



West Seattle Link Extension

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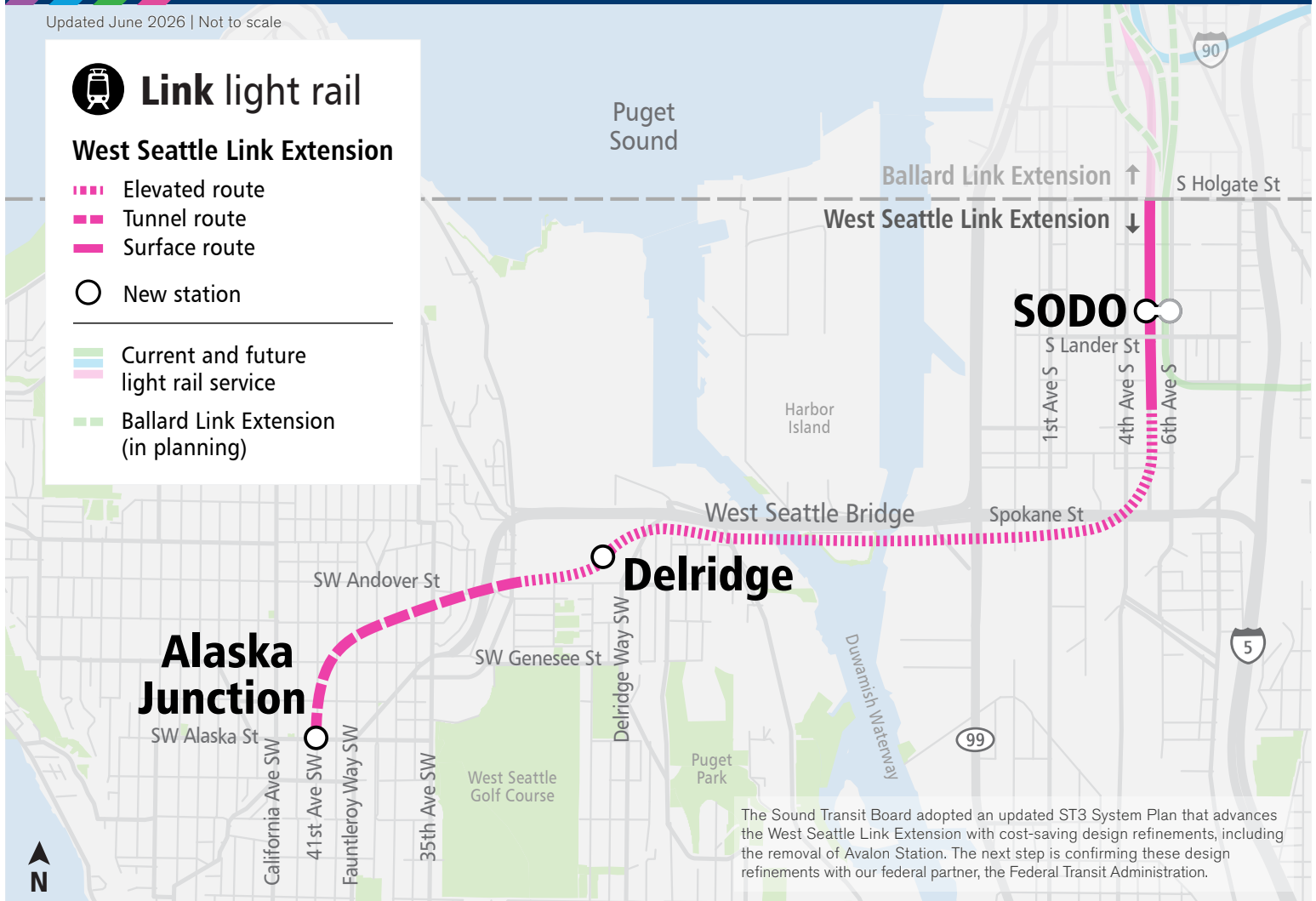
Link light rail

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- Elevated route
- Tunnel route
- Surface route

- New station

- Current and future light rail service
- Ballard Link Extension (in planning)



About the project

The West Seattle Link Extension (WSLE) will make it easier and faster to travel between West Seattle and the rest of the region. Whether you're commuting to work, heading to school, or exploring the city, Link light rail will connect you to key destinations in West Seattle, SODO, and beyond. The West Seattle Link Extension is part of Sound Transit 3, a voter-approved regional transit expansion.



Learn more, subscribe for email updates, and find out how to get involved:

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Project timeline





Link riders await an arriving train at Mount Baker Station.

Project benefits

- WSLE will serve more than 20,000 riders per day —providing a fast, frequent, and reliable way to get to and from West Seattle.
- WSLE will cut travel time in half from West Seattle to downtown (Westlake Station) once connected to the regional Link system.
- This project will enable the affordable housing and other developments around future stations.

What's next for West Seattle Link?

During final design, Sound Transit will:

- Continue to identify ways to reduce project cost and community impacts.
- Secure permits and plan for construction.
- Engage communities in final design, station naming, station art, and transit-oriented design visioning.
- Acquire the property we need to build the project and support businesses and residents through the relocation process.
- Begin early works, including preparing the site and relocating utilities for major construction.

How did we get here?

- **2016:** Voters approved Sound Transit 3.
- **2017:** Sound Transit began the project planning process.
- **Sept 2024:** Sound Transit published the WSLE Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- **April 2025:** Our federal partner, the Federal Transit Administration, issued a Record of Decision, completing the environmental review phase of the project.
- **May 2025:** WSLE began final design with a focus on refining design and identifying opportunities to reduce project costs and community impacts.
- **May 2026:** The Sound Transit Board adopted an updated ST3 System Plan that advances the West Seattle Link Extension with cost-saving design refinements, including the removal of Avalon Station. The next step is confirming these design refinements with our federal partner, the Federal Transit Administration.

Stay involved

As the project moves forward, Sound Transit wants to hear from all voices in the community, including people and groups who may not have always felt included in past conversations. You can connect with the project team in-person at community events or online through our online open house. We welcome your questions, feedback, and ideas for how we can better connect with the community. Contact us to get your questions answered or to schedule a meeting with the WSLE community engagement team.

Questions?

Contact the Community Engagement team:
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