

## Appendix D:

### Workshop Display & Handouts

# MERCER ISLAND WORKSHOP

SOUND TRANSIT EAST LINK LIGHT RAIL

## Welcome!

### Meeting Purpose

During tonight's meeting, you will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about the East Link light rail system and view in-progress preliminary engineering drawings
- Share your thoughts about the Mercer Island Station layout
- Tell us more about your community and how East Link can best serve you and Mercer Island

### Agenda

#### 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Workshop: View display boards, talk with staff, and share your thoughts about the Mercer Island Station access and features.

#### 6:00 p.m.

A presentation will be offered to introduce the meeting purpose and goals, provide an update on the project status and review the preferred alternative.



# SEATTLE AND MERCER ISLAND SEGMENT A OVERVIEW

Light rail will run on the existing I-90 center roadway across Lake Washington with stations at Rainier Avenue in Seattle and Mercer Island. New HOV lanes will be constructed on the I-90 outer roadways adding 24-hour HOV access both east and westbound while preserving the existing number of general purpose lanes.

## Benefits:

- Provides access to frequent high quality transit service 20 hours per day.
- Approximately 5,500 combined daily boardings by 2030 would occur at the Rainier and Mercer Island Stations.
- Addresses the City of Mercer Island's goals to promote mixed-use development at regional transit facilities and provides improved transit opportunities.
- Meets the City of Seattle's goals to promote urban villages, link urban centers, and facilitate access to employment centers for residents with expanded access to the Eastside.

## Travel times (from Mercer Island Station):

- International District/Chinatown= 8 minutes
- University of Washington =20 minutes
- Downtown Bellevue Transit Center= 10 minutes
- Airport= 40 minutes

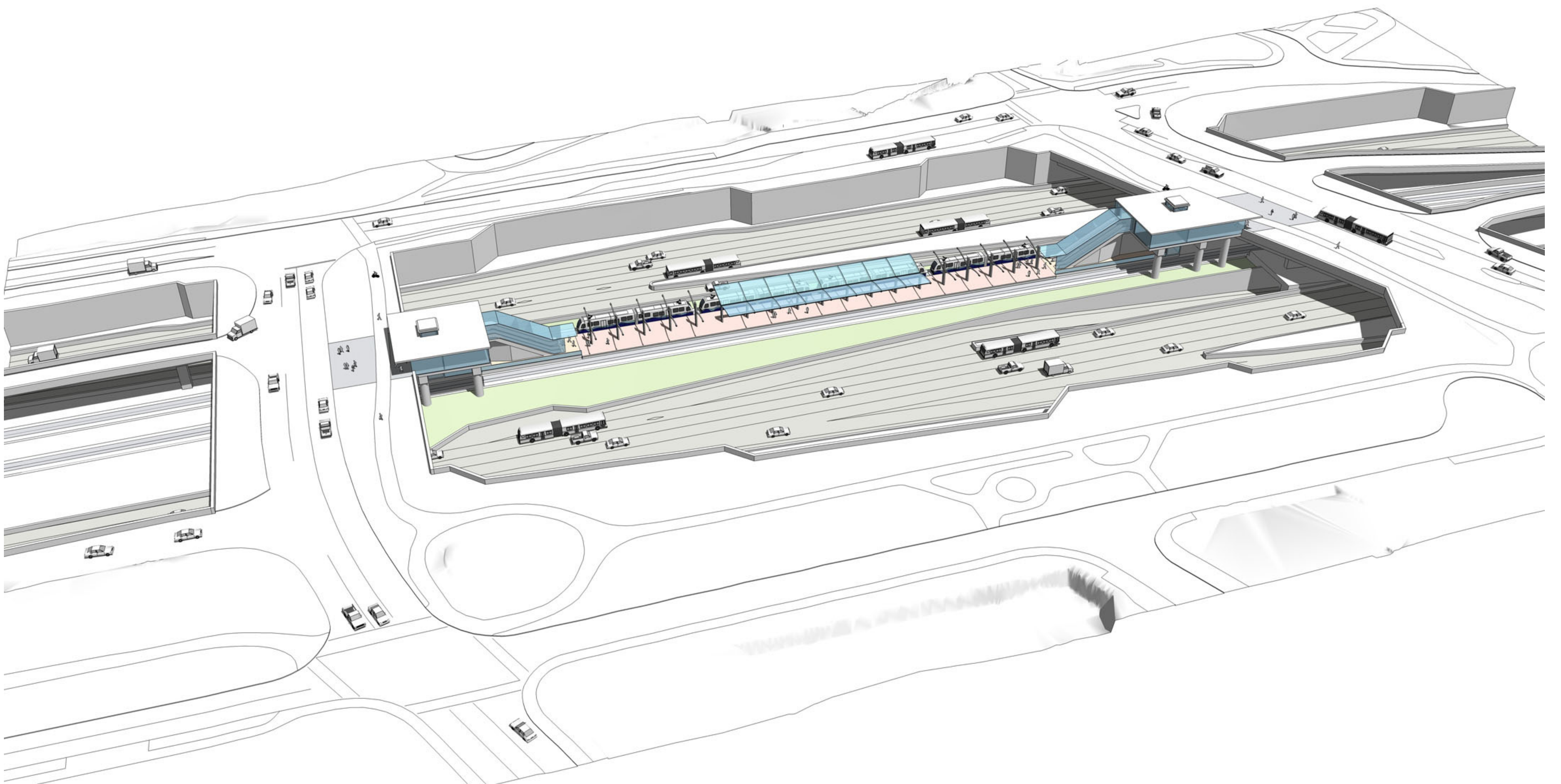


# MERCER ISLAND STATION ACCESS

## We Want To Hear From You!

Please let us know your thoughts about how you plan to use and access the station. Your comments will help us anticipate community needs as we move forward with the station design.

- How close do you live to the Mercer Island Station?
- How often do you anticipate using the Mercer Island Station?
- Do you intend to use the light rail for daily commuting, special events, or both?
- How do you plan on accessing the station? (walk, bike, drop-off, bus, drive)
- What station entrance will you use most frequently?



# MERCER ISLAND STATION FEATURES

## We Want To Hear From You!

Please let us know what features you think are needed to serve Mercer Island residents at the light rail station.

- What pedestrian and bike facilities are needed?
- What type of passenger features would work well at the site?
- What else should we keep in mind as we design the station?



# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND NEXT STEPS

## Public Involvement Process

Public input received in early 2009 during the comment period for the East Link Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) helped guide the Sound Transit Board as they identified a preferred alternative. The Final EIS will document and respond to all comments received during the Draft EIS comment period and describe proposed mitigation commitments.

Feedback received at the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 workshops is guiding the project team as they conduct preliminary engineering work on the East Link Preferred alternative. The East Link project team will continue seeking feedback in response to key issues along the preferred alternative.

### Upcoming opportunities to stay involved

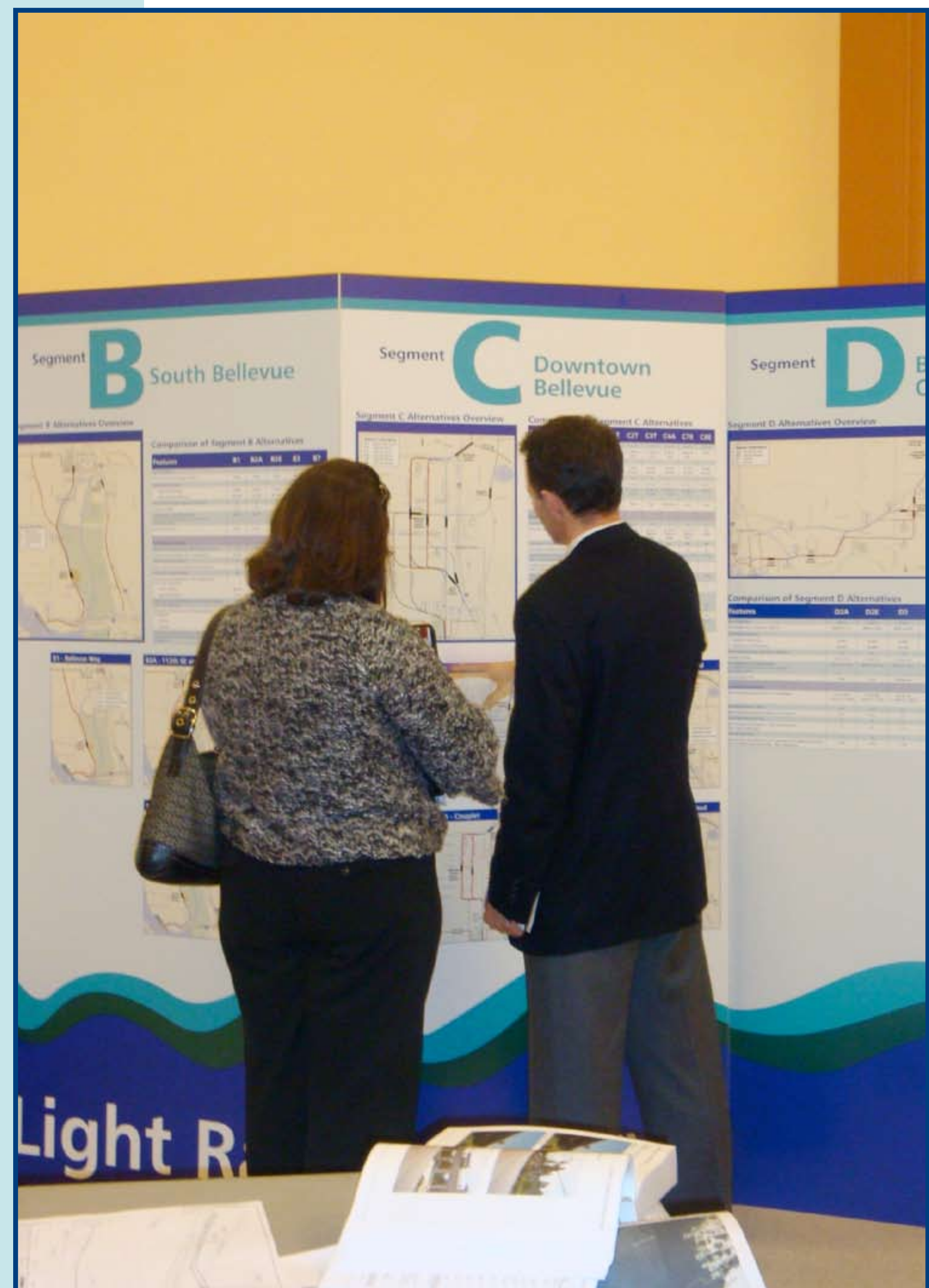
- Community and stakeholder briefings (ongoing)
- Preliminary engineering workshops (Spring 2010)
- Community fairs and festivals (Summer 2010)
- Project update mailings (ongoing)
- E-mail and web site updates (ongoing)

### How to provide feedback

- Submit comment forms tonight or through mail or email
- Speak with a member of the project team

### For more information contact:

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Project team member explains alternatives during a public meeting



Citizens providing comments during the Bellevue Draft EIS Open House

# EAST LINK LIGHT RAIL TIMELINE

## Milestones and Key Features of the Project Development and Decision Process

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 →
Design/ Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Scoping alternatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1% design</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Conceptual engineering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5% design</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Preliminary engineering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30% design</li> <li>• Geotechnical work &amp; surveying</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Final design</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60%, 90% and 100% design</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Scoping period (Fall)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30-day comment period on scope of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>Draft EIS Alternatives (December)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sound Transit Board identified alternatives to be considered in Draft EIS</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Draft EIS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluated 19 route alternatives, 28 station options and 4 maintenance facility alternatives</li> <li>• Analyzed project's environmental impacts, mitigation measures and benefits</li> <li>• 75 day public comment period (December 2008 - February 2009)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Identify Preferred Alternative (May)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sound Transit Board identified a preferred alternative (not a final decision)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Reevaluate Downtown Bellevue Preferred Alternative (April)</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Final EIS (Fall)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluates preferred alternative and all alternatives considered in Draft EIS</li> <li>• Responds to comments on the Draft EIS</li> <li>• Describes proposed mitigation commitments</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Project Decision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sound Transit Board makes a final decision on project to be built after completion of Final EIS.</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>Federal Record of Decision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FTA issues a federal Record of Decision (required before any federal funding or approvals)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Public Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Scoping outreach</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held four public scoping meetings and one agency scoping meetings</li> <li>• Received approximately 300 comments</li> <li>• Community briefings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Route &amp; station workshops (Spring)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted five community workshops</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>Fairs &amp; festivals (Summer)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted outreach and gathered comments at community festivals</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>Community briefings (Ongoing)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefed community groups and organizations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Fairs &amp; festivals (Summer)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted outreach and gathered comments at community festivals</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>Community briefings (Ongoing)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefed community groups and organizations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Draft EIS hearings (Jan-Feb)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted five public hearings to gather comment on Draft EIS</li> <li>• Approximately 765 comments received</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>Fairs &amp; festivals (Summer)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted outreach and gathered comments at community festivals</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>Community workshops (Fall)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighborhood-focused design workshops</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>Community briefings (Ongoing)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefings to community groups and organizations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Public meetings (Winter/Spring):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct public meetings throughout alignment</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>Fairs &amp; festivals (Summer)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct outreach and gather comments at community festivals</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>Community briefings (Ongoing)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefings to community groups and organizations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Community briefings (Ongoing)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefings to community groups and organizations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: right;">→ <b>2020 Service Begins</b></p>
Construction							<p style="text-align: right;">→ <b>Begin Construction Late 2013</b></p>

# I-90 TWO-WAY TRANSIT PROJECT AT COMPLETION OF EAST LINK

