



# East Link light rail

## Segment E: Redmond

### Segment Details

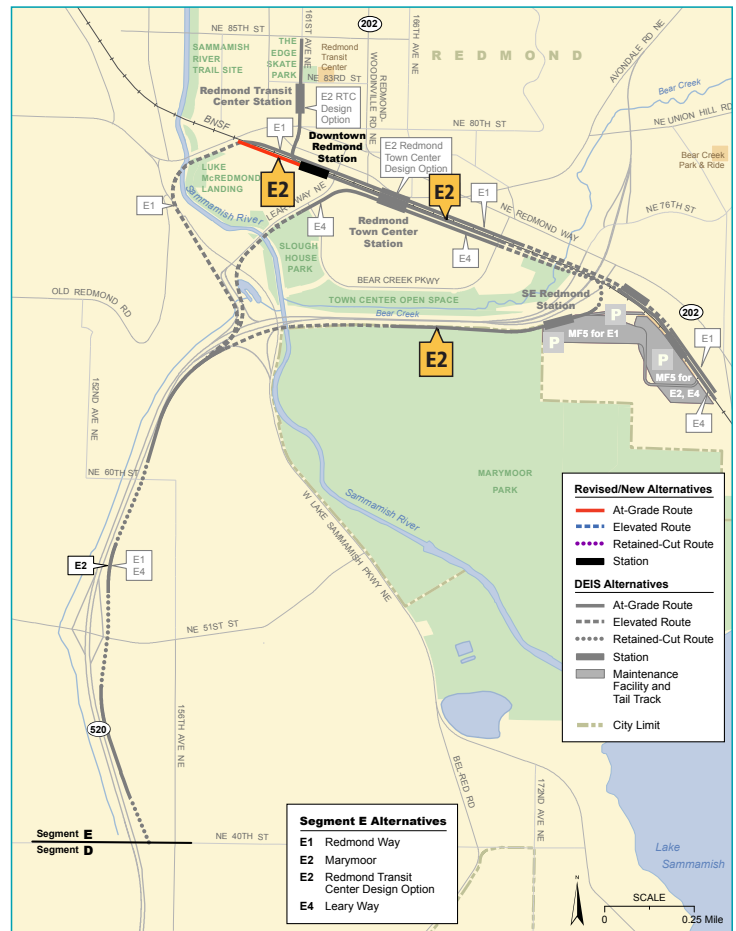
Segment E serves Redmond with trains running from Overlake Transit Center along SR-520 into downtown Redmond. Segment E is the end of the line for the East Link project. There is only one option along SR-520; however, the 2008 East Link Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) evaluates three route alternatives through downtown Redmond. The preferred alternative, E2, crosses under the SR-520 and SR-202 interchange and enters a portion of the abandoned BNSF railroad track. The alignment crosses under SR-520 and over Bear Creek, then becomes at-grade to cross 170th Avenue NE. Trains will continue west along the BNSF to the end of the line near Redmond Town Center, just northwest of Leary Way.

Segment E could include two stations. Stations would be located at:

- SE Redmond Station: Located at the northeast end of Marymoor Park on the south side of the SR-520 and SR-202 interchange. Includes a five-story parking structure with 1,400 parking spaces.
- Downtown Redmond Station: Located near Redmond Town Center. This station serves only the preferred alternative (E2).

### Benefits

- Provides access to high quality, frequent transit service that operates 20 hours per day.
- Approximately 3,500 daily boardings would occur in this area.
- Supports the dense, transit-oriented land use redevelopment plans of Redmond.
- Provides increased access opportunities at the SE Redmond parking lot and Redmond Town Center.



**E2 (Preferred Alternative) and other EIS Alternatives**



Redmond Town Center

## What's new in Segment E?

Sound Transit has modified the preferred alternative (E2) by replacing the Town Center Station and the Transit Center Station with one downtown station located midway between the two original stations. The preferred alignment now terminates just past the Downtown Redmond Station and no longer continues up 161st Avenue NE. The original alternative E2 that was evaluated in the 2008 DEIS will continue to be evaluated as a design option to the preferred alternative (E2).

## Constructing light rail to Redmond

As part of the ST2 plan, voters approved funding for the preliminary design and environmental study of light rail to Redmond. However, funding has not been approved for the construction of light rail between Overlake Transit Center and downtown Redmond. Additional funding will need to be identified before light rail will serve Redmond Town Center and communities northeast and southeast of Redmond.



Marymoor Park in Redmond

### Travel times\*

(from Downtown Redmond Station)

- International District/Chinatown = 37-40 minutes
- University of Washington = 49-52 minutes
- Bellevue Transit Center = 17 minutes
- Overlake Transit Center = 7 minutes

\*Reflects preferred alternative travel times

### For more information:

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