



Capitol Hill - Broadway Farmers Market and the Capitol Hill Sound Transit Station

Capitol Hill's Broadway Farmers Market set down roots in 2005 and has become a beloved neighborhood institution. When the community first began to envision development around the coming light rail station, **one of the primary objectives was to give the market a permanent home within the development footprint, with 79% of a large sample of residents ranking it as the most important community priority for the new space.** Since then, support for the Farmers Market has been the highest priority theme at public hearings, community meetings, and opportunities for public comment.

Sound Transit acknowledged this priority in 2009 and worked with the Farmers Market and the community to identify the planned plaza as the optimal home for the market, with additional space for vendors in the adjacent Denny Festival Street. **The market was moved to its current location at Broadway and E Pine in anticipation of its eventual permanent relocation to the new Capitol Hill Sounds Transit Station public plaza.**

Please join us at the Developer Meeting, Monday, June 2nd, from 5:30-8:30pm at the SCC Broadway Performance Hall, and let the developers know they must prioritize providing a long-term secure home for the Farmers Market.

FAQs

When does the market run?

The Broadway Farmers Market recently extended its season to a year-round operation, Sundays from 11am-3pm. The community supports it extending its hours and possibly taking on a second day of operation mid-week.

Who manages the market?

Broadway Farmers Market is part of a seven market system of food- and farm-focused markets organized by the Neighborhood Farmers Market Alliance (NFMA) - a Seattle based 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting local farms and local food security.

How does the market support itself?

The majority of the market's income comes from booth fees from farmers and small business owners. The Neighborhood Farmers Markets also fund raises to support its low income access programs, farm emergency relief fund, and local food advocacy. Because Farmers Markets provide a significant community benefit and are nonprofit mission-based entities, it is necessary to keep daily operations costs low by subsidizing their space rentals (usually done by city agencies, Chambers of Commerce, and commercial interests).

What does the future Broadway Farmers Market at the Capitol Hill Sounds Transit Station look like?

The goal of the community and the Neighborhood Farmers Markets is for the Broadway Farmers Market to continue thriving at at least its current size, with better vendor amenities such as plumbed water, electrical hook-ups, and load zones, as well as public amenities such as picnic tables.

