



# Ballard Link Extension

## Expanding light rail in Seattle

### About the project

The Ballard Link Extension will provide fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers between Chinatown-International District and Ballard. In addition, a new downtown Seattle light-rail only tunnel will increase capacity and improve efficiency for the entire regional system.

#### CURRENT PHASE

**Planning: Environmental review**

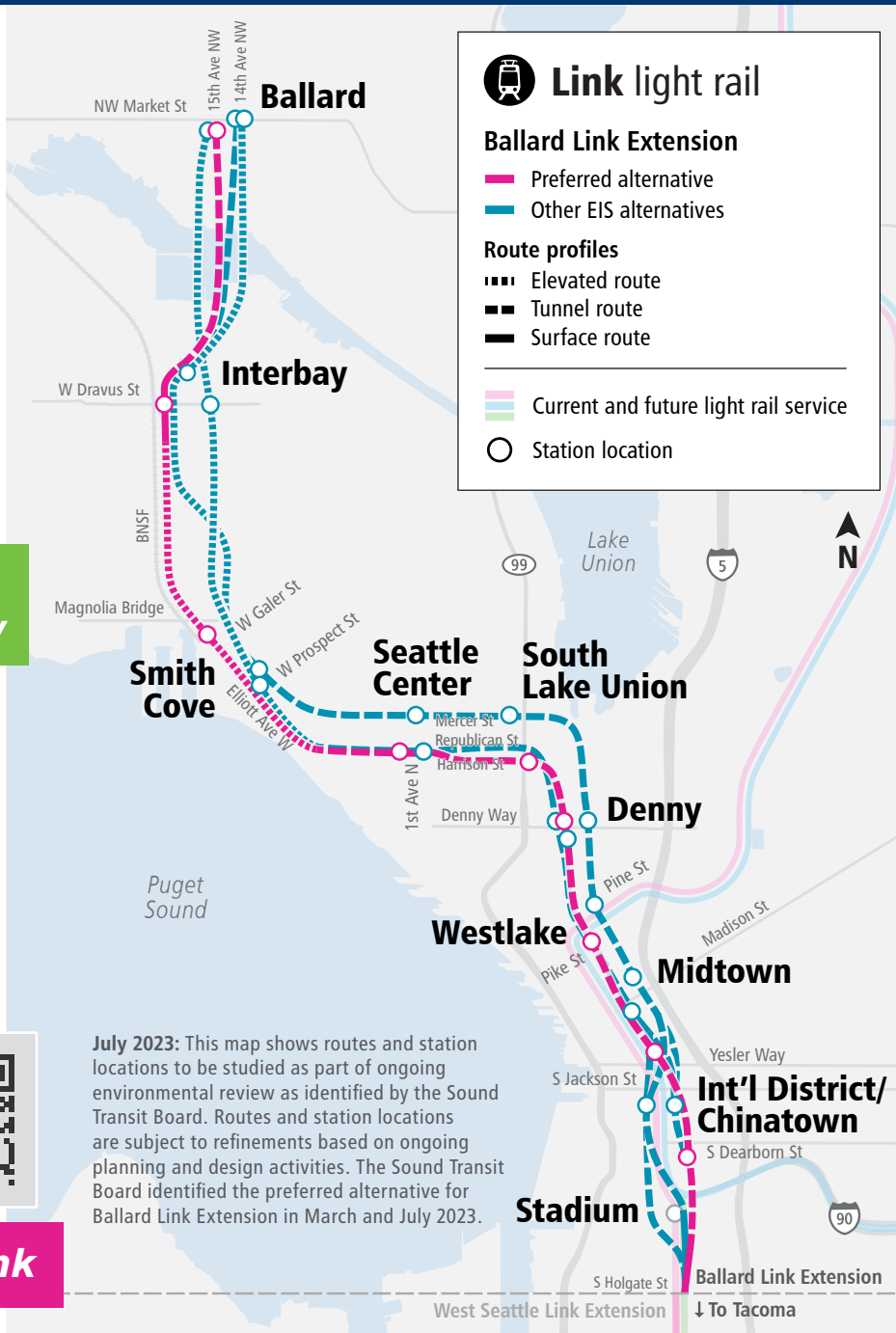
### Project benefits

- **Adds 7.7 miles of light rail service** from downtown Seattle to the Ballard neighborhood, including a new downtown Seattle rail-only tunnel.
- **Includes nine new stations** from Chinatown-International District to Ballard.

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[soundtransit.org/ballardlink](https://soundtransit.org/ballardlink)



### Project timeline





*Link passengers board and disembark a train at Roosevelt Station.*

## What's next for Ballard Link?

A new Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be completed for Ballard Link. Service is scheduled to start in 2039.

## Stay involved

Sound Transit is committed to meaningful public participation. We offer both in-person and virtual engagement opportunities to accommodate the community's needs. Reach out with questions, thoughts, or to request a briefing for your community group.

## Equity and inclusion

We are also committed to inclusively engaging historically-underrepresented communities. If you are interested in learning more about this project and how it may affect your community, please contact us and we will work with you to find an appropriate medium for providing project information.

## Questions?

**Contact the Community Engagement team:**  
[ballardlink@soundtransit.org](mailto:ballardlink@soundtransit.org) or 206-903-7223.

## How did we get here?

From 2017-2019, project staff conducted an extensive alternatives development process that resulted in the Sound Transit Board identifying preferred alternatives and other alternatives to study in a Draft EIS.

The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions were evaluated together in a Draft EIS published in January 2022. The public comment period lasted for 90 days between January and April 2022.

The Sound Transit Board requested further studies for the Ballard Link Extension (BLE) in July 2022. Sound Transit staff held community workshops, open houses, stakeholder meetings, and surveys between September 2022 and January 2023. The Sound Transit Board identified a preferred alternative for the Ballard Link Extension in March and July 2023. Given additional environmental review needed for project refinements for BLE, environmental review for the West Seattle Link Extension and BLE projects are proceeding on different timelines.



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