

Open House #2

# East Link Light Rail

## Cost-Savings Ideas



June 5, 2012

# Welcome

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Thank you for attending tonight's open house. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to share the cost-savings report, provide an update on design progress, and gather public input on the cost-savings ideas for East Link light rail in Bellevue. Since the April 26 open house, the project team has conducted further engineering and analysis to evaluate the cost-savings ideas for technical feasibility, potential for cost reduction, potential environmental impact, and other considerations.

We hope the information and analysis displayed tonight will help you provide input on the cost-savings ideas. Please visit the stations around the room to learn more and share your feedback with the project team.

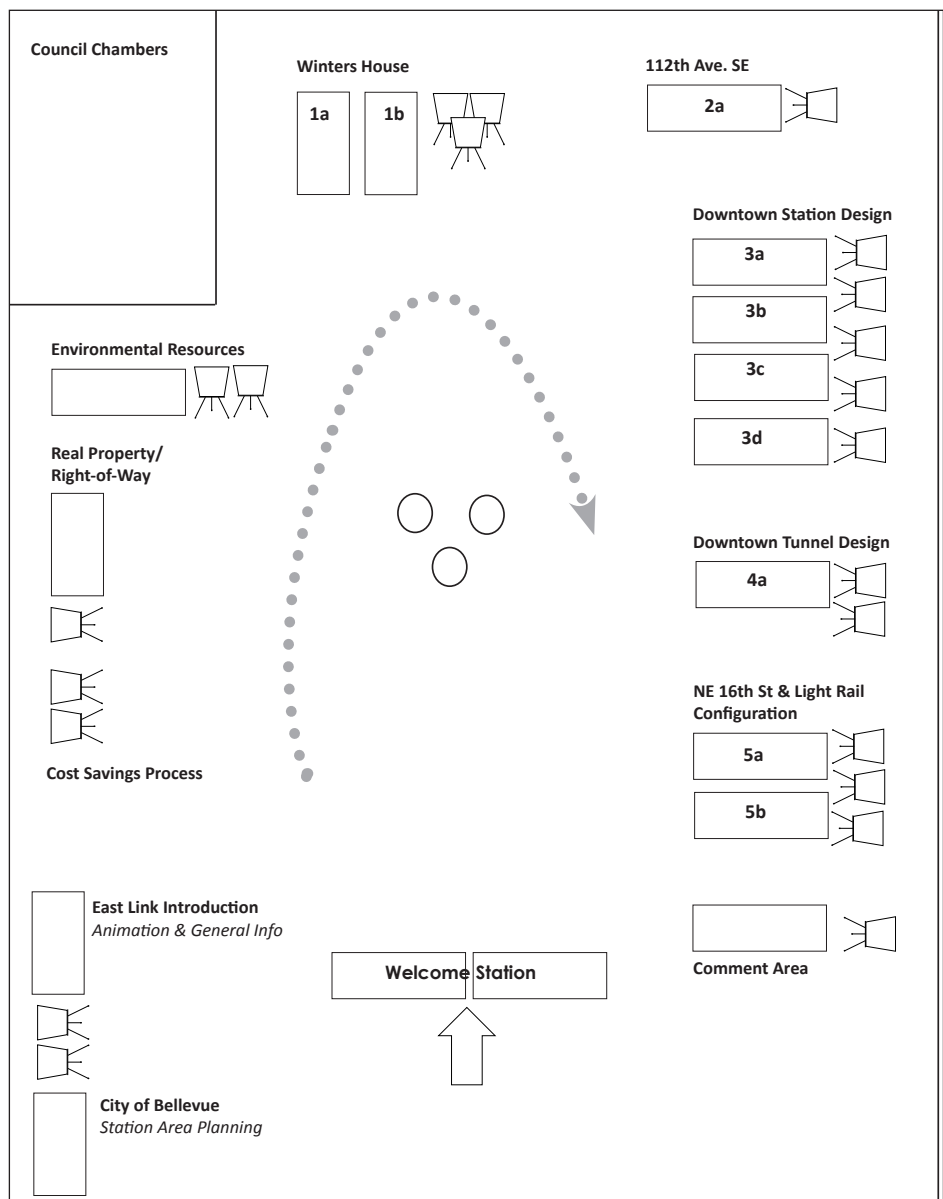
Please share your thoughts and concerns directly on the plans or on the comment form insert.

Please provide your completed comment form to staff.

Comments may also be mailed to the address provided below or emailed to [eastlink@soundtransit.org](mailto:eastlink@soundtransit.org)

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# What is the Cost-Savings Decision Making Process?

## Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

November 2011

The MOU identifies Sound Transit and the City of Bellevue's commitment to work together to manage the project's scope, schedule and budget.

## Collaborative Design Process

Early 2012

The City and Sound Transit are working together to meet the MOU goal of reducing the City's financial contribution for a downtown light rail tunnel by up to \$60 million.

## Cost-Savings Study

Early 2012

Sound Transit and the City of Bellevue developed ideas to reduce East Link costs within the City of Bellevue and convened a peer review panel to identify the most promising ideas.

## Key Decision Milestones



## Ongoing Community Outreach and Stakeholder Briefings

### How will public comments influence the decision making process?

Cost-savings ideas that impact the adopted project require approval by both Sound Transit and the City of Bellevue. Sound Transit and the City of Bellevue will weigh public feedback from open houses, stakeholder briefings and public comment as they refine the cost-savings concepts. All comments will be compiled and shared with the Sound Transit Board and Bellevue City Council. Please provide your comments by June 10 for consideration by Bellevue City Council and the Sound Transit Board. Comments received by June 10 will be incorporated into a public comment summary that will be distributed to elected officials on June 11. We will continually update the public comment summary with comments received after June 10.

### Next Steps

In June, cost-savings ideas will be identified for incorporation into value engineering and further development. The project team will continue environmental review and engineering on cost-savings ideas. As the project moves forward, there will be ongoing community engagement.

## Questions?

### For more information:

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To view the full cost-savings report,  
please visit  
[www.soundtransit.org/eastlink](http://www.soundtransit.org/eastlink)

# Comment Form

Please visit the open house stations to view simulations and plans of the cost-savings ideas and hear more from project staff. Please share what you like and what you would like to change about each cost-savings idea. To ensure public comments are considered by the Sound Transit Board and Bellevue City Council, please submit comments by June 10. Thank you!

## Winters House

**Idea 1a:** Shift Bellevue Way west, At-grade alignment in front of Winters House

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**Idea 1b:** Relocate Winters House, At-grade alignment

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## 112th Alignment at Surrey Downs Park

**Idea 2a:** Flyover to allow extension of SE 8th Street into Surrey Downs to provide new neighborhood access and continue at-grade, closing SE 4th Street

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**Idea 2b:** Raise 112th Avenue SE roadway over at-grade light rail and continue light rail at-grade, with changes to neighborhood access at SE 4th Street (Not included in Cost-Savings Report)

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## Downtown Station Design

**Idea 3a:** Eliminate mezzanine, station entrance in the outer travel lanes of 110th Avenue NE

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**Idea 3b:** Construct a stacked tunnel configuration with entrances in the outer travel lanes of 110th Avenue NE

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**Idea 3c:** Relocate station alongside side of NE 6th Street. The tunnel portal is located on the south side of NE 6th Street

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**Idea 3d:** Relocate station across City Hall garage and adjacent site. The tunnel portal is located in the City Hall parking garage.

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After further analysis, the following ideas do not provide a cost savings. Please let us know if there are additional factors that should be considered.

## Downtown Tunnel Design

**Idea 4a:** Retained-cut from Main Street to NE 2nd Street

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## NE 16th Street Road and Light Rail

**Idea 5a:** Build a two-way road only on north-side of light rail alignment

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**Idea 5b:** Build median light rail alignment with roadway on both sides

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