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I'm Kathleen Johnson, Executive Director of Historic South Downtown.

Today I join a strong chorus of voices from the CID and Pioneer Square neighborhoods to urge Sound Transit to select 4th Ave S. as the preferred alternative for the CID station.

Identifying 4th Ave S as the preferred alternative advances an option already evaluated in the draft EIS and keeps the entire system expansion project on schedule. **Exploring a new station plan at this time will introduce delay and additional cost.**

If you've come into this meeting mentally committed to switching to two options that have not been studied, two options that skip over this neighborhood, that is irresponsible.

It's not good enough to say that 4th Ave is going to take too long. This community deserves to be connected and this board can't turn its back on the vision that these communities have created for the future, just because it is going to be hard.