

## Spring-summer community events outreach summary

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### Purpose and overview

Community events held in spring and summer 2014 provided Puget Sound Energy the opportunity to engage and inform Eastside residents about Energize Eastside through relaxed, informal settings. The purpose of this outreach was to provide the public with current information about the project, potential route segments, public involvement, the advisory group process, and narrowed route options. The events also provided opportunities for the public to provide feedback and learn how to get involved with the project.

### Format

An Energize Eastside information table with project hand outs, maps, visual aids, and comment cards was set up at each event. Whenever possible, this table included or was adjacent to a table with information on PSE's conservation and energy efficiency programs. Project team members were available to share information and answer questions about the project.



A Bellevue resident views photos of historical growth on the Eastside at the Bellevue Strawberry Festival.

## Events and community interactions

Project team staff attended ten events, engaging a total of 1,200 community members. Thirteen visitors submitted written comments about Energize Eastside during the events. Below is a table summarizing attendance and comments received at these events.

Event	Date(s)	Approximate table visitors	Comment cards
Newcastle Earth Day*	April 4, 2014	15	1
YMCA Healthy Kids Day	April 26, 2014	200	0
Bellevue Strawberry Festival	June 28-29, 2014	80	3
Redmond Derby Days	July 12, 2014	62	1
Renton River Days	July 25-27, 2014	88	7
National Night Out, Renton	August 5, 2014	100	0
National Night Out, Newcastle	August 5, 2014	120	0
National Night Out, Bellevue	August 5, 2014	300	0
Newcastle Days	September 6, 2014	35	1
Bellevue Blueberry Festival	September 6, 2014	200	0

\* Event closed early due to poor weather

## Themes heard during the events

Many table visitors were unfamiliar with the project and were therefore interested in general project information. These visitors were appreciative of the information provided and the outreach work. Below are themes heard during the 10 events.

*Note: This section reflects a synthesis of individual conversations, questions, comments and themes that were raised during the events. The synthesis provided is not intended for use as a verbatim transcription. Attendees were encouraged to provide comments on hard-copy comment cards or through the project website. Written questions and comments are summarized in the monthly comment reports and responded to when necessary.*

- Informed about Energize Eastside through local homeowners associations
- Concerns about Segment M and pipeline safety
- Concerns about building along Lake Washington
- Preference for using the existing corridor
- Questions about design structures and locations
- Questions about the need for the project

- Questions about undergrounding and the effect on reliability during storms
- Questions about the Seattle City Light corridor
- Questions about electromagnetic fields (EMF) from the lines
- Questions about power reliability
- Interest in strengthening existing power grid
- Support for the need of the project
- Concerns about property value impacts
- Question about noise from transmission lines
- Questions about PSE's energy generation portfolio
- Question about the impact of power lines to wildlife
- Question about how this project relates to the Sound Transit expansion on the Eastside
- Concern that PSE is committing too much time and resources to public outreach
- Concern that wealthier neighborhoods will have more of a voice in the project

PSE appreciates input and expression of interests and concerns. Input from the community helps PSE with the route selection process as the project moves forward.