



# East Link light rail

## Project Overview

East Link is a voter-approved regional transportation project that is part of a comprehensive long-term expansion of mass transit in the region. Once completed, East Link will connect the Eastside's biggest population and employment centers with stations serving Seattle, Mercer Island, Bellevue, Bel-Red and Overlake in Redmond. By 2030, East Link will serve about 50,000 daily riders on one of the regions' most congested travel corridors.

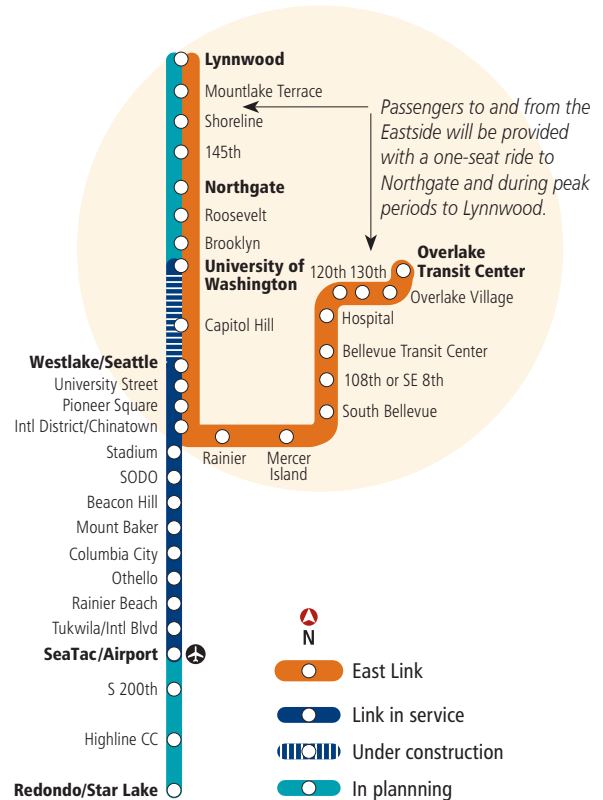
East Link is a key component of the adopted Sound Transit 2 plan that provides a foundation for future regional transit system expansion proposals. The project will build on the completed Central Link light rail system between Sea-Tac Airport and downtown Seattle, as well as the University Link connection that is currently under construction and scheduled to open in 2016. East Link will connect directly with Central Link for a one-seat ride between Redmond, Bellevue, Mercer Island, and the University of Washington via downtown Seattle and Capitol Hill.

### Benefits

- Serves Eastside residents with 14 miles of fast, safe, reliable and clean transportation.
- Provides greater capacity and reliability, while improving travel time for people traveling between Seattle and the Eastside.
- Provides access to high quality, frequent transit service 20 hours per day.
- Helps to meet regional transportation needs and is a key part of the Puget Sound's vision for long-term transportation solutions.
- Decreases vehicle miles and hours traveled, which will result in lower energy usage and reduce the overall volume of carbon dioxide emission into the region.
- 55 miles of voter approved light rail in the Puget Sound.

### Why is East Link needed?

- Accommodate population and employment growth
- Better mobility for the Eastside
- Support the environmental and sustainability goals of the state and region



### East Link travel times\*

- Mercer Island to Sea-Tac Airport = 45 minutes
- International District/Chinatown to Bellevue Transit Center = 20-22 minutes
- South Bellevue to University of Washington = 24 minutes
- Bellevue Transit Center to Overlake Transit Center = 10 minutes

\* Reflects preferred alternative travel times

## How does light rail work?

Light rail is a reliable, efficient mode of transportation. Light rail features include:

- Runs at street-level, in tunnels or in an elevated right-of-way
- Operates in its own right-of-way
- Level boarding for passengers
- Adaptable system to respond to demand

## Partnering with Eastside communities

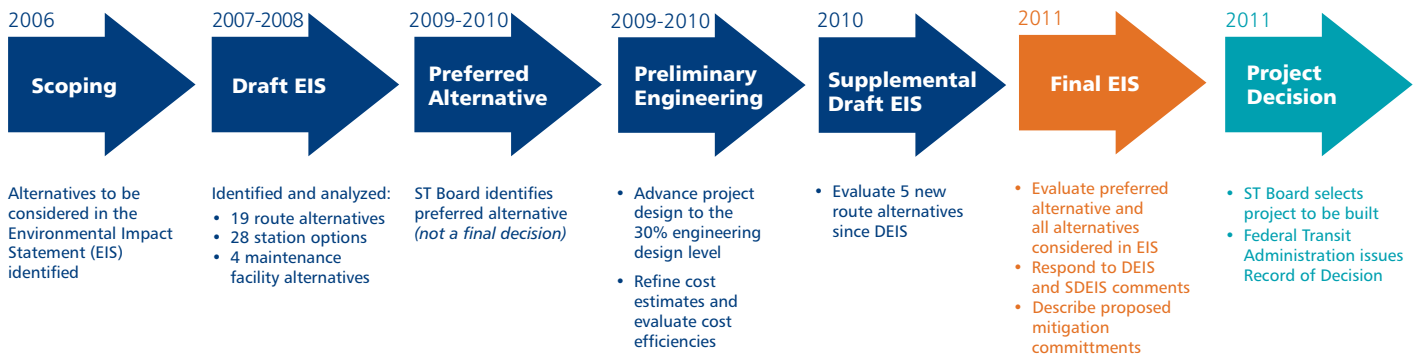
The East Link project team is working with agency and community partners to deliver a project that meets regional needs and is compatible with surrounding communities. Sound Transit held multiple meetings and briefings along the project corridor and

will continue to weigh and respond to public input throughout the final design process.

## Environmental Process

Sound Transit has concluded preliminary engineering and an environmental analysis of the East Link alternatives. The East Link Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is an in-depth analysis of light rail routes, stations, and maintenance facility alternatives considered for the project.

Sound Transit issued a Final EIS (FEIS) in July 2011. Following the Sound Transit Board's selection of the project to be built and the Federal Transit Administration's issuance of a Record of Decision, Sound Transit expects to begin construction in 2015/2016, with light rail open for service by 2022/2023.



### For more information:

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