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Link Connections

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Light rail is coming to Northgate in 2021

An opportunity to connect to Link

Sound Transit and Community Transit are developing ideas to better connect bus riders to Link, and we need your feedback!

The Lynnwood Link extension adds three new Link light rail stations at Northgate, Roosevelt and the U District. When these new stations open in 2021, you'll be able to connect to Link at Northgate and enjoy a faster, more reliable ride to Downtown Seattle, the University of Washington, and points north. To make connections easier for riders, Sound Transit and Community Transit are considering relocating some buses to and at Northgate Station so riders can transfer to Link light rail.

What is the Northgate Link Connections project?

The 8 Link Northgate expansion adds three new Link light rail stations, including an elevated station at Northgate and two underground stations at Roosevelt and the U District.

Northgate will be a major transit hub for riders from north King County and Snohomish County, with frequent bus connections, parking and a pedestrian bridge to North Seattle College.

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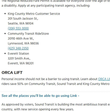

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What are the benefits of riding Link?

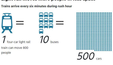
From Northgate to downtown Seattle, Link light rail trains will travel mostly underground at speeds of up to 55 mph. Your ride on Link light rail will be very similar to riding such trips:

Link light rail provides

Easy access. Find bus/bus connections and parking at many stations.

No schedule needed! Service every five minutes.

Fast, traffic-free travel. Arrival at the same time every day.



Connections at stations. Reach your final destination with sidewalks, bike paths and transit pick-ups and drop-off areas.

How to pay for Link :

Paying for your ride

Paying for your ride is easier than ever: Learn about all the different types of fares and passes, including an easy to use ORCA card.

You can purchase an ORCA card online at station ticket machines or select local retailers. ORCA cards allow riders to load cash value or monthly passes, and ORCA provides transfer credit between buses and Link light rail. Riders can also purchase tickets and passes using the ticket vending machines or smartphone via the Transit GO Ticket app.

Seniors and people with disabilities

The Regional Reduced Fare Permit is available for everyone over the age of 65 and any person with a disability. Apply at any participating transit agency, including:

- King County Metro Customer Service
  201 South Jackson St.,
  Seattle, WA 98104
  (206) 553-3000
- Community Transit Mukilteo
  8802 Kelligrew Rd.,
  Lynnwood, WA 98036
  (425) 348-2303
- Community Transit
  2400 Hewitt Ave.,
  Everett, WA 98201

ORCA LIFT

Personal income should not be a barrier to using transit. Learn about ORCA LIFT, helping low income riders save 50% on Community Transit, Sound Transit and King County Metro services.

See all the places you'll be able to go using Link

As approved by voters, Sound Transit is building the most ambitious transit expansion in the country, with new service opening every few years.

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Light rail moves more people in less space

Trains arrive every six minutes during rush hour

Based on Metro 60 people

Why connect buses to Link?

We want to offer access to this exciting new service

Our idea is to reroute some buses from Snohomish County to Northgate Station, where you could:

- Enjoy fast, traffic-free light rail service to the University of Washington in six minutes or downtown Seattle in 16 minutes.
- Take advantage of frequent and reliable bus service to and from Northgate.
- Save time by transferring from a bus to the light rail.

You can still catch some direct buses to downtown Seattle (no transfer at Northgate necessary).

Typical wait times at Northgate:

- Bus to light rail: 5 to 7 minutes
- Light rail to bus: 3 to 15 minutes

Getting from 5 th to the Northgate Link Station –

Sound Transit is working with the City of Seattle and WSDOT to make it easier for buses to get on and off 5 th and connect to Northgate Station. Our goal is to make this a quick and efficient connection for riders.

Watch a short video to see what transferring to Link would be like.

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This video information is available in Text Transcript and Description of Visuals

Proposed ideas

We're sharing our ideas

There's more for change as we continue to design routes. Here's what we're thinking:

Sound Transit

21 Express routes (550, 551, 552 and 555-559 series) that currently run between Snohomish County and Downtown Seattle would serve Northgate instead. The shorter, more reliable bus routes would run more often as a result, including more midday and evening service.

We are not focusing on changes to ST Express bus routes that serve the U District, but we could make changes specific to the 522 bus route in coordination with King County Metro in January 2020.

Community Transit

Community Transit routes 405, 425, 855, 865, 871 and 880-885 (series) that currently run to the Mountlake Terrace Transit Center would instead run to Link at Northgate instead. The shorter, more reliable bus routes would run more often as a result, including more midday and evening service.

Community Transit 400-series bus routes that serve downtown Seattle will continue to do so.

King County Metro

King County Metro will also restructure its service to provide connections to the University of Washington and Northgate. Routes that King County Metro will be sharing plans around their proposed bus service changes in January 2020.

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Sound Transit 535-Series Bus Routes to Northgate –

Buses come more often.

Buses go to and from Northgate Station.

More bus service during the middle of the day, evenings and weekends.

Buses will arrive on time more often and your time on the bus will be more consistent.

Transfer between bus and Link at Northgate to get to UW, downtown Seattle and other destinations.

Link is fast, reliable and can get you to more destinations.

Your bus route may be different than today.

Your overall commute time by bus and Link may be shorter than today.

Link is your direct connection to UW campus.

Community Transit 855-Series Bus Routes to Northgate –

Buses come more often, especially in the afternoon.

More midday and afternoon bus service.

Buses will arrive on time more often and your time on the bus will be more consistent.

Transfer between bus and Link at Northgate to get to UW, downtown Seattle and other destinations.

Link is fast, reliable and can get you to more destinations.

Your bus route will serve the same Snohomish County stops as today.

Your overall commute time by bus and Link may be shorter than today.

Link is your direct connection to UW campus.

Community Transit 405-Series Bus Routes to Downtown Seattle –

Buses go directly to downtown Seattle.

Buses arrive as often as today.

Bus service hours stay the same as today.

Your overall commute time will vary depending on traffic.

Link Light Rail to University of Washington

Take the Link light rail from Northgate to the U District or University of Washington station. Access UW campus, Husky Stadium, Husky Ballpark and connections to a Sounder station at University of Washington stations with frequent service by King County Metro. King County Metro will be adding fixed routes around the station changes in January 2020.

Access Udistrict and storage

Link Light Rail to Downtown Seattle –

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Frequent bus service gets you to nearby destinations.

Access Udistrict and storage.

Sounder to Downtown Seattle –

Trains go directly to downtown Seattle from Everett, Mukilteo and Edmonds.

Trains arrive as often as today.

Train service hours stay the same as today.

Share your feedback!

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What is your home zip code?

Where do you typically catch your bus? (Please check all that apply)

- Mountlake Terrace
- Edmonds
- Lynnwood
- Lake Stevens
- Mill Creek
- Marysville
- 880 Cedar / Canyon Park
- 881 Bothell / Canyon Park
- Mountlake Terrace
- Mukilteo
- Mill Creek
- Sammamish
- Other, Write In (Required)

Where do you typically exit your trip? (Please check all that apply)

- Downtown Seattle
- Mountlake Terrace
- University of Washington
- Other, Write In (Required)

How frequently do you ride this bus?

- 1 round trip per day
- 2 to 4 trips per week
- 5 to 9 trips per month
- 10 to 19 trips per month
- 4 to 5 days a week
- 5 or more days a week

Which bus routes do you currently ride? (Please check all that apply)

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- Other, Write In (Required)

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Next steps

Project timeline

- **Fall 2019** Open House
  Learn about our ideas to connect buses to light rail at Northgate.
- **Winter 2020**
  We'll share what we have learned on your feedback.
- **Spring 2020**
  We'll share updated bus service plans.
- **Summer 2020**
  Service adjustments take effect.
- **2021**
  Northgate Link Extension opens and bus service changes start.
- **2024**
  Northgate additional changes to bus service when Lynnwood Link opens.

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Which is more important to you?

- (●) Reliably arriving at my destination around the same time every day. Trip would include a transfer from a bus to light rail.
- ( ) A direct trip that may be faster when traffic is light but may be considerably longer when traffic is heavy.

What is the maximum amount of time you would be willing to spend transferring between bus and light rail?

- (●) Up to 5 minutes
- ( ) 5 – 7 minutes
- ( ) 7 – 12 minutes
- ( ) Up to 15 minutes

If traveling to downtown Seattle, would you be more likely to take a bus or transfer to light rail?

- (●) Always bus to light rail at Northgate
- ( ) Always bus directly to destination
- ( ) Whichever is potentially fastest
- ( ) Whichever is most reliable

Can you tell us why you selected your answer?

Are there any other ideas we should consider?

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What is your age?

- (●) < 19
- ( ) 19-24
- ( ) 25-34
- ( ) 35-49
- ( ) 50-64
- ( ) 65 or more
- ( ) I prefer not to say

What is your gender identity?

- ( ) Female
- (●) Male
- ( ) Non-binary
- ( ) I prefer to self describe:
- ( ) I prefer not to say

Do you identify yourself as Hispanic or Latinx?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

Do you identify yourself as (Please check all that apply):

- (●) Caucasian/White
- ( ) Black or African American
- ( ) Asian
- ( ) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ( ) American Indian or Alaskan Native
- ( ) Two or More Races
- ( ) Other
- ( ) I prefer not to say

What languages are regularly spoken in your home? (Please check all that apply)

- [x] English
- [ ] Spanish
- [ ] Vietnamese
- [ ] Cantonese
- [ ] Mandarin
- [ ] Russian
- [ ] Somali
- [ ] Korean
- [ ] Tagalog
- [ ] Other - Write In (Required) *

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No

How many people are in your household (including yourself)? (Choose one)

- ( ) 1 (I live alone)
- ( ) 2
- (●) 3
- ( ) 4
- ( ) 5
- ( ) 6 or more

What is your household's total annual earnings? (Choose one)

- ( ) Under $12,000
- ( ) $12,000-$15,999
- (●) $16,000-$19,999
- ( ) $20,000-$23,999
- ( ) $24,000-$32,999
- ( ) $33,000-$41,999
- ( ) $42,000-$49,999
- ( ) $50,000-$57,999
- ( ) $58,000-$65,999
- ( ) $66,000-$74,999
- ( ) $75,000-$99,999
- ( ) $100,000 or more
- ( ) I prefer not to say

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