2026 Service Plan Travel Time Estimates

Method:

- 1. The total travel time (minutes) is the sum of:
 - a. Average wait time (50% of the headway of bus or light rail service),
 - b. In-vehicle travel time,
 - c. 5-minute transfer time (when transfers are required).
- 2. Current and future travel times are estimated based on current and projected schedules for ST Express bus and Link light rail.

Table 1: Corridor wait and travel times for current and future service. Travel and wait time information is estimated based on current timetables. All times are in minutes.

Corridor	Current Wait Time	Current Travel Time	Current Total Travel Time	Future Wait Time	Future Travel Time (Including Transfer)	Future Total Travel Time	Travel Time Difference
Bellevue – Seattle (IDS) ²	5-8	27-28	33-35	4-5	22	26-27	-8 to -7
Issaquah TC – Seattle (IDS) ^{2, 3}	8-10	27-32	37-40	8	36-44	44-51	+7 to +11
Bothell – Seattle (Westlake) ^{2, 4}	8	53-58	60-65	8	53-56	60-63	-2 to 0
Lakewood – SeaTac	15	64-88	79-103	8	51-72	58-79	-24 to -21
Lynnwood – Seattle (Westlake) ²	5-10	26-48	31-58	2-3	33	35-36	-22 to +4
Issaquah – U District⁵	15	36-56	51-71	8	43-54	51-62	-9 to 0
Tacoma – U District ⁶	15	66-108	81-123	5	69-98	74-103	-20 to -7

¹ Positive (+) values indicate increased travel times and negative values (-) indicate reduced travel times.

² The travel time between the downtown Seattle stations, Westlake and International District/Chinatown, is 5 minutes using light rail and 6-8 minutes using bus.

³ During the AM (6-9 a.m.) and PM peak (3-6 p.m.), the future trip could be comparable or slightly faster, according to travel time observations. Passengers could also ride King County Metro Routes 215/218/269 from Issaquah Highlands or Eastgate to Mercer Island and connect to the 2 Line.

⁴ The current trip is Route 522 and a transfer to Link at Roosevelt Station. The future trip is Route 522 and a transfer to Link at Shoreline South Station.

⁵ Future trip is Route 556 and a transfer to Link at South Bellevue Station. Passengers could also transfer between 556 and King County Metro 270 at Bellevue Downtown Station.

⁶ Future trip is Routes 590/594/595 and a transfer to Link at International District/Chinatown Station.