LRV Fleet Expansion

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Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Fleet Expansion



Burn-In Test, Capitol Hill Station S700 test train on right

152 new light rail vehicles to support expansion of Link service through 2024

- Northgate, East Link, Lynnwood, Downtown Redmond and Federal Way Link Extensions
- On budget, 36% complete
- Manufacturing on/ahead of target
- Commissioning behind schedule
- Covid-19 challenges being addressed and monitored

Path to Revenue Service

8-year duration

- Notice to proceed with Siemens issued September 2016
- Multiple interim milestones based on rate of delivery and acceptance

Phases of work managed to-date:

- 1. Design
- 2. Manufacturing
- 3. Transport and On-site Inspection
- 4. Testing and safety certification
- 5. Conditional Acceptance



LRV Design phase - complete

21 packages and 283 design-related deliverables

 On-board control systems, passenger information, efficient lighting, heating, power supply, wayside signal and operator interfaces

Preliminary design

 ~10 month effort, major focus on: new crash-worthiness standard, interiors, propulsion system design for ST's unique 1500V power supply

Final design

 ~2 years detailed review, factory tests and first-article inspections

Center Car Interior



LRV Manufacturing

82 cars assembled by Siemens in California to-date

- 196 suppliers, located in 27 states
- Over 1.1M labor hours
- Quality oversight by two full-time, ST inspectors

Challenges addressed:

- Covid-19 work conditions
- Supply chain delays
- Re-work due to unacceptable quality
- Concurrence on qualitative standard







Transport and On-Site Inspection

40 LRVs on-site

- Delivered by truck, 1st car arrived June 2019
- Receiving inspections
- Static tests, pre-mainline preparation
- Large volume of work, on 3 shifts

Challenges addressed:

- Recruiting technicians and inspectors
- Large number of "field modifications"
- Safety plan adherence and Siemens coordination with ST maintenance







Testing & Commissioning

Purpose:

- Ensure safe and reliable fleet, validate LRV performance
- Phase began July 2019

 Location: off-site tests before shipping, OMF Central yard, mainline track access during non-revenue hours

Qualification Tests – Siemens led

 100% complete, includes reliability test of one thousand-mile "burn-in"

Systems Integration Tests – ST led

100% complete

"OCS Live Wire test"



Burn-in Test

Photos of simulated operation between in-service trains – evenings and weekends.

Series 2 LRVs:



Tweet

New @SoundTransit trains out in the wild for testing this weekend (no passengers).







Safety & Security Certification

Safety & Security Certification – 86% complete

Documentation review to verify compliance with requirements

Readiness to Operate and Maintain

Parts, tools & manuals, database required for preventative maintenance –

in progress

- Mainline training of operators, 25% complete
- One maintenance procedure update pending
- Infrastructure modifications ready
- Emergency preparedness complete

Receiving inspection, 37th car in shop

Conditional Acceptance

LRV verified as safe and reliable for passenger service

- Milestone for each car delivered
- ST accepts ownership
- Warranty period begins

ST requires six cars conditionally accepted to put first new train in-service

- 40 cars in Seattle, 20 ready for mainline testing
- Routine testing continues on every single car

Passenger information updates

Milestone video, press release, rider information



Project Risks and Next Steps

Budget

Sufficient to manage foreseeable issues

Schedule risk:

- Resurgence of COVID-19 presents new, unexpected delays
- Competing demands for resources impact rate of recovery

Schedule Recovery status:

42 days float on Northgate Link Baseline date

Next steps:

- Monitor progress, Update Sound Transit Board again in Spring 2021
- Update plan for coordinating improvements in Series 1 (Kinkisharyo) fleet





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