



East Link light rail

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Segment C: Downtown Bellevue

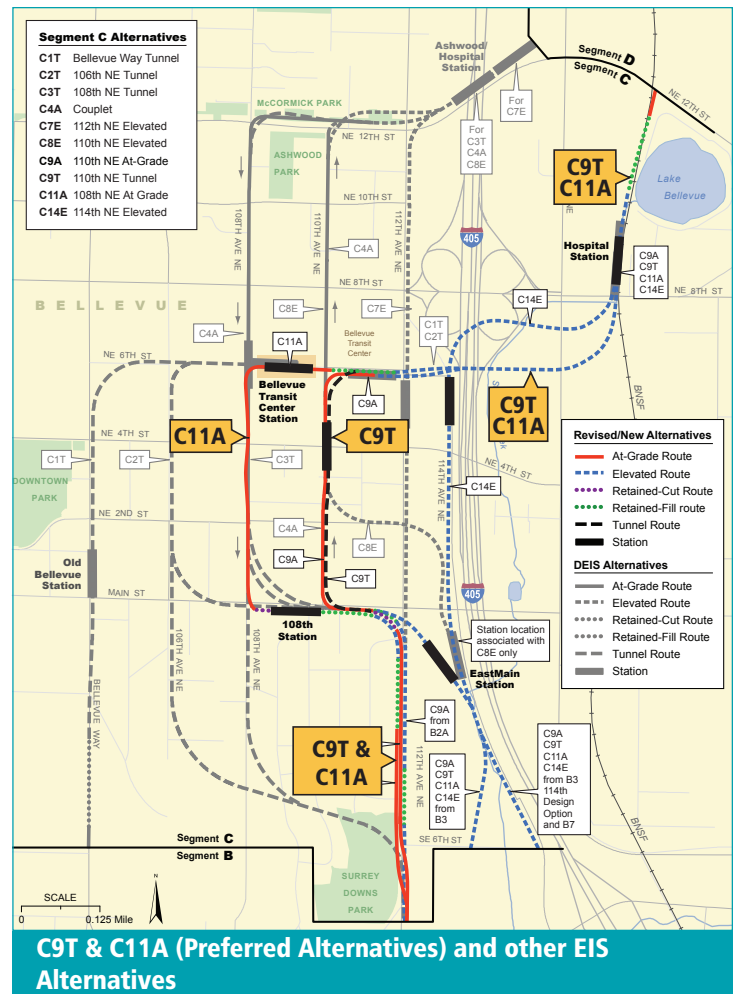
Segment Details

Segment C serves downtown Bellevue with alternatives running from just north of SE 8th Street to 116th Avenue NE and NE 12th Street on the east side of I-405. Sound Transit evaluated three tunnel alternatives, two elevated alternatives and one surface alternative in the 2008 East Link Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Four new alternatives are being evaluated in the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS).

In April 2010, the Sound Transit Board updated the preferred alternative to include two new preferred alternatives: a cut-and-cover tunnel along 110th Avenue NE (C9T) and an at-grade alignment on 108th Avenue NE (C11A). The ST2 plan provides funding for an at-grade or elevated alternative in Segment C. For the Sound Transit Board to select a tunnel alternative, additional funding sources would be required. The Bellevue City Council has agreed to a non-binding term sheet to provide up to \$150 million (2007 \$) to help pay for the tunnel alternative.

Segment C could include the following stations located at:

- 108th Station (C11A – at-grade only): Located on Main Street between 108th and 110th avenues NE.
- Bellevue Transit Center Station (both C9T – tunnel and C11A – at-grade): Both alternatives are served by the Bellevue Transit Center Station, although the exact station location varies by alternative, see map.
- Hospital Station (Both C9T – tunnel and C11A – at-grade): Elevated station just north of NE 8th Street within the BNSF right-of-way.



Downtown Bellevue



Simulation of light rail in downtown Bellevue

Benefits:

- Provides access to high quality, frequent transit service that operates 20 hours per day.
- Approximately 7,000-9,000 daily boardings would occur in downtown Bellevue.
- Light rail in this area would serve the dense central business district of downtown Bellevue, providing access to employment, education, and recreation.
- The City of Bellevue's downtown plan anticipates adding 14,000 housing units and 38,000 jobs by 2030.

Travel times*

(from Bellevue Transit Center)

- International District/Chinatown = 19-22 minutes
- University of Washington = 31-34 minutes
- Mercer Island = 10-12 minutes
- Overlake Transit Center = 10 minutes

*Reflects preferred alternative travel times

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What's new in Segment C?

Since the publication of the 2008 DEIS, there are four new alternatives in Segment C as follows:

- Preferred 108th Avenue NE At-Grade Alternative (C11A)
- Preferred 110th Avenue NE Tunnel Alternative (C9T)
- 110th Avenue NE At-Grade Alternative (C9A)
- 114th Avenue NE Elevated Alternative (C14E)

All new alternatives were presented to the public in the February 2010 Downtown Bellevue Concept Design Report. Community input was gathered on their preferences for light rail in downtown Bellevue at an open house at Bellevue City Hall.

Funding a Downtown Bellevue Tunnel

The preferred tunnel alternative costs approximately \$285 million dollars more than what was allocated in the voter-approved ST2 Plan for downtown Bellevue. The preferred surface alternative, C11A, is within budget. The ST2 plan provides funding for an at-grade or elevated alternative in downtown Bellevue (Segment C). For the Sound Transit Board to select the preferred tunnel alternative (C9T) in this segment, more funding sources would be required.