# Meanwhile...

Recent progress and upcoming milestones

Citizen Oversight Panel Meeting 10/6/21



# Recent work and upcoming milestones

## New line names introduced this fall

- Link becomes the 1 Line.
- Tacoma Link becomes the T Line.
- Sounder South becomes the S Line.
- Sounder North becomes the N Line.
- East Link launches as the 2 Line in 2023.



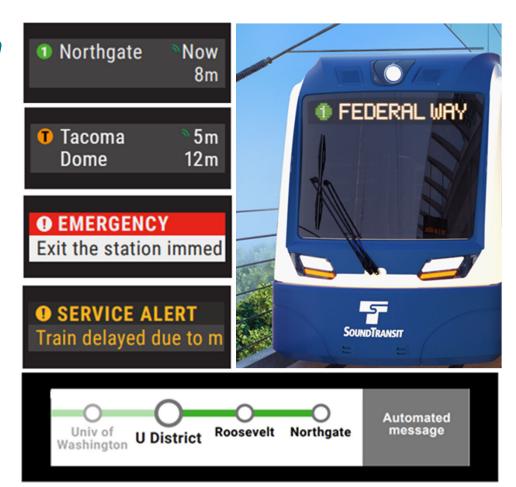
- Stride bus rapid transit lines will be **S1 S2 S3** upon launch.
- Future Link lines will be the and Iines.



# Passenger Information Management System/ (PIMS)

#### 2022

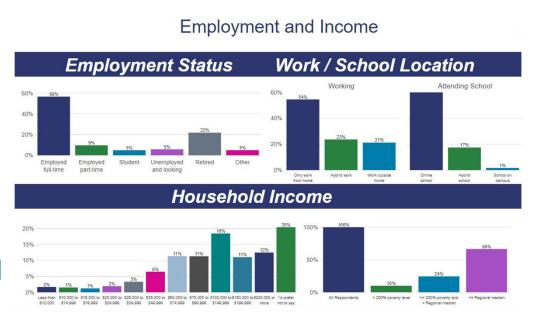
- Line name shield and color indicator in stations and on vehicles.
- Improved real-time arrival predictions.
- Scheduled and ad-hoc service alerts.
- Escalator/elevator outages.





# Data-informed decision making

- Vastly improved passenger metrics now available.
- Regularly tracking ourselves against five categories:
  - Safe, Available, Dependable, Clean, Informed
- Regular reports to Board and public dashboard.





# ORCA updates Early 2022

- New ORCA validators installed between Feb.-May
- New TVMs by March
- New website and app in Q1
- More payment options, faster and more responsive technology.





# Sustainability

#### December 2020

- Link became the first light rail system to run on 100% clean energy.
- Hydro (Seattle, Tukwila stations)
- Wind energy (SeaTac stations)
- 2020 Sustainability Progress Report to come before Board this fall.





# Transit-oriented development

- 2,500 housing units built or planned, 1,500 affordable.
- 614 units opening in 2022 at Roosevelt and First Hill.
- OMF-East development to have 500 units of housing and 400k sq ft of office space.



Spring District TOD



# Affordable housing partnership with Amazon

 \$100 million to accelerate creation of up to 1,200 new affordable housing units on ST surplus properties near light rail stations.

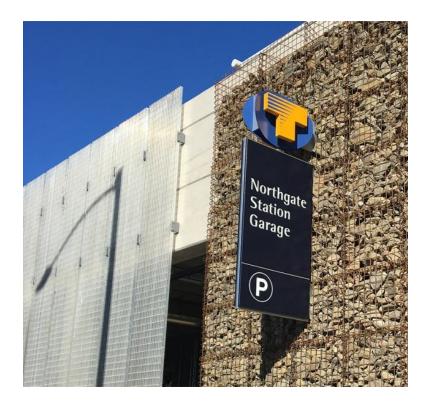


Alice Schobe, Global Director, Amazon in the Community Peter Rogoff, Sound Transit CEO



# Parking management program

- Preparing to restart SOV/HOV permits as ridership recovers.
- Expanding program scope to include daily parking fees by the time East Link opens.
- Plans underway to bring on new vendor.





### Fare Ambassador Pilot

- Program launch with two Fare Ambassador Supervisors & 11 Fare Ambassadors.
- 2-week training course.

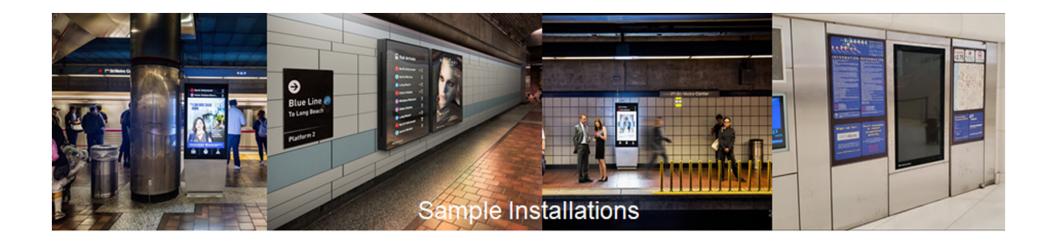






# Digital signage & advertising

Launches 2023





### 2022 Service Plan

#### Restoring service equitably











Rethink service to reflect new all-day travel patterns Prioritize
equity
as we restore
and add more
service

Consider rider & community input

Prepare to add more service if ridership increases Think ahead to changes arriving with future system expansion



# 2022 Service Plan – Sounder & Link

#### Sounder

- **S** Line
- Restore pre-pandemic schedule (13 roundtrips) by September.
- N Line
- Maintain two weekday roundtrips.

#### Link

- 1 Line
  - Maintain Northgate service levels (Oct 2021).
- 8 min rush hour, 10 min midday/evening/weekend, 15 min early morning/late night.
- **T** Line
  - Open Hilltop extension and increase frequency to 10 min weekday/Sat and 20 min Sunday.

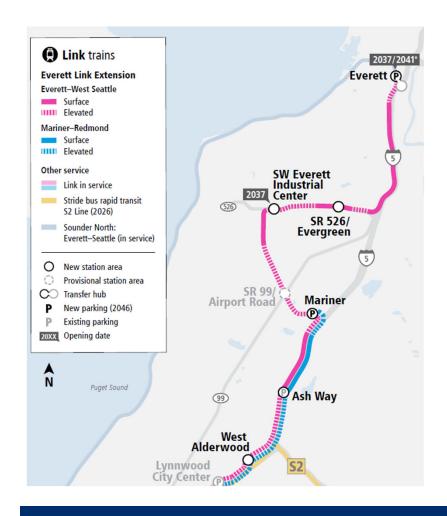


# 2022 Service Plan – ST Express

#### Prioritizing equity in service

- Focus on achieving service parity across the region.
- Increase Tacoma & Federal Way corridor service to every 15 mins all-day including weekends to match service levels on routes serving East King, North King and Snohomish Counties.
- Respond to continued growth in the South Corridor and recent ridership trends.
- Launching public engagement sooner than past service plans





# **Everett Link Extension and OMF North**

- Kicked off alternatives development with interagency group in the spring.
- Launching early scoping and public engagement this fall.



# Becoming an anti-racist organization

#### Proposed Anti-Racist Strategy

Engaged more than 500 employees in developing this effort.

#### Building a culture of inclusion

- Ten diverse, employee-led groups.
- Implicit bias trainings required of all employees.
- Special training for people leaders.

#### Racial Equity Tools

Five pilot projects applying toolkits to projects.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Strategy & Goal Board update coming later this year.



#### Portfolio Services Office

#### **PSO Accountability**

- Provide core services, including agencywide tools, systems, processes, and oversight.
- Establish accessible **standards and guidelines** (engineering authority, project controls, project management).
- Ensure that project teams have adequate resources.

#### Implementing realignment

- PSO as lead, closely collaborating with other depts.
- Incorporating Triunity's cost-control recommendations.
- Seeking additional revenue and financial capacity.



# Strategic Business Services

#### Continuous Process Improvement

- Improving processes such as General Engineering Contracting, work orders, permitting with other jurisdictions.
- Developing processes for new PSO office.
- Developing standard and simple templates for policies, procedures, manuals and charters.
- Improved Records Management, including electronic signature paths, tagging systems and storage.



# Staffing update

# Maintained FTE level by redeploying staff

- Only 5 new FTEs over past 12 months.
- Significant internal moves to fill needed positions.
- Talent Connect program with temporary assignments and development opportunities for current staff.

#### Full-time employees



Q2 2021 FTE increase for operations positions related to system expansion openings



# Thank you.



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