#### **Comment Form**

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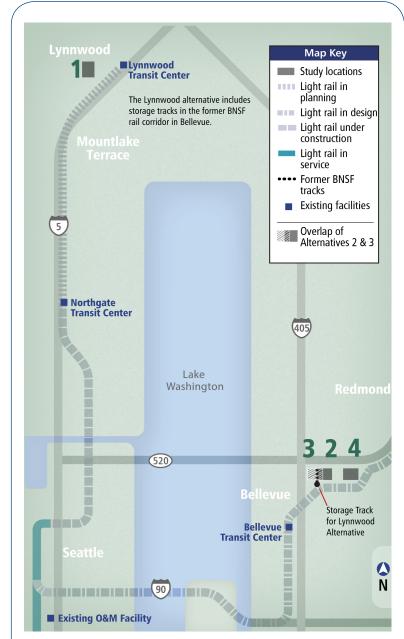
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Community Guide to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

# **Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility**

June 2014

## ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC HEARING

5 to 7:30 p.m. (hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.)

## June 3, 2014—Lynnwood

Lynnwood Convention Center, 3711 196th Street SW Lynnwood, WA 98036

### June 5, 2014—Bellevue

Coast Bellevue Hotel, 625 116th Avenue NE Bellevue, WA 98004

# **Project overview**

Sound Transit is greatly expanding the Link light rail system in King and Snohomish counties as part of the voter-approved Sound Transit 2 (ST2) Plan.

But extending the current 16-mile system to about 50 miles requires tripling the existing light rail fleet. The light rail Operations & Maintenance Facility (OMF), located in the SODO area of Seattle, is not large enough to handle the additional vehicles.

So, a new Operations & Maintenance Satellite Facility (OMSF) is necessary to minimize operating costs and support efficient and reliable service, which will ultimately take riders all the way to Lynnwood in the north, Bellevue and Redmond in the east and Kent/Des Moines in the south.

The OMSF is needed to store, maintain and dispatch light rail vehicles for daily service. It will also be used for preventative maintenance inspections, light repairs as well as interior and exterior vehicle cleaning.

In December 2012, the Sound Transit Board identified four potential locations for building and operating the satellite OMSF: one site in Lynnwood and three in Bellevue. The pool of potential sites is limited because of the OMSF's unique physical and operational requirements. For example, sites must be 20 to 25 acres, roughly rectangular in shape and near an existing or future light rail line. Operational requirements include minimizing system operating costs, preserving the daily vehicle maintenance window and ensuring that Sound Transit can provide service at peak commute times.

On May 9, 2014, Sound Transit and the Federal Transit Administration released the Link Light Rail Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that studies the four alternative sites and a no-build option. In compliance with federal and state regulations, the Draft EIS presents a detailed analysis of project impacts for each alternative and identifies potential mitigation measures for adverse effects.

# What is an Environmental **Impact Statement (EIS)?**

#### An EIS:

- · Describes potential environmental impacts and benefits of the project and alternatives under consideration.
- Proposes actions that will help mitigate unavoidable impacts.
- Enables decision-makers to identify the solution that best meets the project purpose.
- Provides the public and other agencies with an opportunity to review and comment on project impacts and proposed alternatives.

The EIS is first issued as a draft document to allow for review and comment. Following the public comment period, the Sound Transit Board will consider the Draft EIS findings, public and agency comments and other information before identifying a preferred alternative. The preferred alternative will be described in the Final EIS along with the other alternatives. The Final EIS will also document and address comments received on the Draft EIS.

Once the Final EIS is published, the Sound Transit Board will select the alternative to build. After the Board's decision, the FTA will issue a document referred to as the federal record of decision (ROD).

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# **Draft EIS contents**

The Draft EIS provides the results of an environmental analysis to examine the impacts of potential OMSF sites.

#### What's in the Draft EIS?

## Summary

Summarizes the overall Draft EIS document. Describes the project background and the alternatives being studied. Compares the alternatives, describing key findings, trade-offs, and costs.

# **Chapter 1: Purpose and need for the project**

Describes the goals and objectives of the proposed project and establishes its need, including the role of the OMSF in Sound Transit's expanding light rail operations.

## **Chapter 2: Alternatives considered**

Provides further background information on the needs of the OMSF, including the methods used to identify and analyze potential sites and the OMSF's features and requirements. Describes the four alternatives in detail and gives an overview of the construction approach, schedule, estimated project costs and next steps.

# **Chapter 3: Affected environment and environmental consequences**

Describes the built and natural environment that could be affected by OMSF alternatives. Explains the impacts from construction and operation of the OMSF alternatives and identifies potential mitigation measures.

# **Chapter 4: Alternatives analysis**

Compares the OMSF alternatives, discussing each option's advantages and disadvantages with regard to meeting transportation, financial and environmental goals. Accounts for differences in the alternative locations and facility designs, as well as the ability to avoid or mitigate the identified potential environmental impacts.

## **Draft EIS quick-reference bookmarks**

Topic	Chapter-Page
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What is the project need and purpose?	1-1 to 1-3
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How is Sound Transit working with property owners?	3.2-1
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What is the project schedule?	2-31
What features will the OMSF have?	2-3

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Site Alternatives Identification (2012)

Environmental Review & Record of Decision (2013 – 2015)

Final Design, ROW Purchase & Permitting (2015 - 2017) Construction (2017 - 2020)

Targeted Project Completion 2020

# **Review the Draft EIS**

#### It's easy to find...

**Online:** The full EIS and Executive Summary are available on the project website: **soundtransit.org/omsf** 

In print or by mail: The Executive Summary and a CD with the full Draft EIS documents are free of charge or a printed copy of the EIS may be purchased for \$25 and an additional \$11-15 each for technical background reports. Contact Erin Green at (206) 398-5464 to request copies of any of the environmental documents.

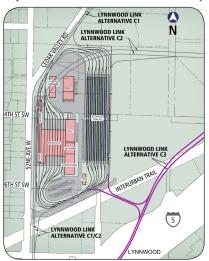
#### In person, at the following locations:

- Sound Transit, 401 S. Jackson Street, Seattle Call (206) 398-5344 to make an appointment
- Bellevue Regional Library, 1111 110th Ave NE, Bellevue
- Lynnwood Library, 19200 44th Ave W, Lynnwood
- Washington State Library, Point Plaza East, 6880 Capitol Blvd, Tumwater

## **Potential sites (Lynnwood and Bellevue)**

# 1 | Lynnwood (with storage tracks in Bellevue)

Adjacent to 52nd Ave. W / Cedar Valley Blvd





## Submit your comments by June 23, 2014

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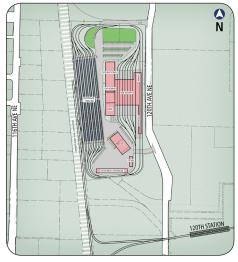
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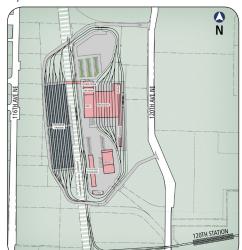
# 2 | Bellevue: BNSF

Adjacent to 120th Ave NE



# 3 | Bellevue: BNSF Modified

Spans the Eastside Rail Corridor



# 4 | Bellevue: SR-520

Adjacent to NE 20th Street

