

**RELATED PROJECTS IN THE AREA**

**Northgate Link Extension**

A 4.3-mile light rail extension will include stations in the University District, Roosevelt and Northgate neighborhoods. Trains will run in underground tunnels from downtown Seattle to a site along Interstate 5 south of the Northgate Station near Northeast 94th Street. Trains will come out of the tunnels to serve the elevated Northgate Station. Scheduled to open in 2021, the project is currently in final design and in early construction site preparation at the Roosevelt Station site. To learn more, contact the Northgate Link Extension team at 206-398-5300, email northlink@soundtransit.org or visit www.soundtransit.org/northlink.

**Operations & Maintenance Satellite Facility (OMSF) Study**

A new operations and maintenance facility is needed to house and maintain the added fleet of light rail vehicles that are part of the Link light rail expansion approved by voters. Separate from the Lynnwood Link Extension but related to the extension of Link service, Sound Transit has identified potential sites in the Bel-Red area of Bellevue and a site in

Lynnwood adjacent to the Lynnwood Transit Center for evaluation in the environmental review process. To learn more, visit www.soundtransit.org/OMSF or email OMSF@soundtransit.org.

**Shoreline Station Area Planning**

Shoreline is getting started on land use planning for the areas around potential light rail stations. In December 2012, the Shoreline City Council adopted Framework Policies for station area planning that were incorporated into their Comprehensive Plan. Policies in the Land Use, Housing and Economic Development elements will guide regulations created through a subarea planning process to determine the look and feel of station areas. The City will work with community groups to craft an innovative public involvement process. For more information, contact project managers Miranda Redinger at 206-801-2513 or mredinger@shorelinewa.gov and Steve Szafran at 206-801-2512 or sszafran@shorelinewa.gov. Visit www.shorelinewa.gov/lightrail.



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Email the project: [LYNNWOODLINK@SOUNDTRANSIT.ORG](mailto:LYNNWOODLINK@SOUNDTRANSIT.ORG)

Have specific questions or a community group we should visit?  
Call Roger Iwata, Sound Transit Community Outreach: 206-689-4904

Si usted desea hablar con Sound Transit en el idioma español acerca del tren de riel ligero entre Northgate y Lynnwood llame al 1-800-823-9230.  
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Kung nais niyong makipag-usap sa Sound Transit sa Tagalog na wika ukol sa tren na light rail na nasa pagitan ng Northgate at Lynnwood tawagan ang 1-800-823-9230.  
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Environmental Review Underway



The environmental review phase of the Lynnwood Link light rail extension is nearing completion. Potential route and station alternatives are being reviewed for possible benefits and impacts to the environment, community and region. Sound Transit has been gathering input from the public, local community groups, stakeholders and jurisdictions including the cities of Seattle, Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace, Edmonds and Lynnwood as well as King and Snohomish counties. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is expected to be published this summer for review and formal public comment.

**PROJECT BACKGROUND**

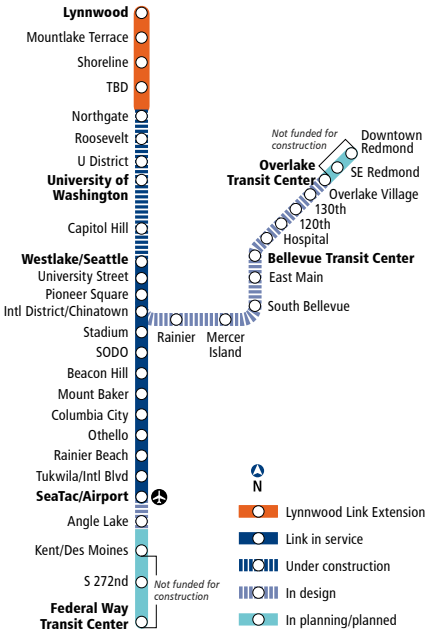
The Lynnwood Link Extension is part of the voter-approved Sound Transit 2 Plan to extend mass transit throughout the region. Upon the scheduled 2023 completion, the Lynnwood Station will be the most northern point of a light rail system with more than 50 miles of service to the north, south and east of Seattle.

**COMING SOON!**

This summer the public can review and comment on the project's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

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**WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS?**

The Lynnwood Link Extension Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will analyze potential light rail route and station alternatives and will help the Sound Transit Board of Directors (Board) identify a Preferred Alternative. In December 2011, the Board identified at-grade and elevated light rail route and station alternatives in the Interstate 5 corridor for detailed study in the EIS as part of the environmental review process. The Draft EIS serves to:

- Identify and describe potential environmental impacts and benefits of the project and alternatives under consideration.
- Provide the public and other agencies an opportunity to review and comment on potential benefits and impacts of the proposed route and station alternatives.
- Propose actions that will help mitigate unavoidable impacts.
- Enable decision-makers to identify the solution that best meets the project purpose.

The EIS is first issued as a draft to allow for review and comment on the environmental analysis. A formal public comment period and public hearings are held to solicit input. After the public comment period ends, the Board will carefully consider the findings in the Draft EIS, public and agency comments and other information before identifying the preferred route and station alternatives for the project, or the Preferred Alternative. The Preferred Alternative will be described and evaluated in the Final EIS, which will also document and respond to comments received on the Draft EIS and include proposed mitigation.

After the Final EIS is completed, the Board will amend or confirm the Preferred Alternative, project budget and schedule. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will issue a Record of Decision document detailing its requirements and completing the federal environmental review process.

**HOW WILL SOUND TRANSIT WORK WITH PROPERTY OWNERS?**

Property owners who may be impacted by one or more of the route or station alternatives will receive a letter of notification from Sound Transit before the publication of the Draft EIS. Each potentially impacted property owner will have an opportunity to meet with Sound Transit staff to ask questions and receive more information before the Draft EIS public hearings and formal comment period.

**WHAT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT EIS?**

The Draft EIS documents the results of the environmental analysis. The contents of the Draft EIS include:

**Purpose and need**

Describes the project area and objectives including the need for action and planning history.

**Alternatives considered**

Light rail route and station alternatives (see map) identified by the Sound Transit Board will be evaluated along with a No Build alternative.

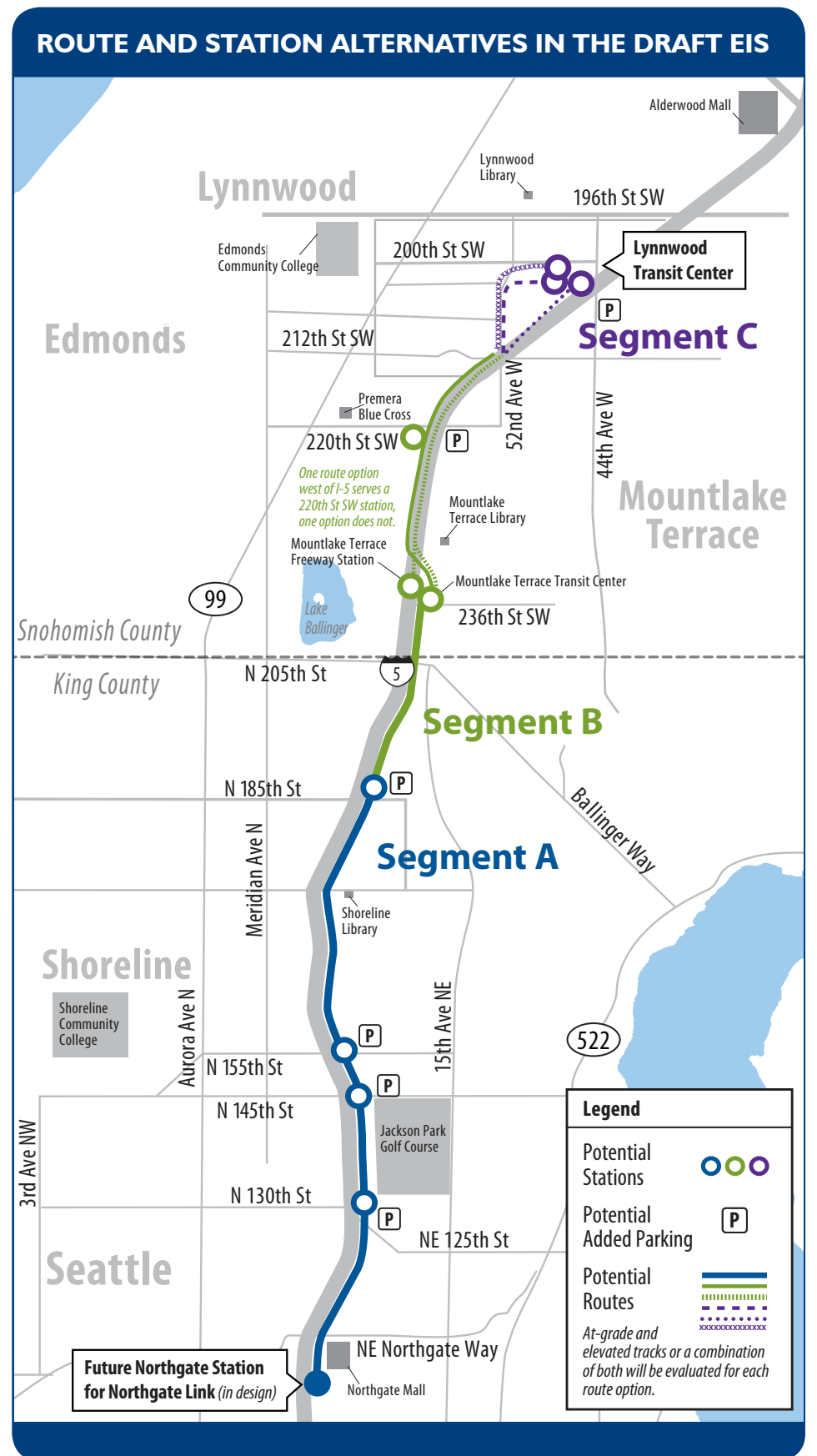
**Transportation impacts and mitigation**

Reviews transit ridership and travel times, regional travel, freeway operations, bicycle and pedestrian access and local arterials and streets. This section also includes potential long-term and construction impacts of the project, cumulative impacts and mitigation measures.

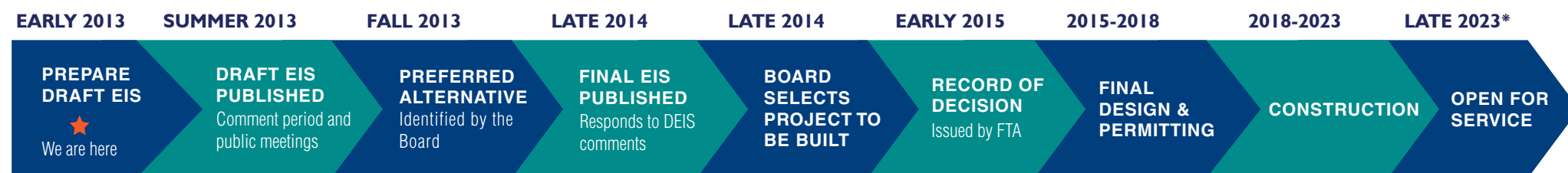
**Environmental impacts and mitigation**

Identifies potential environmental effects of the project and mitigation measures. Some of the areas covered in this section include:

- Land use
- Visual and aesthetics
- Property acquisitions, displacements and relocations
- Noise and vibration
- Ecosystem and water resources
- Geology and soils
- Cultural, archaeological and historic resources
- Social impacts, community facilities and neighborhoods



**PROJECT MILESTONES**



\*Schedule subject to change