



East Link light rail

Segment B: South Bellevue

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Segment Details

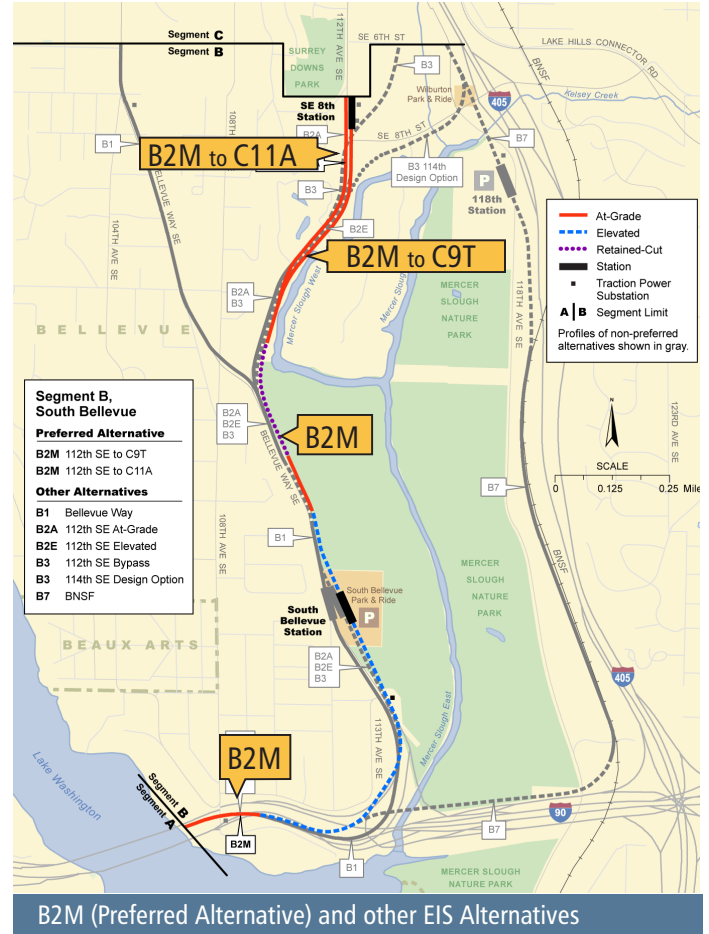
In Segment B, light rail runs between I-90 and SE 6th Street in south Bellevue. Sound Transit evaluated six light rail route alternatives in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Preferred Alternative B2M is elevated in the I-90 center roadway, crosses over westbound I-90, and continues elevated on the east side of Bellevue Way SE to the South Bellevue Station, located at the current South Bellevue Park-and-Ride Lot; this alternative also maintains the westbound and eastbound I-90 HOV ramp connections to Bellevue Way. After leaving the station, the route transitions to a retained cut in front of the Winters House to the intersection of Bellevue Way SE and 112th Avenue SE.

There are two variations of the B2M preferred alternative, depending on whether a tunnel or an at-grade alternative is selected for Segment C in downtown Bellevue. When connecting to Preferred 108th NE At-Grade Alternative (C11A), Preferred Alternative B2M transitions from a retained cut to at-grade on the east side of 112th Avenue SE. South of SE 15th Street, Preferred Alternative B2M crosses the northbound lanes of 112th Avenue SE at a gated crossing and continues north in the center of 112th Avenue SE at-grade until reaching Segment C at SE 6th Street.

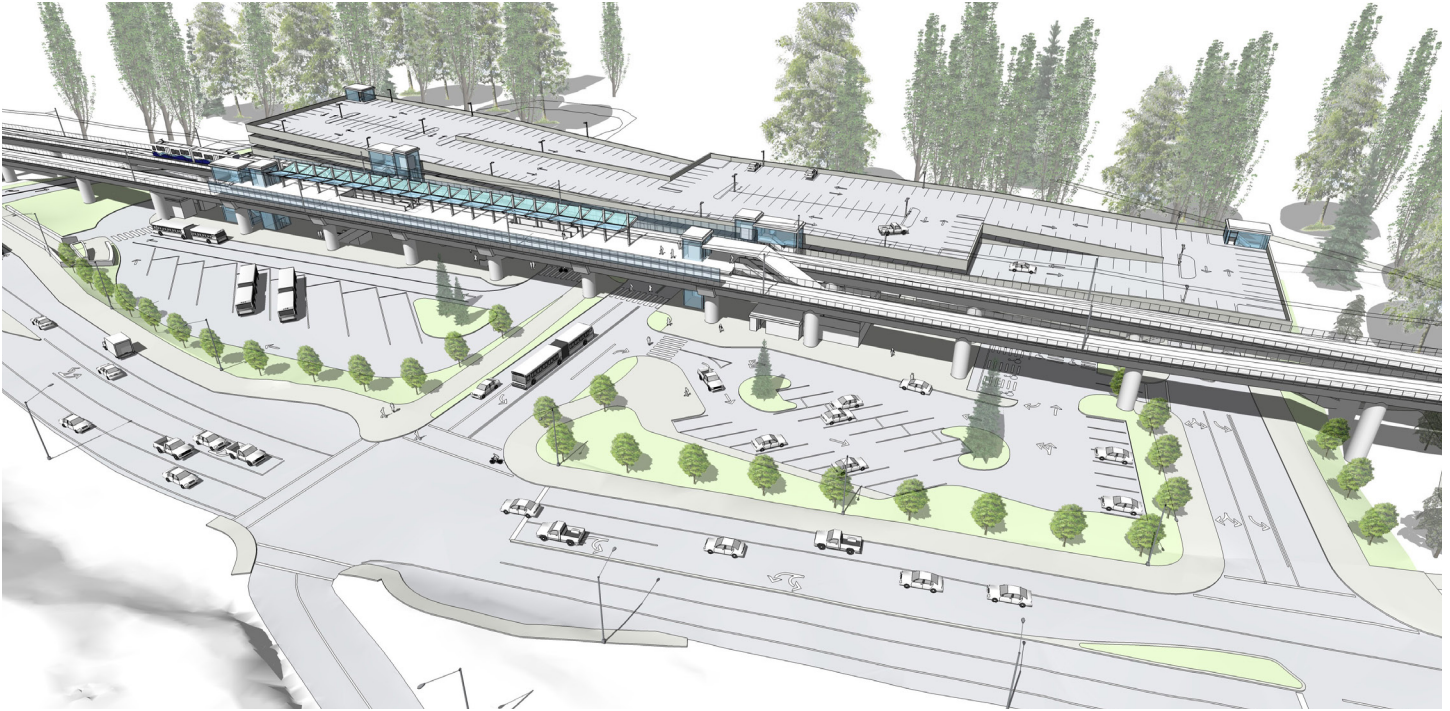
When connecting to Preferred 110th NE Tunnel Alternative (C9T), B2M transitions to at-grade on the east side of 112th Avenue SE and enters the at-grade SE 8th Station north of SE 8th Street. From there, Preferred Alternative B2M to C9T remains at-grade until reaching Segment C at SE 6th Street. Under the C9T – East Main Station Design Option, the SE 8th Station would not be built.

Preferred Alternative B2M could include two stations. Stations would be located at:

- South Bellevue Station: Elevated station with a new 1,400 stall parking structure at the existing South Bellevue Park-and-Ride lot.
- SE 8th Station: If the route connects to the tunnel in downtown Bellevue (C9T), the route would include an at-grade station at SE 8th Street and 112th Avenue SE. The variation connecting to an at-grade alignment in downtown Bellevue (C11A) does not include a station at this location.



Simulation of light rail in front of Winters House



Simulation of South Bellevue Station

Benefits:

- Provides access to high quality, frequent transit service that operates 20 hours per day.
- Approximately 4,500 to 5,500 daily boardings in Segment B.
- Increases park-and-ride capacity and travel options for south Bellevue residents and commuters, as well as employees in business parks located east of 112th Avenue SE, consistent with City of Bellevue transportation goals.

Travel times*

(from South Bellevue Station)

- International District/Chinatown = 14 minutes
- University of Washington = 24 minutes
- Bellevue Transit Center = 6-8 minutes
- Overlake Transit Center = 16-18 minutes
- Sea-tac Airport = 49 minutes

* Reflects preferred alternative travel times

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