

# Link LRT: Planning Study from Mountlake Terrace/Lynwood to Everett Station (Snohomish County)

Project Number	N2
Subarea	Snohomish
Primary Mode Impacted	Link
Facility Type	Link Service
Version Number	3.0
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**Project Locator Map**



## Short Project Description

Perform a planning study to screen and narrow the options for extending light rail from Ash Way to Everett.

**Project Purpose:** to expedite future Sound Transit system development.

## Cost and Schedule

Cost (in Millions of 2005\$)

Schedule

	Low	High
Agency Admin		
Environmental Clearance and PE		
Final Design, Specs, Permitting		
ROW Acquisition		
Construction		
Vehicles		
Contingency		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5.0</b>	<b>\$5.0</b>

**Proposed Schedule Not Yet Developed**

## Design Basis

Conceptual

## Environmental Documentation Required

- Environmental Impact Statement Required
- Environmental Assessment Required
- Environmental Checklist Required

## Relationships to Other Projects

Relationship	Project
Impacted by	N3 Link LRT: Preliminary Engineering from King/Snohomish County Line to Ash Way (Snohomish County)

## Project Partners

WSDOT
Snohomish County
City of Everett
City of Lynnwood
FTA
FHWA
BPA/Sno Co PUD/SCL

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## Long Description

### Description:

This project would perform a planning study to screen and narrow the options for extending light rail from Ash Way to Everett, to expedite future Sound Transit system development.

### Project Elements Included:

- Conduct public and agency outreach
- Conduct alignment assessment
- Develop preliminary ridership forecasts
- Identify environmental issues
- Develop prototypical alignment with potential station locations, park and rides and maintenance facilities
- Develop conceptual operating plan(s)
- Develop conceptual capital and operating costs

### Utilities:

- none

### Right-of-Way and Property Acquisition:

- none

### Mitigation:

- none

### Exclusions:

- Preliminary engineering
- NEPA/SEPA environmental documentation
- Identification of a preferred alternative

### Permits Required:

- none

### Agreements Required:

- none

*ST has developed scope definitions for ST2 project proposals for the purposes of developing cost estimates, implementation schedules, a financial plan, and the estimation of project benefits. This scope definition should not be construed as a commitment that all defined features will be included in the final developed project.*

## Evaluation Measures

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Measurement/ Rating</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Average Weekday Ridership	N/A	
Capital Cost	\$5.0	in Millions of 2005\$
Annual Operating Cost	\$0.0	in Millions of 2005\$
Travel Time & Reliability	N/A	
Connectivity & Integration	N/A	
Land Use & Development	High	
Customer Experience	N/A	
Risk Avoidance	High	

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## Key Issues and Benefits

### Issues:

- This work could be done at any time, but most elements would have to be re-done in a later formal environmental/engineering process leading to selection of a preferred alternative. A planning study may not fully meet requirements for formal alternatives analysis necessary to establish the actual mode and alignment, particularly if federal dollars are eventually involved.
- Deciding mode and routing now may restrict future decision-makers' ability to respond to changed conditions.

### Benefits:

- Would narrow the range of potential light rail routings in this segment, potentially simplifying and speeding future design and construction.
- Provides more specific vision of how the regional light rail system will be completed.