	F	G1/G2	H	I	J	K1/K2	No segment indicated	Total
Property values										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other: Loss of tax basis from reduced property values • Other: Decreased property values as a result of visual impacts 	3	3	2	2	26	2	61	1	3	103
Visual impacts (views)										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other: Six lines across my view • Other: Loss of view 	0	4	0	2	11	2	60	0	3	82
Residential impacts										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other: Noise 	3	2	5	1	12	9	42	1	3	78
Aesthetics										
	0	4	3	0	16	2	38	0	2	65
Electromagnetic fields (EMF)										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other: Health issues • Other: Health issues/exposure 	1	2	5	1	20	2	28	1	1	61

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Community character <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other: Freeway traffic 70 plus noise of transmission line 40 to 60 dBA plus people noise on the trail • Other: This is an industrial-scale installation in residential, business, hospitality, and hospital zones of Bellevue • Other: Existing community covenants • Other: Bellevue is a "City in a Park." Placing high-voltage industrial lines in a gentle single-family neighborhood is inappropriate. • Other: Park under power lines 	4	5	0	1	8	0	35	0	2	55
Number of properties impacted	0	3	1	0	7	0	32	1	2	46
Design features <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other: Tower heights 	0	5	1	1	11	1	19	2	1	41
Existing utility corridors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other: Stop proliferation of utility corridors, keep together • Other: Joint use of Seattle City Light easement • Other: Existing easement rights 	4	3	1	0	12	0	18	1	0	39
Need for project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other: Are other technologies available? • Other: Why not solar/alternatives • Other: Use technology to increase power carry capacity on existing lines • Other: Battery farm submersion technology to achieve same results • Other: Other options, other choices, alternatives are too limited 	0	5	2	0	2	1	15	1	0	26
Impacts to trees and mature vegetation	0	2	5	0	10	0	5	0	0	22

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Encroachments										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other: How will this fit in with a trail and potential rail? Other: Section L issues with easement rights Other: Easement concerns--not enough distance to people 	0	2	0	0	9	0	10	0	0	21
Proximity to schools										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other: Too close to schools and recreational areas 	0	0	2	0	1	0	17	0	0	20
Cost										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other: Cost to rate payers vs. other routes Other: Tax/fees going up 	3	2	0	2	1	2	5	2	0	17
Environmental impacts										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other: Hillside sensitive areas impact Other: Submerge lines underwater Other: Put lines underground; underground small section 	0	3	4	0	2	0	7	0	0	16
Historic landmarks										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other: Historical preservation of railroad Other: Rails to trails preserves history 	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	6
Construction										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other: Disruption to communities during project 	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	5
Business impacts	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3
Economic development	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Other: Disaster impact from gas pipelines and electrical lines in the event of earthquake or mudslide.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Other: Olympic pipeline	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Other: Compromise the safety of the land or hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Other: Go underground and spread cost over 50 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Other: No to corridor J	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Other: Issaquah to Lakeside option not considered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Other: Where is the power being used?	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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Other: Corridor J is not where growth has occurred or is expected to occur	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Other: Runs through more parks and schools than Route I or H	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Other: Over-burdening the easement	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Other: Path to Forest Hill neighborhood	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Other: Safety - aircraft traffic	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other: Proximity to proposed trails/human public use	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1