

Appendix H:  
Presentations

**East Link Light Rail**  
**Downtown Bellevue Workshop**  
**November 18, 2009**

**Welcome!**

# Agenda

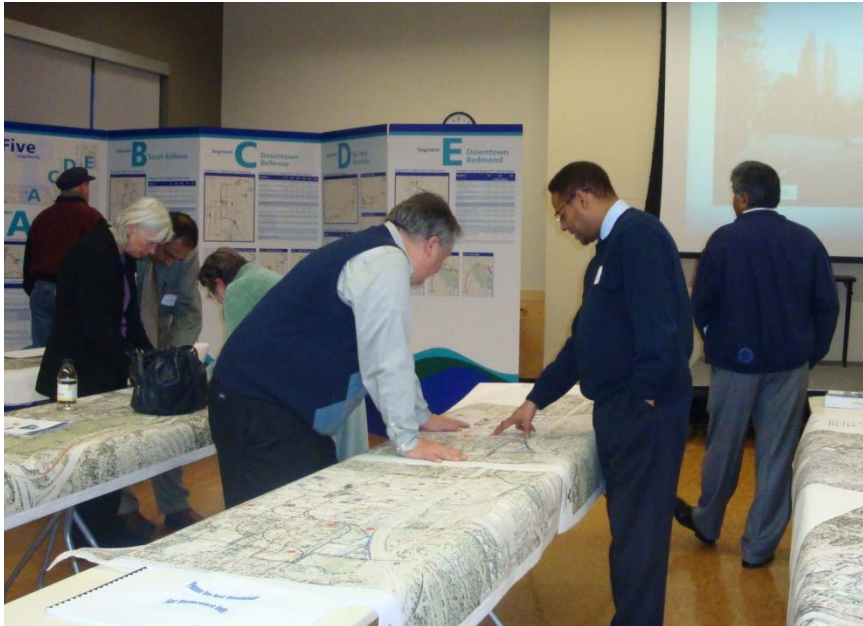
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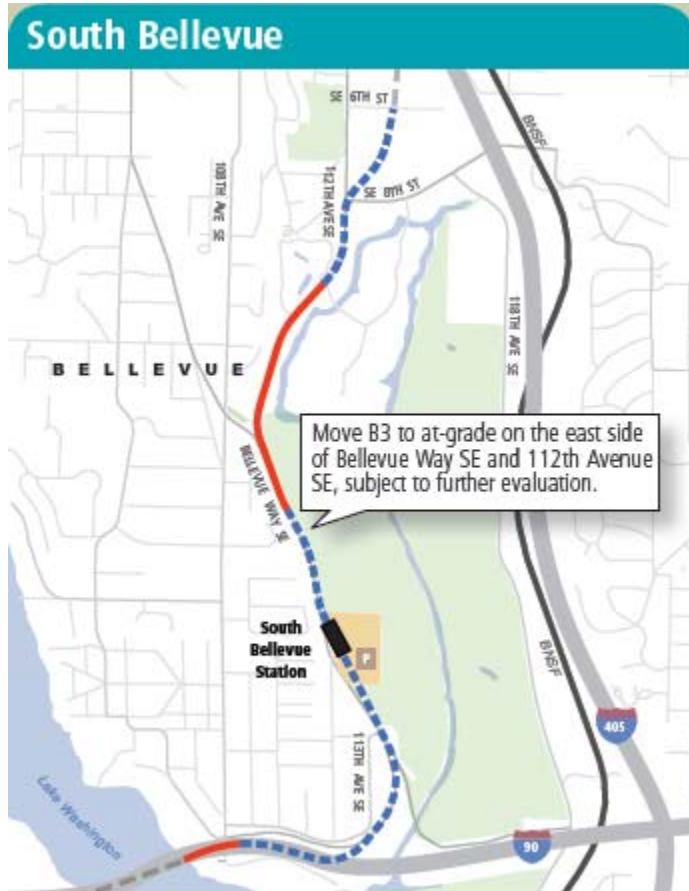


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**East Link Light Rail  
Bel-Red Corridor Workshop  
October 15, 2009**

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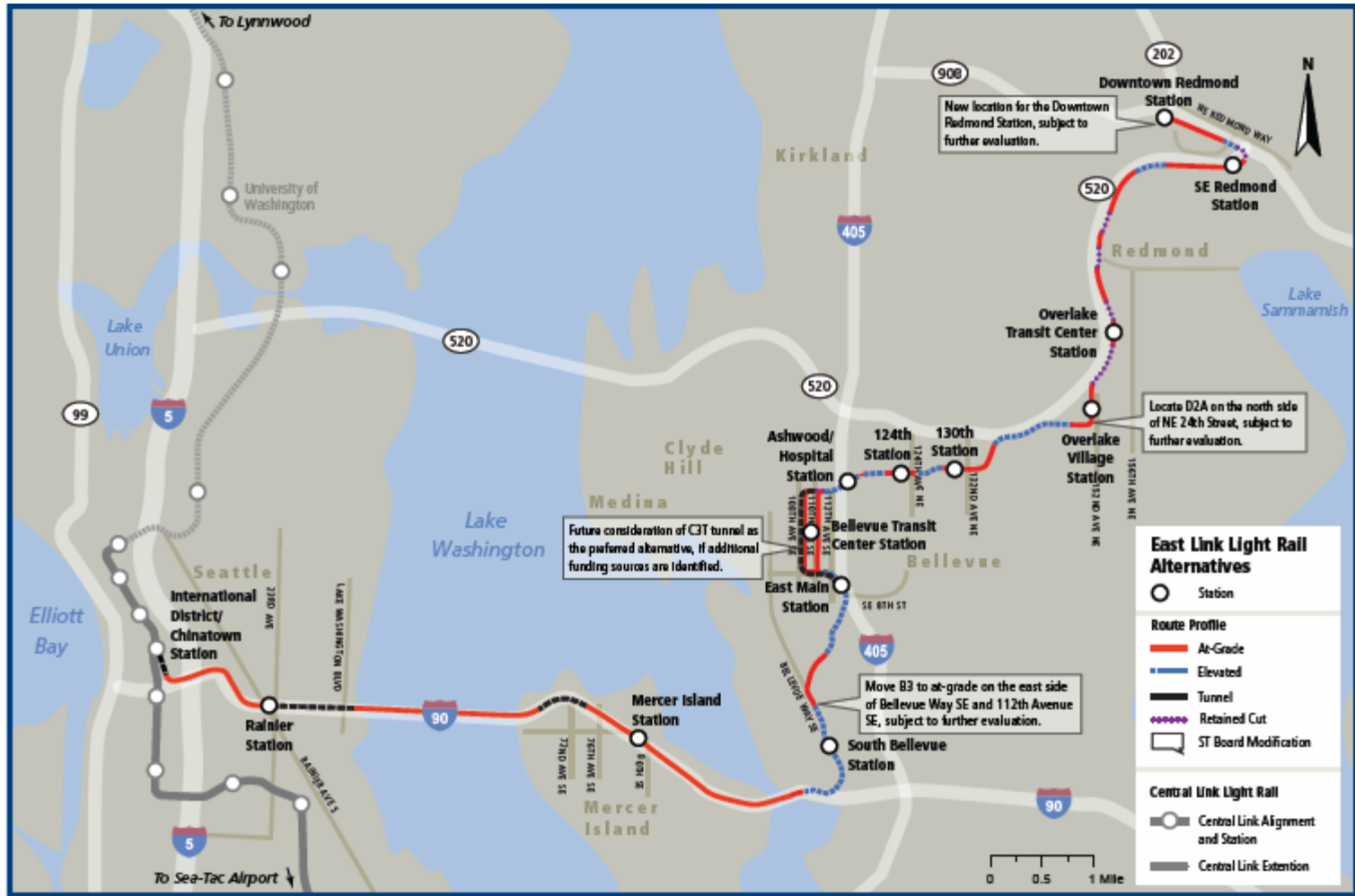
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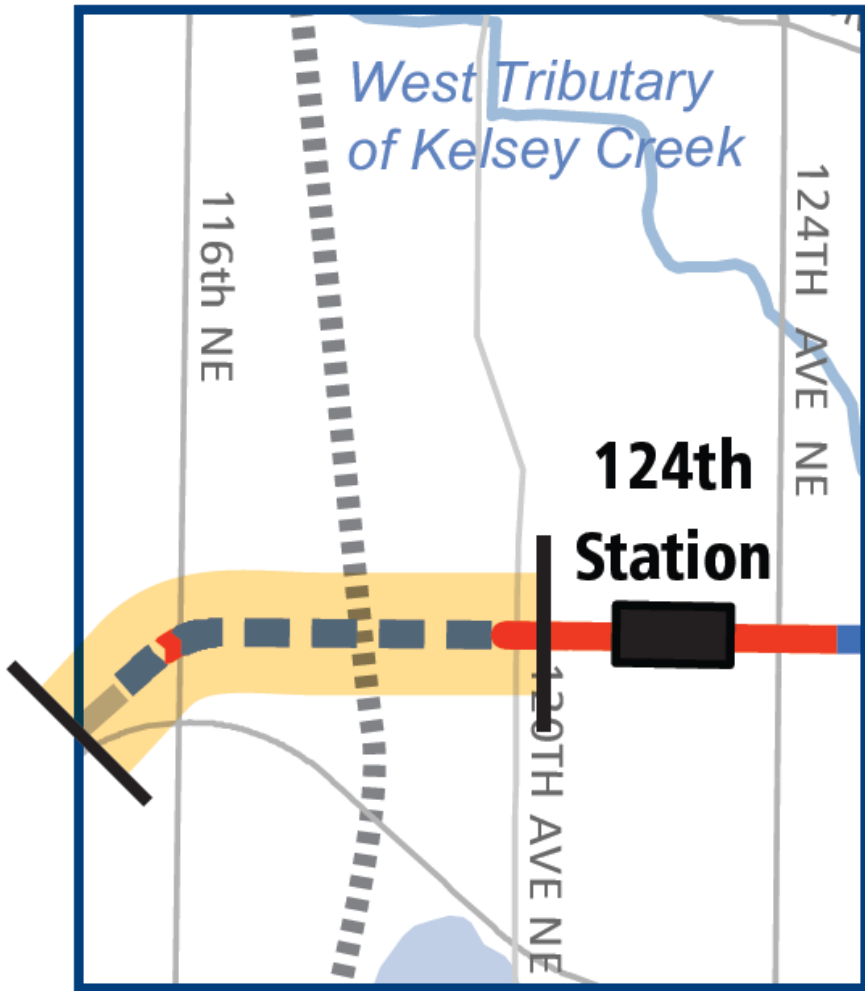


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# Key Features for the Bel-Red Corridor

# I-405 to 120<sup>th</sup> St



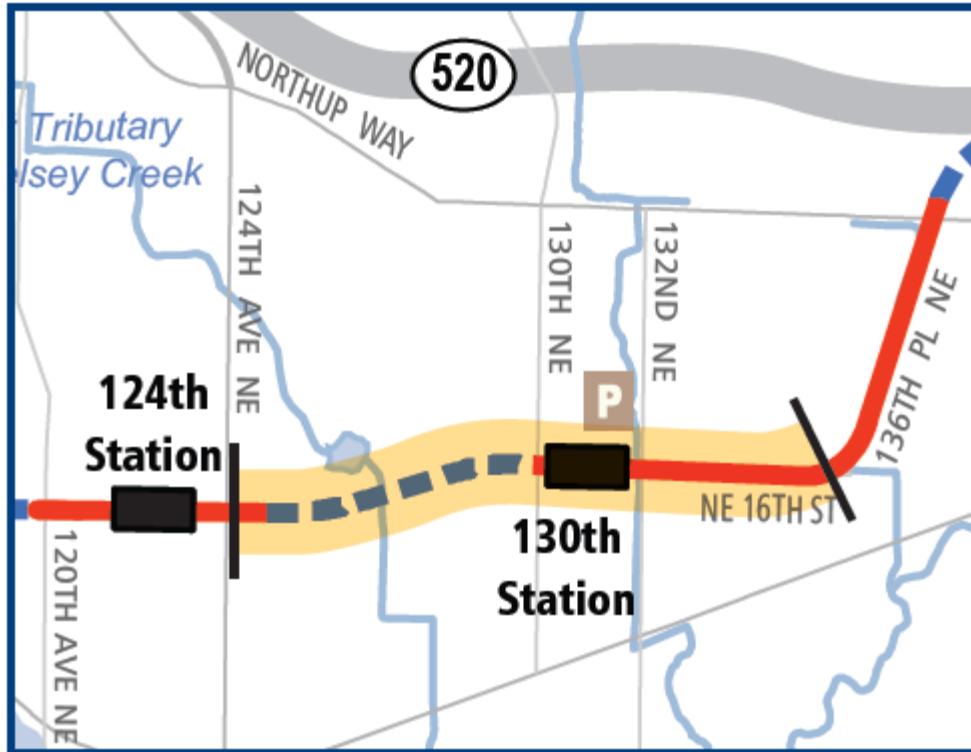
- At-grade crossing at 116th St
- Medical District

# 120<sup>th</sup> to 124<sup>th</sup> Ave



- Station at 124th St
- Future Spring District mixed use development

# 124<sup>th</sup> to 136<sup>th</sup> Ave



- Park-and-ride with 300 spaces
- Kelsey Creek Crossing

# 136<sup>th</sup> to SR 520



- At-grade crossing at NE 20th St
- Major auto dealerships



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# **East Link Light Rail**

## **South Bellevue Workshop**

### **October 14, 2009**

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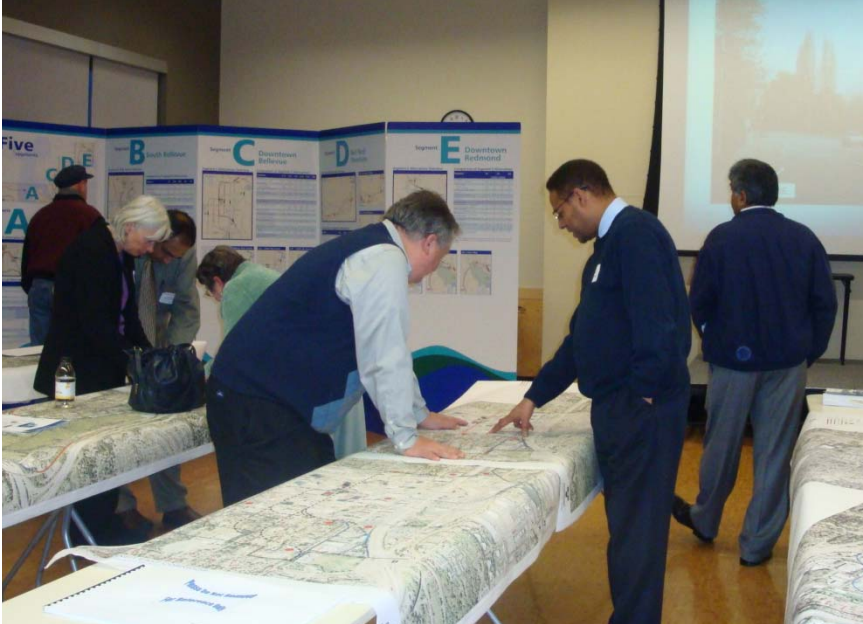
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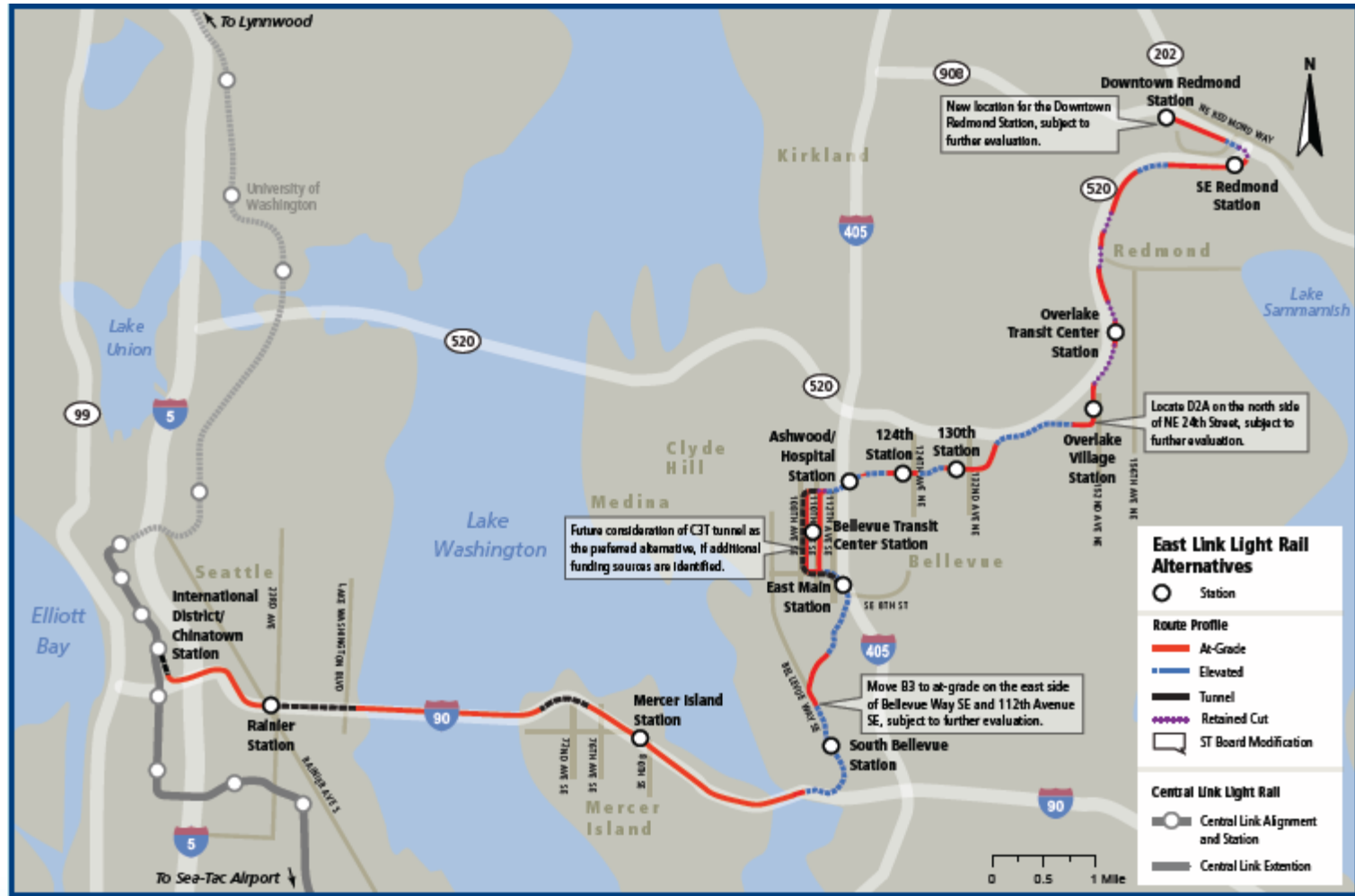


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# Key Features for South Bellevue



# I-90 to 112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE



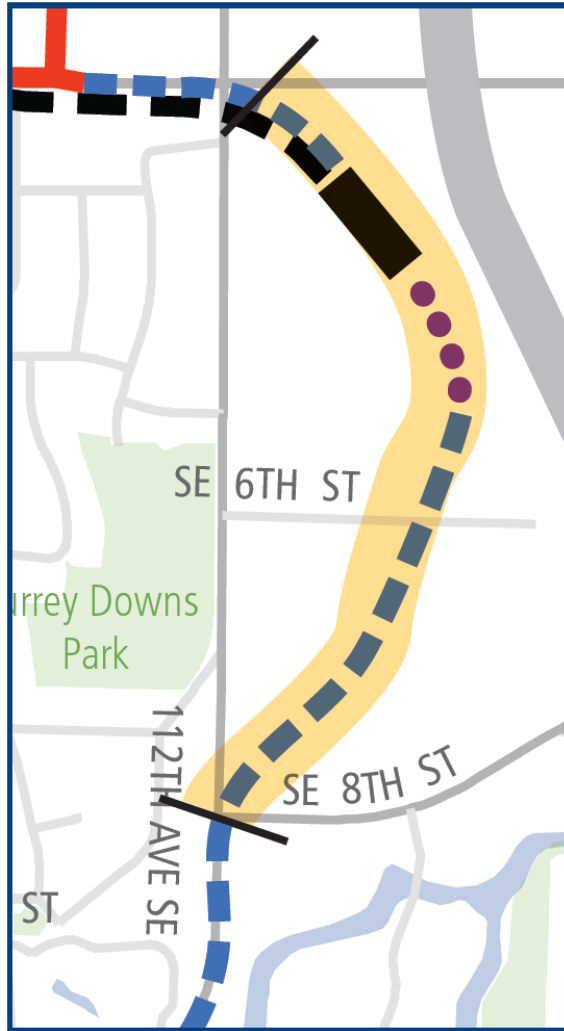
- Preserves HOV direct access ramps
- Side running alignment (east)
  - Winters House possible relocation
- Elevated alignment transitions to at-grade
- South Bellevue Station
  - Park-and-Ride expansion to 1400 spaces
  - Bus connections
  - Drop-off and pick-up
  - Pedestrian and bike access

# 112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE to SE 8<sup>th</sup> St



- Side-running alignment (east)
- At-grade alignment transitions to elevated
- Options for at-grade or elevated alignment at SE 15th Street crossing

# SE 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Main Street



- Elevated alignment
- Straightened alignment to minimize property impacts north of SE 10th St.
- East Main Street station



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# Draft EIS Outreach Summary



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- Collecting survey information
- Review timeline for Supplemental Draft EIS
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- The Board will make a final decision on the project scope in 2010, after the Final EIS is completed.

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- Preserves existing number of general purpose lanes

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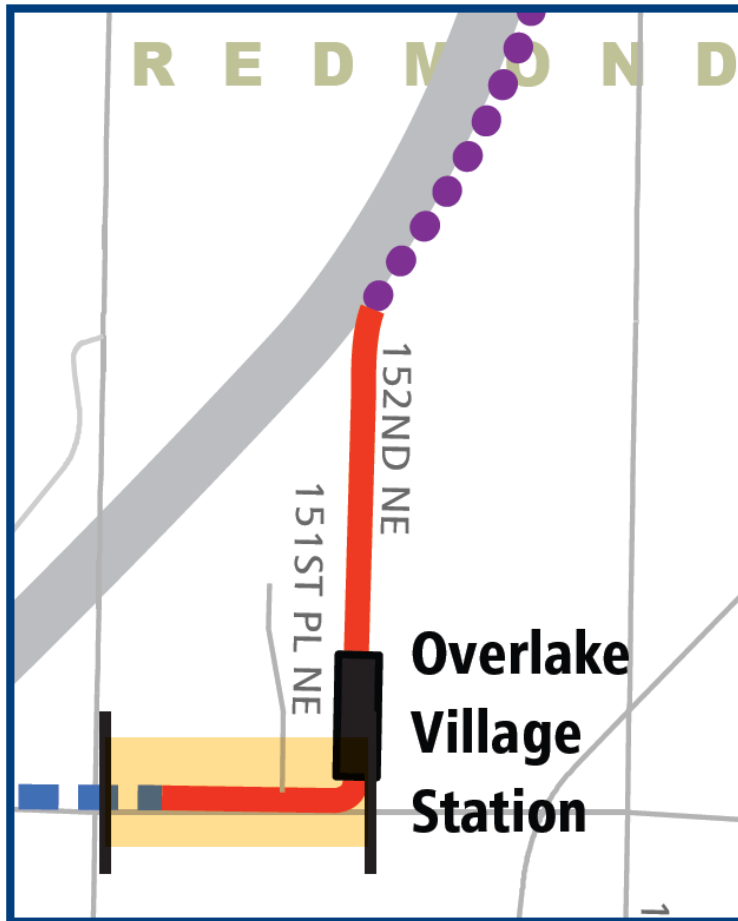
# Key Features

# Overlake Benefits

- Access to high quality, frequent transit service
- Local bus service re-oriented to serve stations.
- Approximately 6,500 daily boardings
- Supports the land use redevelopment plans of Redmond.
- Serves Overlake Village and Microsoft headquarters.
- Serves two park-and-ride lots and adds a parking garage at the Overlake Transit Center

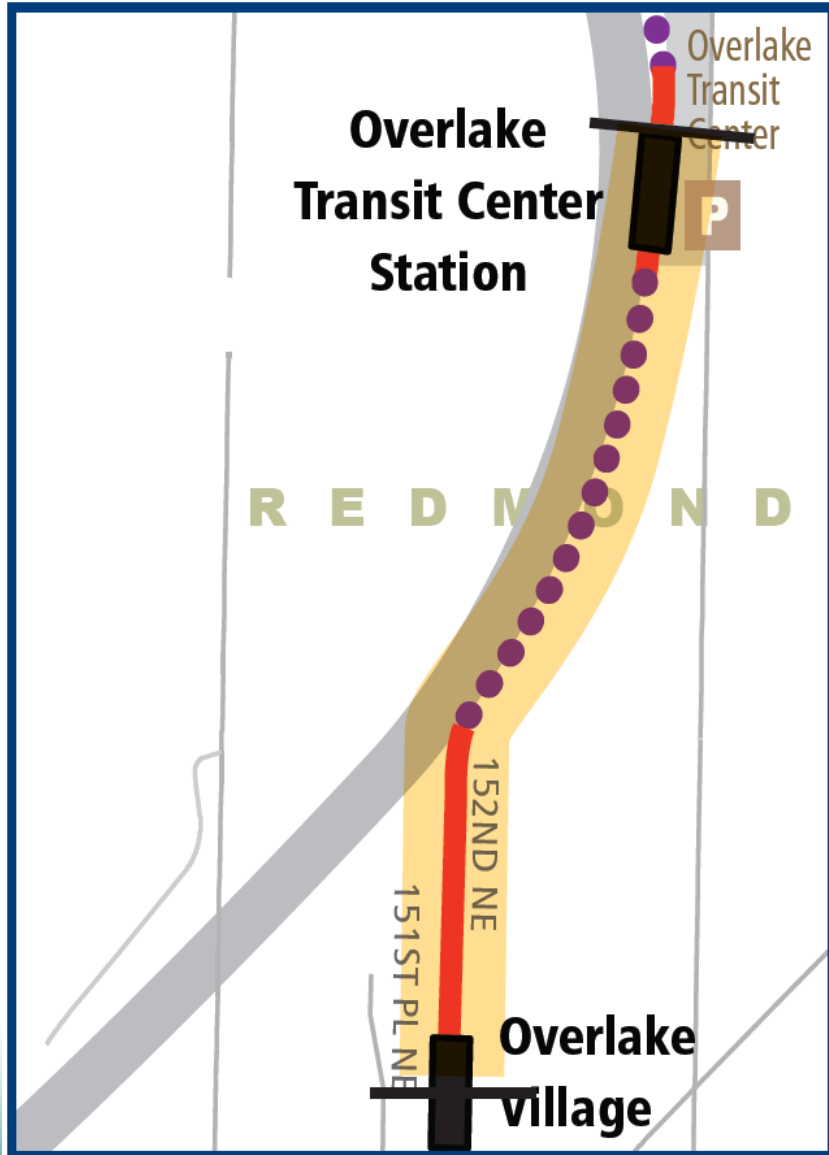


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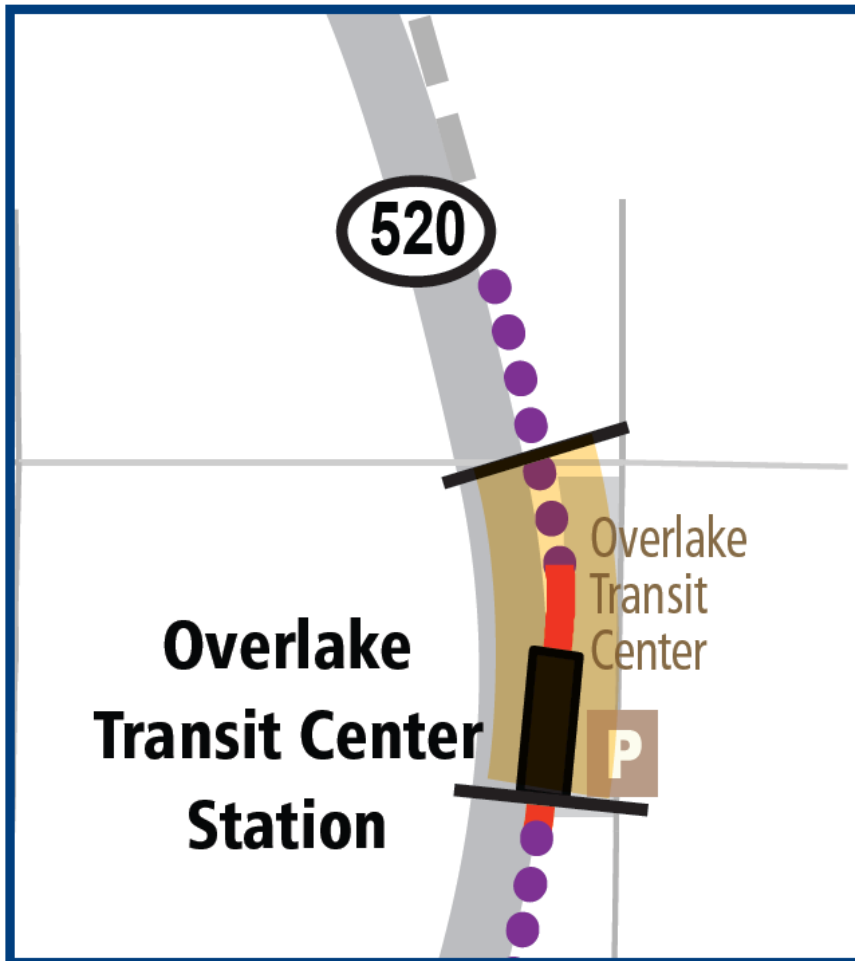
- Alignment on north side of NE 24th St
- Access needs for Safeway shopping center and PS business park

# NE 24<sup>th</sup> St to SR 520



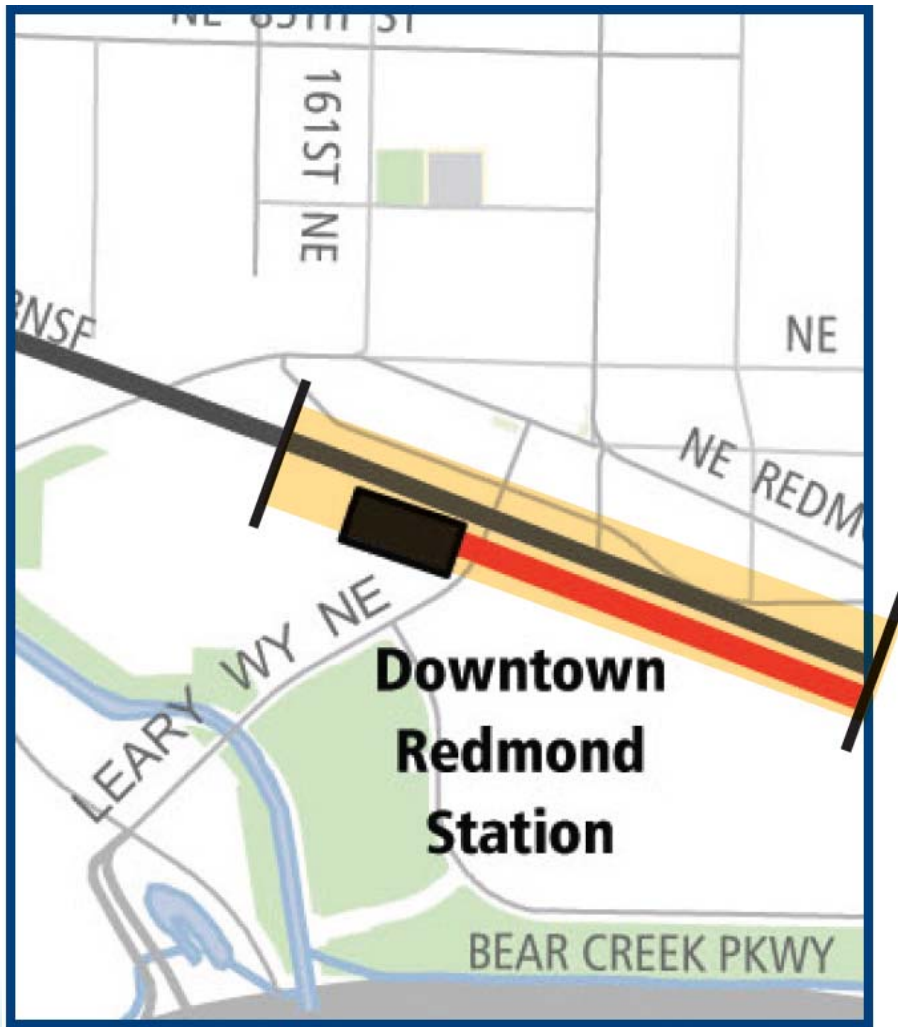
- Serves Overlake Village Park-and-Ride/Transit Oriented Development
- Side-running alignment

# Overlake Transit Center



- Overlake Transit Center redesign
- Expanded park-and-ride

# Downtown Redmond Station



- New station location near mixed-use development
- Pedestrian connection to transit center



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