

# Growing transit. Building connections.

2022 Progress Report

# Dear neighbors,

Through many months of pandemic challenges, Sound Transit delivered something for our region to celebrate in October as riders welcomed the arrival of Link light rail to Seattle's U District, Roosevelt and Northgate neighborhoods.

It was just a taste of coming gains. We're on track to more than double your regional light rail system in the next three years with five more major openings through 2024, and our new Stride bus rapid transit service will launch in 2026. We're also preparing for further light rail extensions to Tacoma, Everett, West Seattle, Ballard, South Kirkland, Issaquah and Tacoma Community College, as well as Sounder train service to Tillicum and DuPont.

While challenging market conditions required action last year to update construction plans, the strategies and targets you'll find summarized here reflect our tenacious focus on advancing equity and rapidly delivering further extensions that are critical to our region's mobility, economy and environment.

I'll be stepping down in the coming months. It has been a great privilege for the past six years to lead the outstanding Sound Transit staff as we efficiently deliver value to taxpayers. Our Board of Directors is already well along in selecting a skilled leader to guide the agency to the many exciting milestones coming in the years ahead.

Be safe and be well,



**Peter Rogoff**, Sound Transit CEO

**Learn about Link light rail, ST Express bus, Sounder train and Stride bus rapid transit projects in your area:**

 **[soundtransit.org/2022report](https://soundtransit.org/2022report)**

VIDEO



See where the 1 Line can take you.  
**[soundtransit.org/link2021](https://soundtransit.org/link2021)**



*Celebrating Northgate Link  
opening in October 2021.*

## Now arriving: New opportunities

With Link light rail now serving Seattle's U District, Roosevelt and Northgate neighborhoods, there's never been a more exciting time to explore where Sound Transit can take you.

Whether you're zipping past highway gridlock on your way to a new job or school, skipping airport parking before jetting off on that long-postponed vacation, or simply heading out for an everyday meetup with family or friends, Sound Transit is your connection to the opportunities you've been waiting for.

**See how we're powering progress** ➤



# Next stop...

**We're on track to more than double the regional light rail system in the next three years!**

# 2023

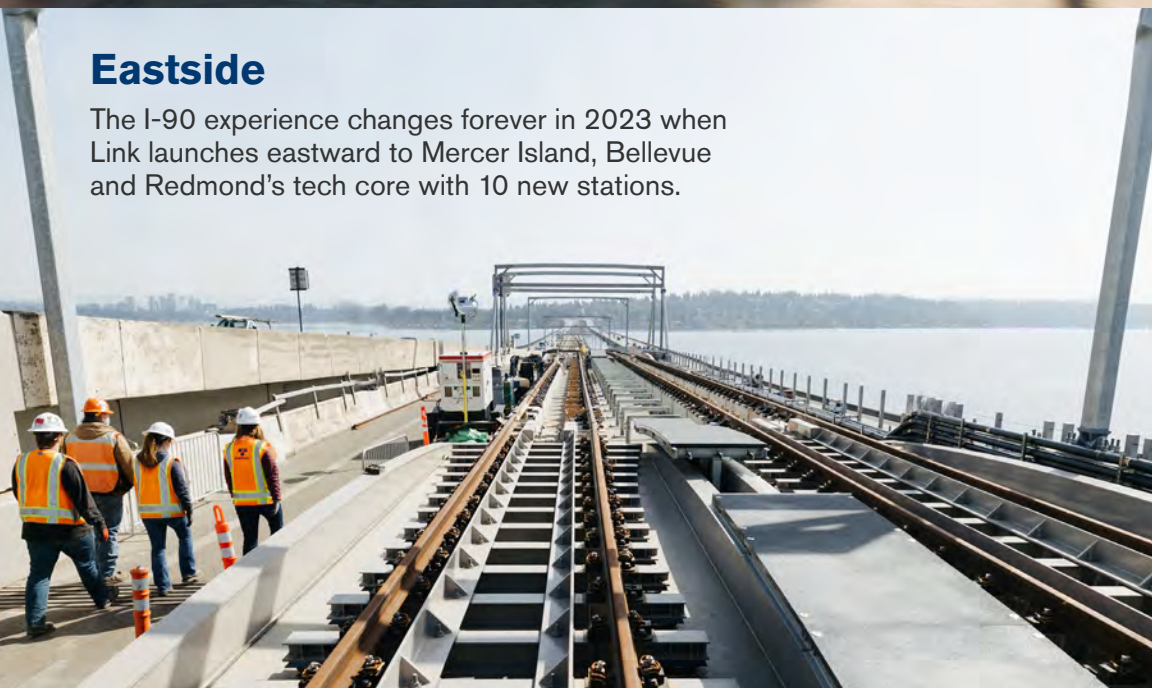


## Tacoma

The T Line adds six new stations and expands from Tacoma Dome and downtown to Stadium High School, Wright Park and major Hilltop medical centers.

## Eastside

The I-90 experience changes forever in 2023 when Link launches eastward to Mercer Island, Bellevue and Redmond's tech core with 10 new stations.



## Link connections

As Link light rail expands, regional bus service will evolve too. Sound Transit and our partner agencies are working to continually adapt the regional transit network and better serve new Link stations, so you can get wherever you want to go more quickly.



# 2024

## North

Link service comes to Snohomish County! Four new stations open in Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood.

## South

South Sound connections keep expanding with three new stations serving Des Moines, Kent and Federal Way.

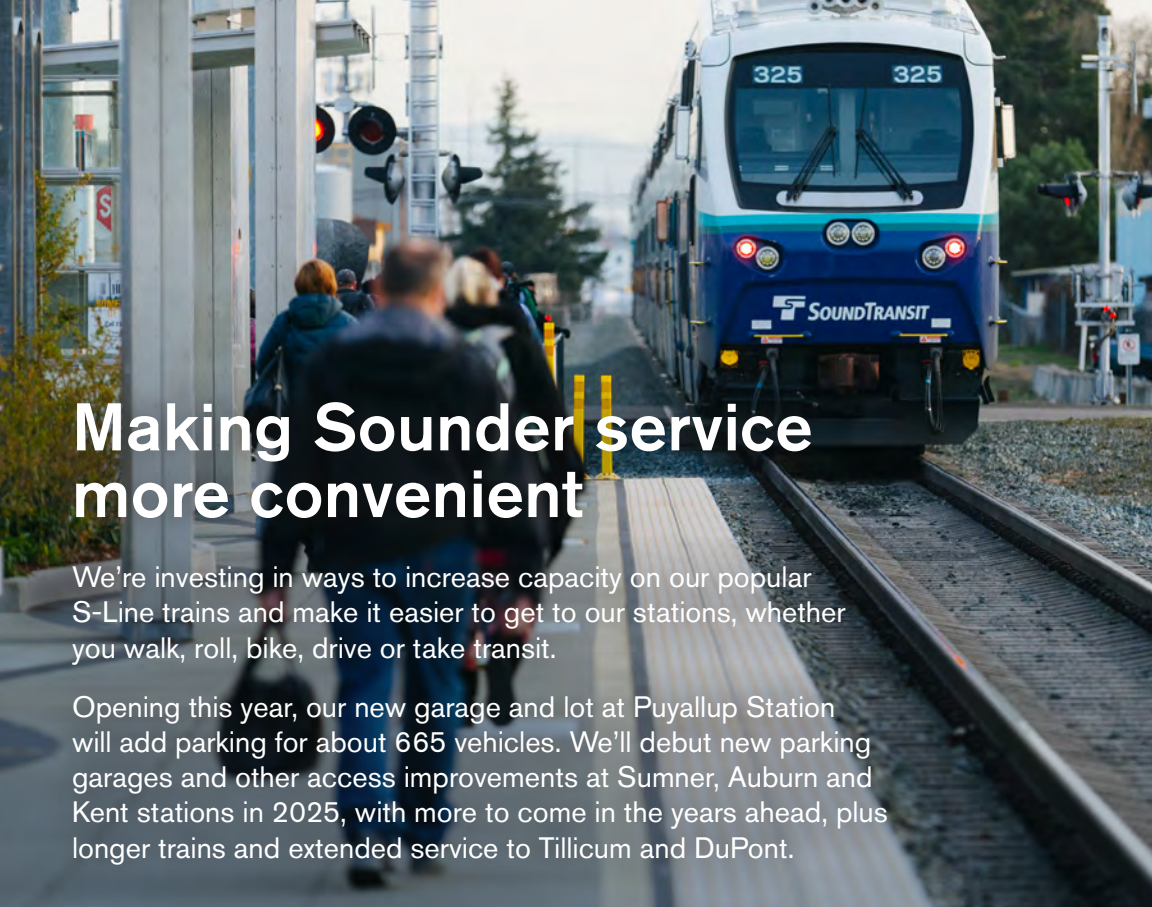
## East

Two new stations create regional connections from Southeast and Downtown Redmond.



See the light rail system grow.  
***[soundtransit.org/progress](https://soundtransit.org/progress)***





# Making Sounder service more convenient

We're investing in ways to increase capacity on our popular S-Line trains and make it easier to get to our stations, whether you walk, roll, bike, drive or take transit.

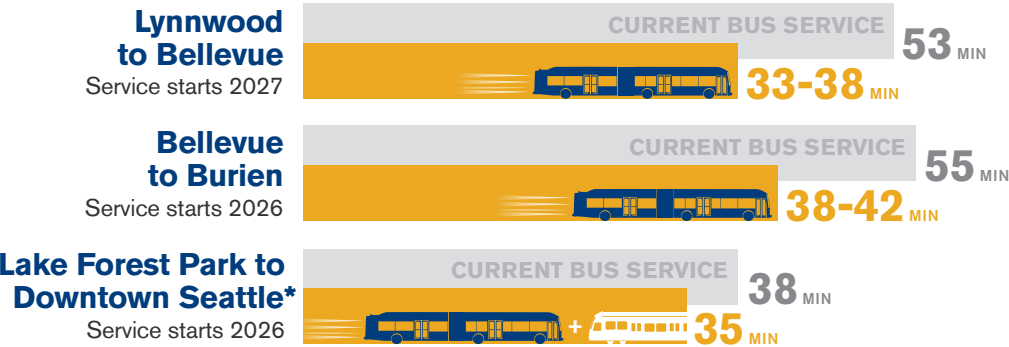
Opening this year, our new garage and lot at Puyallup Station will add parking for about 665 vehicles. We'll debut new parking garages and other access improvements at Sumner, Auburn and Kent stations in 2025, with more to come in the years ahead, plus longer trains and extended service to Tillicum and DuPont.

# Coming soon: Stride bus rapid transit



Tired of dealing with traffic on I-405 and SR 522? Our new Stride BRT service will connect communities north, east and south of Lake Washington.

Operating mostly in dedicated lanes, BRT is designed for fast arrivals and departures with multiple doors and off-board fare payment. Stride will also connect to four Link stations, allowing for quick transfers to fast, traffic-free light rail.



\*BRT with a transfer to Link light rail at Shoreline South/148th Station.

# Working to expedite projects in a challenging market

Sound Transit and other organizations in our region face significant construction and real estate cost pressures. In August 2021, after more than a year of discussions as well as input from the public and stakeholders, the Sound Transit Board adopted a response plan to adjust timelines for some future projects. Completion targets (see next page) did not change for projects already under construction.

## To expedite and closely track project deliveries, we're:

- ✓ Increasing financial capacity by exploring funding opportunities in collaboration with federal, state and local partners.
- ✓ Developing options to reduce project costs and/or scope for communities and the Board to consider.
- ✓ Evaluating shifts in project readiness, costs and risk through a new annual program review, launching this spring.
- ✓ Increasing transparency by establishing a new program performance dashboard reflecting project status.

Learn more at:

🔗 [\*\*soundtransit.org/realignment\*\*](https://soundtransit.org/realignment)



We aren't just building the largest transit expansion in the country, but one that's sustainable for generations to come. In 2021, Link became the first rail system in the nation to be powered entirely by clean, carbon-free electricity.



# Growing our regional transit network

## Pierce County and South King County:

- 2022** ▶ New parking opens at Puyallup's Sounder station.
- 2023** ▶ Tacoma's T-Line service doubles.
- 2024** ▶ 1 Line expands to Kent, Des Moines and Federal Way.
- 2025:** New parking garages and improved access at Kent, Auburn and Sumner Sounder stations.
- 2030:** Better connections to South Tacoma and Lakewood Sounder stations.
- 2031:** New 1-Line station at South Boeing Access Road.
- 2032:** Regional light rail reaches Tacoma with four new 1-Line stations in Federal Way, Fife and Tacoma.
- 2039-2041\*:** T Line extends to Tacoma Community College.
- 2036-2046:** Increased S-Line capacity with longer trains and more trips.
- 2045:** Two more S-Line stations at Tillicum and DuPont.

## East King County:


- 2023** ▶ 2 Line launches to Mercer Island, Bellevue and Redmond's tech core.
- 2024** ▶ More 2-Line stations open in Southeast and Downtown Redmond.
- 2026-2027:** Stride bus rapid transit launches on I-405 and SR 522 with connections to light rail at Tukwila, Bellevue, Shoreline and Lynnwood.
- 2041-2044\*:** 4 Line opens from South Kirkland to Issaquah.
- 2045:** North Sammamish Park-and-Ride opens.

## Snohomish County:






- 2024** ▶ The 1 and 2 lines extend into Snohomish County with four new stations in Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood.
- 2037-2041\*:** Link service expands to Southwest Everett and Everett.
- 2034:** Parking and access improvements at Edmonds and Mukilteo Sounder stations.

## Seattle area:



- 2025:** New light rail station opens at NE 130th Street.
- 2031:** South Graham Street light rail station opens.
- 2032:** 3 Line opens to West Seattle.
- 2037-2039\*:** 1 Line expands from downtown Seattle to Smith Cove and Ballard.


 **Link light rail**


**Future service:**


-  1 Line Ballard–Tacoma
-  2 Line Mariner–Redmond
-  3 Line Everett–West Seattle
-  4 Line S. Kirkland–Issaquah
-  T Line Tacoma Dome–Tacoma Community College


**In service:**

-  Northgate–Angle Lake
-  Tacoma Dome–Theater District




 Added capacity


 Parking improvements

 20XX Scheduled open or completion date




 **Sounder trains**


**Future service:**

-  S Line DuPont–Lakewood
- In service:**
-  N Line Everett–Seattle
-  S Line Lakewood–Seattle


 **Stride buses**

**Future service:**

-  S1 Line Bellevue–Burien
-  S2 Line Lynnwood–Bellevue
-  S3 Line Shoreline–Bothell

 **ST Express buses**

**In service:**

-  Re-evaluated annually

The map illustrates the Sound Transit regional transit network, including Link light rail, Sounder trains, Stride buses, and ST Express buses. It shows the current network and future expansion plans with various project timelines and locations. Key locations include Everett, Mukilteo, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Shoreline, Northgate, Ballard, UW, Kirkland, Redmond, North Sammamish, Issaquah, Renton, South Renton, Tukwila, Kent, Auburn, Sumner, Bonney Lake, Puyallup, Lakewood, Tillicum, DuPont, Tacoma, Fife, Federal Way, Kent/Des Moines, Angle Lake, SeaTac/Airport, Burien, and South Tacoma. The map uses color-coded lines to represent different transit services and includes icons for various transit modes. Project timelines are indicated by numbers in boxes along the lines, such as 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2032, 2037-2039\*, 2039-2041\*, 2041-2044\*, and 2045.

\*Dates reflect an affordable schedule based on current financial projections and cost estimates, and a target schedule. Learn more: [soundtransit.org/realignment](https://soundtransit.org/realignment).

Learn about transit projects in your area:  
[soundtransit.org/2022report](https://soundtransit.org/2022report)





# We aren't just about building rail lines and running bus routes

## Public transit drives equity

Our work determines whether people can access the most fundamental needs in life, from jobs and education to groceries and medical care to the interpersonal connections that ensure our mental and emotional wellbeing.

While the benefits are vast, so too are the responsibilities. As a regional agency that employs and serves diverse and growing communities, we have a duty to dismantle harmful and pervasive systems of inequity. We recognize that our most critical decisions—like where we build our projects, how we plan our service, and who comprises our workforce—are questions of racial and socioeconomic justice.

## Becoming an anti-racist organization doesn't happen overnight

Learn more about Sound Transit's journey, including our initial five-year anti-racist strategy, at [soundtransit.org/2022report](https://soundtransit.org/2022report).

We're deeply committed to giving every rider a caring and positive experience.

**[soundtransit.org/all-aboard](https://soundtransit.org/all-aboard)**



VIDEO

# Creating the affordable housing our region needs

Transit expansion promotes thriving station areas where people rely less on cars. At the epicenter you'll find transit-oriented development projects, built on property we no longer need for transit construction. TOD can include retail, restaurants, offices and community spaces, but it particularly emphasizes something the Puget Sound region urgently needs: more affordable housing.

- ✓ 2,500+ housing units are already built or planned, most affordable to those earning 80% or less of area median income.
- ✓ A \$100 million commitment from Amazon provides below-market funding to affordable-housing developers, expediting up to 1,200 new units on Sound Transit properties regionwide.

**Learn more about our TOD goals and projects helping to address the affordable housing crisis in your area:**

🔗 [\*\*soundtransit.org/TOD\*\*](https://soundtransit.org/TOD)

**We partner with communities and developers to facilitate construction of thousands of new housing units.**

*Our transit-oriented development around Seattle's Capitol Hill Station includes affordable housing and a central plaza space for farmers markets and other community events.*





# Ride with us

Start here to plan, pay and ride.  
***[soundtransit.org/ride-with-us](https://soundtransit.org/ride-with-us)***



**Plan** **Online:** Scan the QR code above to use our Trip Planner tool or download schedules and maps.

**Contact Passenger Care:** Request schedules, maps and more trip-planning help at 888-889-6368/TTY 711, Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-7 p.m., or email [main@soundtransit.org](mailto:main@soundtransit.org).

## Pay



**ORCA card** Tap and go!  
Works on all regional transit, making transfers easy and often free.



Or use the **Transit GO Ticket app**, buy single-use or one-day train tickets, or pay **exact change** on buses.

Find fare information at:

***[soundtransit.org/fares](https://soundtransit.org/fares)***

## Ride

Scan the QR code above or call for info on accessibility, bikes, transfers, parking, station amenities and more.

Don't miss important alerts! Sign up for texts or emails at [soundtransit.org/subscribe](https://soundtransit.org/subscribe).



**Wear a mask when required.**

## How the Puget Sound gets around



Paying for transit rides across the Puget Sound region is about to get even easier with the all-new myORCA mobile app and website!

See what's coming:  
**[myORCA.com](https://myORCA.com)**



# Our new fare ambassadors are here to help

## Look for the yellow caps

Through our Fare Engagement Pilot Project, we're exploring changes to who checks fares and how, as well as the process for resolving non-payment.

Sound Transit's new fare ambassadors aren't just ticket-checkers. Look for the yellow caps aboard Link and Sounder trains for help with questions and fare-payment options, and learn how qualified passengers can get special ORCA cards and pay reduced fares.

Learn about our Fare Engagement Pilot Project at [soundtransit.org/yellowcaps](https://soundtransit.org/yellowcaps).

## Reduced fares with ORCA LIFT

We believe everyone should have access to transit. Through the ORCA LIFT program, income-qualified riders can get all the benefits of an ORCA card for a fraction of the cost. Seniors, youth and riders with disabilities can ride for less with special ORCA cards, too.

**See if you qualify and learn how to apply:**

 [orcasavings.com](https://orcasavings.com)





# Boosting the Puget Sound economy

## Strong financial stewardship helps us keep our region moving and growing

Throughout the pandemic, Sound Transit has continued to operate safe, essential services for our passengers, while our construction teams have adopted new safety protocols to keep building and fueling economic recovery.

**Our voter-approved transit projects are forecasted to support more than 323,000 direct and indirect jobs through 2046.**

### Through 2021:



**24K tradespeople** worked over **15.6M hours** on Sound Transit's 18 active construction projects.



**7K+ workers of color** contributed **5M+ hours** on active projects. That's 32% of all hours worked.



**1.5K women** worked more than **7% of all hours**. That's more than twice the industry national average.

## Looking for new opportunities?

We'll need thousands of trained workers in the years ahead. That's why we partner with community nonprofits to train local talent—specifically including people of color, native tribal members and women—in construction trades.

**Seize your opportunity today:**

**[soundtransit.org/apprenticeship](https://soundtransit.org/apprenticeship)**

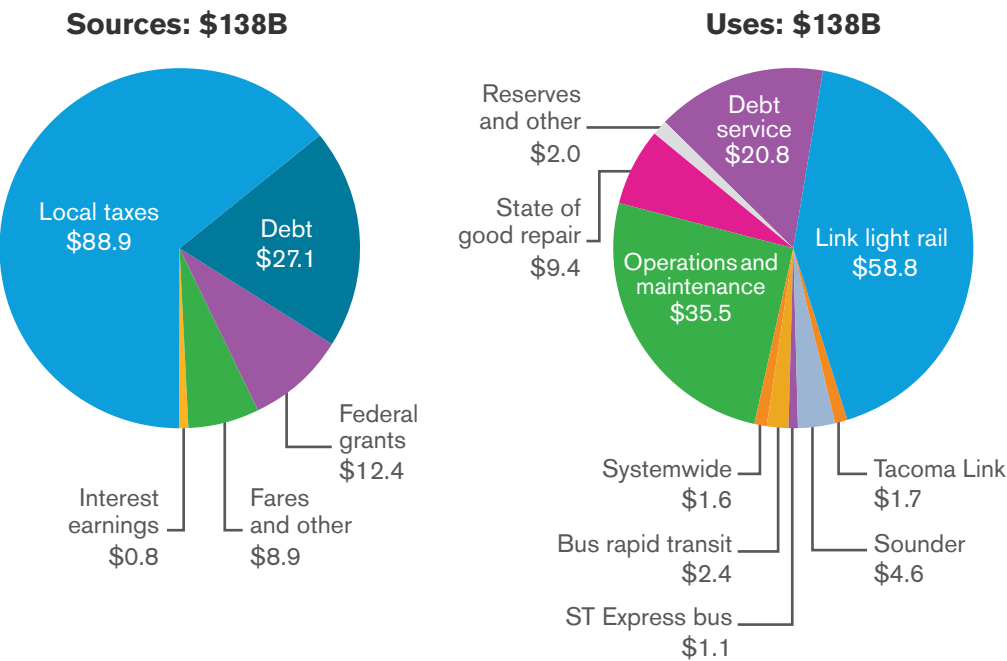
# Financial information

Transit construction and operation is paid for by a combination of local taxes, federal grants, borrowing through the issuance of bonds, fares and other sources.

Sound Transit recently received its 26th annual Financial Statement and federal funding Single Audit, conducted by the independent outside auditing firm Moss Adams. No material weaknesses have been found since these audits began in 1995.

Sound Transit has one of the highest bond ratings of any transit agency in the country, allowing us to obtain loans at lower interest rates, which helps stretch taxpayer dollars.

## Funding sources and uses: 2017–2046 (in billions)



## Sound Transit Board

- Kent Keel**, *Chair*,  
University Place Councilmember

**Dow Constantine**, *Vice chair*,  
King County Executive

**Dave Somers**, *Vice chair*,  
Snohomish County Executive

**Nancy Backus**, Auburn Mayor

**David Baker**, Kenmore Mayor

**Claudia Balducci**, King County Council Chair

**Bruce Dammeier**, Pierce County Executive

**Cassie Franklin**, Everett Mayor

**Bruce Harrell**, Seattle Mayor
- Debora Juarez**, Seattle Council President

**Joe McDermott**, King County Council Vice Chair

**Roger Millar**, Washington State  
Secretary of Transportation

**Ed Prince**, Renton Councilmember

**Kim Roscoe**, Fife Mayor

**Dave Upthegrove**, King County Councilmember

**Peter von Reichbauer**,  
King County Councilmember

**Kristina Walker**, Tacoma Councilmember

**Snohomish County representative\***

\*At the time this document was published on Feb. 14, 2022, this representative was yet to be confirmed.  
For an updated list of Boardmembers, visit [soundtransit.org/board](https://www.soundtransit.org/board).





Union Station, 401 S. Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98104-2826

PRESORTED  
STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
SEATTLE, WA  
PERMIT NO. 1832



**800-823-9230**

Descubra de qué manera se está expandiendo su sistema de transporte público para llegar a más lugares.

해당 지역의 교통시스템 확장 내역을 확인하세요.

Узнайте как расширяется ваша транзитная система.

Alamin kung paano lumalawak ang inyong transit system sa mas maraming mga lugar.

Tìm hiểu về việc hệ thống giao thông công cộng của quý vị đang mở rộng tới nhiều địa điểm hơn như thế nào.

了解公共交通系統如何擴展至更多地方。

➤ [\*\*soundtransit.org/report-spanish\*\*](https://soundtransit.org/report-spanish)

➤ [\*\*soundtransit.org/report-korean\*\*](https://soundtransit.org/report-korean)

➤ [\*\*soundtransit.org/report-russian\*\*](https://soundtransit.org/report-russian)

➤ [\*\*soundtransit.org/report-tagalog\*\*](https://soundtransit.org/report-tagalog)

➤ [\*\*soundtransit.org/report-vietnamese\*\*](https://soundtransit.org/report-vietnamese)

➤ [\*\*soundtransit.org/report-chinese\*\*](https://soundtransit.org/report-chinese)