

Link Light Rail Operations & Maintenance Facility

The Operations & Maintenance (O & M) Facility is on a 25-acre site located south of South Forest Street and west of Airport Way in the industrial area south of downtown Seattle. The facility has a capacity of 104 vehicles.

The maintenance shop contains nine bays with room for two light rail vehicles per bay. Major maintenance equipment includes a hydraulic light rail vehicle hoist with turntables to move cranes for maintenance, a bridge crane, a wheel truing machine, a body shop with frame straightening equipment, a fully enclosed paint booth for light rail vehicle painting and an automated light rail vehicle wash and a truck shop.

The four-story O & M building contains component repair shops on the first and second floors, an electronics repair shop, a signals and communications lab and a communications maintenance shop as well as the central control room, training rooms and offices and amenities for maintenance and operations management and administrative personnel.

Mode

Commuter rail

Highlights

Location: South of South Forest Street and west of Airport Way

Public art

“Safety Spires” by Dan Corson and Norie Sato uses color, pattern and shape to transform O&M yard’s overhead contact system poles into a celebration of transit, technology and nature.

Attached to the front of the new maintenance base building is a familiar sign – the Rainier Beer “R.” The maintenance building is located at the site of the old Rainier brewery warehouse in the SODO district in Seattle. Donated by the Museum of History & Industry, the R has returned to become the first letter in the rail sign.

