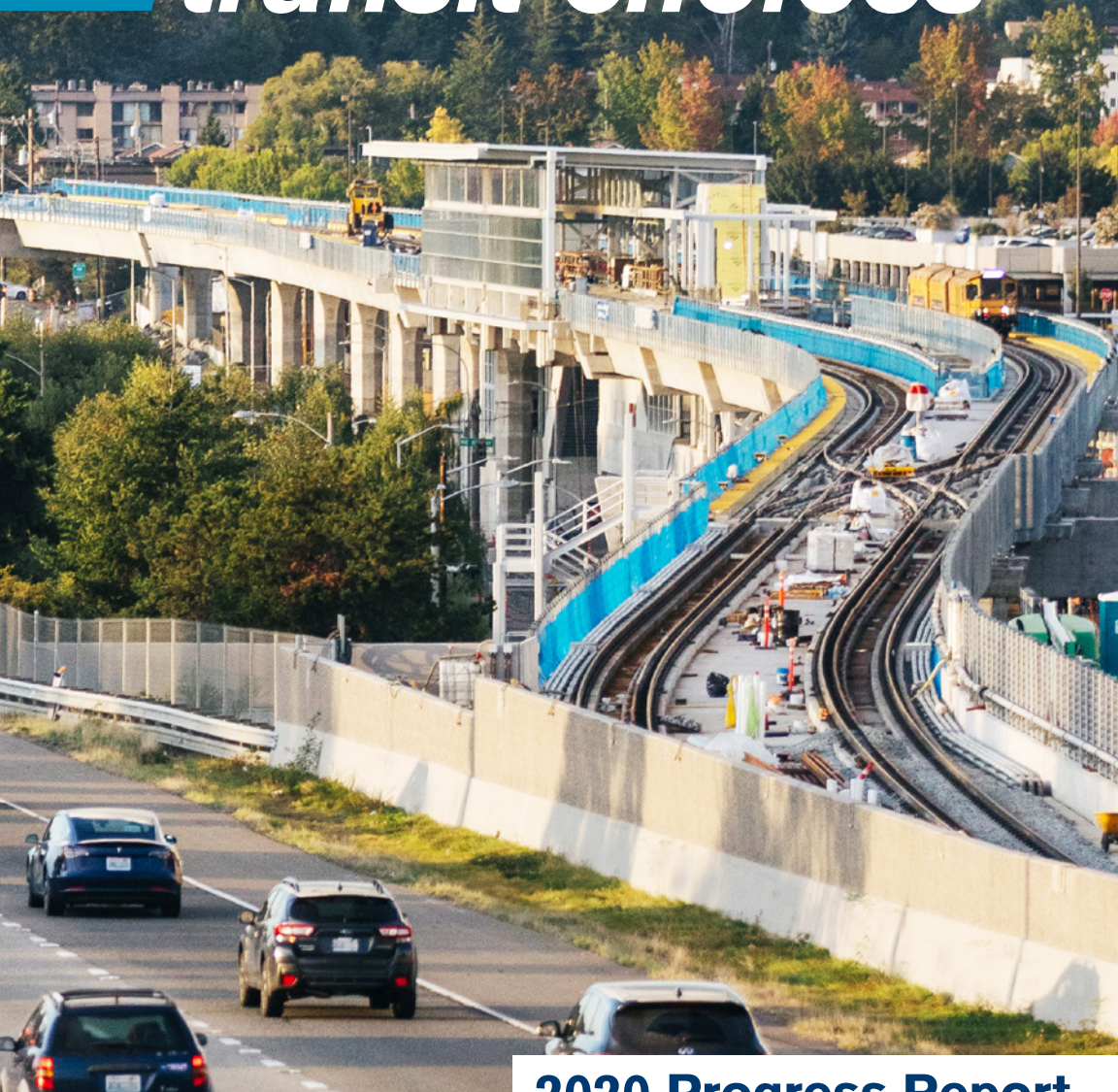




Expanding your transit choices



2020 Progress Report

Seattle area



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Doubling your destinations within the next 5 years

Seattle area residents:

During the next five years, Sound Transit is dramatically changing how we all get around the region.

From 2021 to 2024, we'll more than double your Link light rail destinations, opening new service to Northgate, Bellevue, Lynnwood, Federal Way, Redmond and the Hilltop neighborhood in Tacoma. Also by 2024, we'll launch new Stride bus rapid transit on I-405, SR 518, SR 522 and NE 145th, and open new parking and access improvements at Sounder stations.

At the same time, we're advancing other Link and Sounder projects described in this report, making it easier for you to get to work and home and to Seahawks games, college classes and Tacoma Dome concerts.

This progress report is just one way for us to stay in touch. For more information, check out our website, subscribe to updates and get involved with the projects that interest you most.



Peter Rogoff, Sound Transit CEO


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At Sound Transit we are connecting more people to more places to make life better and create equitable opportunities for all.


More transit for the Seattle area


**Link light rail**


 **Current service**


 **Northgate Link Extension**
(in construction)


 **East Link Extension**
(in construction)

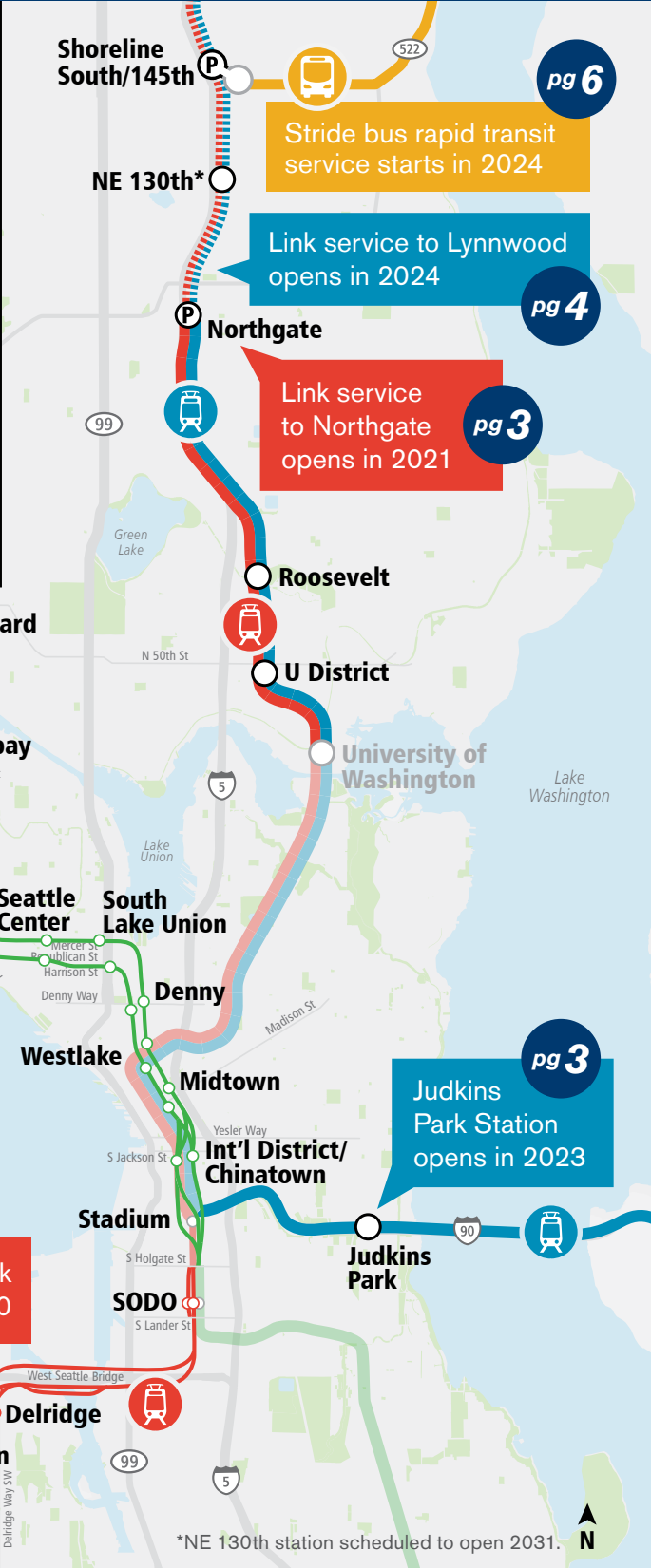
 **Lynnwood Link Extension**
(in construction)

 **West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions**
(in planning)

**Stride bus rapid transit**

 **NE 145th St and SR 522 service**
(in planning)

 **Parking**





More light rail coming to the Seattle area



Northgate to downtown Seattle in 14 minutes // Opens 2021

Northgate Link Extension

- 3 new stations: underground at U District and Roosevelt, elevated at Northgate.
- Sound Transit is partnering with Bellwether Housing and Mercy Housing Northwest, who will build approximately 245 units of affordable family housing at Roosevelt Station.
- King County Metro, Sound Transit and Community Transit are planning routes to bring bus riders to Link stations to access fast, reliable light rail.



2019 progress

- Finished laying track along entire route.
- Installed artwork, elevators, escalators and stairwells at stations.
- Completed construction of Roosevelt Station.



2020 look-ahead

Complete U District and Northgate stations and install power and signal systems.

UW to Microsoft campus in 41 minutes // Opens 2023

East Link Extension

- 10 new stations, including Seattle's Judkins Park, Downtown Bellevue and Redmond's Overlake neighborhood.



2019 progress

Laying track on the I-90 floating bridge.



2020 look-ahead

- Complete Judkins Park Station west headhouse.
- Complete Mercer Island, Overlake Village and Redmond Technology stations.

Shoreline South/145th to Sounders game in 24 minutes // Opens 2024

Lynnwood Link Extension

- 4 new stations: Shoreline South/145th, Shoreline North/185th, Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood City Center.



2019 progress

- Broke ground on major construction.
- Advanced pre-construction work, including utility relocations and tree replacement program to re-plant nearly four trees for each tree removed for construction.



2020 look-ahead

Begin heavy construction with focus on managing tight budget and schedule.

West Seattle Junction to SODO in 8 min. // Opens 2030 Ballard to Westlake in 11 min. // Opens 2035

West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions

- Two extensions connecting dense Seattle neighborhoods to light rail.
- Total of 10 new stations and three expanded stations.
- Ballard extension includes a new light rail tunnel under downtown Seattle and Seattle Center.



2019 progress

- After in-depth public engagement generating thousands of comments, the Board identified preferred alternatives and other alternatives to study in an Environmental Impact Statement. This was a critical milestone to keeping the project on schedule.
- The EIS will guide the Board's decision in 2022 for final routes and station locations.



2020 look-ahead

Develop Draft EIS.

More stations on the existing light rail line // Scheduled to open 2031

NE 130th, S. Graham Street and Boeing Access Road infill stations



2019 progress

Conducted engineering study to determine possibility of building some or all of the NE 130th station as part of Lynnwood Link Extension, minimizing later service disruption.



2020 look-ahead

The Board decides whether to expedite some construction of NE 130th Station as part of Lynnwood Link Extension.

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Celebrating Seattle's African American heritage at Judkins Park Station

As part of the East Link project, the city of Seattle is getting a new station at Judkins Park, where I-90 crosses Rainier Avenue South. When it opens

in 2023, this station will connect the local neighborhood to the region's major employment centers downtown and on the Eastside as well as provide easy access to the University of Washington and Sea-Tac Airport. At the front door of the Northwest African American Museum, the I-90 trail and viewpoints over Lake Washington, the station will also become a destination for riders from around the region.

The unique architecture of the Judkins Park station provides entrances at both Rainier Avenue South and 23rd Avenue South above the Mt. Baker tunnel. Two oversized murals at the station entrances celebrate native son Jimi Hendrix, while south Seattle artist Barbara Thomas' integrated artwork tells a story in pictures across some of the station's platform windscreens.



Illustration of 23rd Avenue South entry.

Follow along the Link tunnel route to the new U District Station.



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- 3 Click notification to play video.

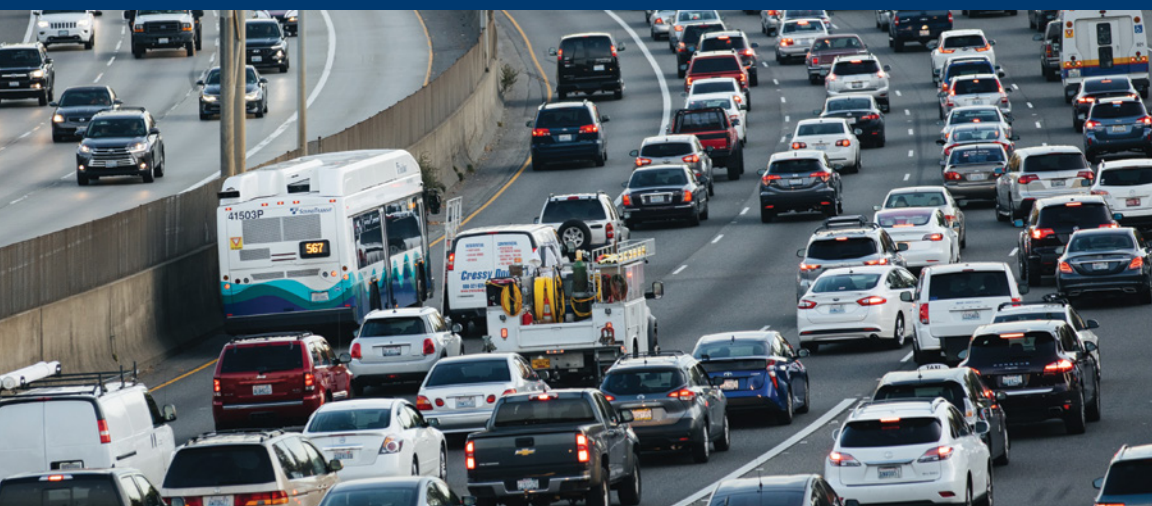


Connect//2020

In January 2020, we began connecting our new Eastside light rail line to the existing line in downtown Seattle. Work will continue into March. In 2023, fast Link service extends to Mercer Island, Bellevue and Redmond. Learn about service changes during this time at soundtransit.org/connect2020.



Building faster bus connections



Bothell to Shoreline South/145th Link Station in about 22 minutes // Starts 2024

Stride bus rapid transit on SR 522, NE 145th and I-405

- Stride, a new BRT service, will offer fast, frequent and reliable bus travel to destinations on highways and arterials north, east and south of Lake Washington.
- Connects to Link light rail at Shoreline, Lynnwood, Bellevue and Tukwila.



2019 progress

- Reached out to the community to provide information and gather comments.
- Performed preliminary fieldwork, technical analysis and environmental study.
- Started construction of Bothell SR 522 Business Access and Transit Lanes.



2020 look-ahead

- Proceed to preliminary engineering.
- Complete Bothell SR 522 BAT lanes.

Helping you make your connection

In 2019 Sound Transit announced recipients of the first round of System Access Fund grants for projects that make it easier and more convenient to get to transit. With funding totaling more than \$40 million in this initial round of grants, we are partnering with local cities and counties to help pay for new sidewalks and walkways near four Link stations in the Rainier Valley and many other local projects.

Getting around is getting easier

2021

Link to Northgate
A 7-minute ride takes you from Husky Stadium to the new NHL practice facility at Northgate.

2022

Tacoma Link to Hilltop
Grab lunch in the Stadium District between classes at UW Tacoma.

More parking
New garages at Puyallup (opens 2022) and Sumner (opens 2023) make it easier to leave the car behind and relax your way to work on Sounder.

2023

East Link to Redmond Technology
Ride from Northgate to the Microsoft campus, or hop on at Bellevue's new Spring District neighborhood or Mercer Island and cross Lake Washington to downtown Seattle or the U District.

2024

Extending Link north, south, east
Ungrip the steering wheel and fly by traffic on your way north to Lynnwood, south to Federal Way and east to Downtown Redmond.

Stride on up to new bus rapid transit
No schedule needed to get you to destinations on I-405, SR 518, SR 522 or NE 145th St. Step off a Stride bus and onto Link light rail at Shoreline, Lynnwood, Bellevue or Tukwila.

More parking
Lots more parking plus new bike and pedestrian paths give you more connections to transit at North Sammamish as well as Kent, Auburn, Edmonds and Mukilteo Sounder stations.





Transit gives you choices

Link light rail, Sounder and bus rapid transit (BRT) provide fast, reliable and traffic-free transportation choices. More people each year are letting go of the steering wheel and instead choosing to:



- ✓ **Read the sports section**
- ✓ **Binge watch that new series**
- ✓ **Save money for vacation**
- ✓ **Breathe deeply and enjoy the view**
- ✓ **Leave the air cleaner**

Our region leads the nation in transit ridership growth

With 28 new light rail stations and new BRT service opening in just the next five years, ridership will continue to grow dramatically.





Transit benefits everyone

Whether you use Sound Transit services or not, the growing network of light rail, Sounder trains, ST Express buses and BRT lines coordinating with local bus service improves your daily travel. Given a reliable, comfortable alternative to driving, hundreds of thousands of people choose transit every day, helping make travel easier for those who need to drive.

Trains can move more people in less space

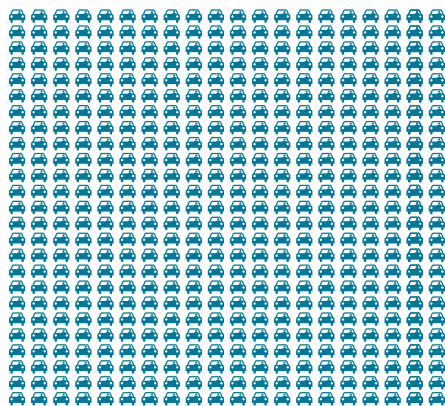
Link trains arrive every 4–6 minutes during peak hours.



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1 light rail train
of 4 cars
(200 people
per car)

10 buses
(80 people
per bus)

500 cars
(average 1.6 passengers per car)

How to ride

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Plan

Use our mobile-friendly Trip Planner to see where to catch your ride and find schedules for your trip.

Pay & Ride

To ride **Link** or **Sounder**, use the ticket machines at the station to buy:



ORCA card

It's the easy way to pay for multiple rides on Sound Transit and other local transit services.

Buy a pass for unlimited rides or load cash value to pay as you go and save on transfers.



Single ticket

Pay with cash or card to purchase a single ticket.

To ride an **ST Express bus**



ORCA card

Tap your ORCA card when boarding.



Exact change

Pay with exact change when boarding.

To ride **Link**, **Sounder** and **ST Express bus**



Transit GO Ticket app

Buy your single ticket anywhere with the Transit GO Ticket app.

Don't forget to activate your ticket before boarding and show your screen to the fare enforcement officer if asked.

Senior or disabled reduced fare

The Regional Reduced Fare Permit (RRFP) is available for those over the age of 65 and riders with disabilities. Apply for an RRFP card at an ORCA customer service office. The card is free.

ORCA LIFT for income-qualified riders

If you qualify, you can save up to 66% on Sound Transit and many other local transit services with an ORCA LIFT card registered to your name. It works just like a regular ORCA card. Go online to learn how to qualify. Apply for a card at an ORCA customer service office.



Ride tip

When riding Link or Sounder trains, tap your ORCA card on a yellow card reader at the start and end of your trip. ORCA calculates the cost of your trip and deducts that amount from your account. On buses, tap the reader by the driver. No need to tap off a bus ride.

Connecting to light rail is easy

Catch a bus to the train

Sound Transit is coordinating with King County Metro and Community Transit to get you to light rail stations when new service starts at Northgate in 2021, on the Eastside in 2023 and in Shoreline and Lynnwood in 2024. Use our Trip Planner to find your most direct route.

Park your bike or car

- All Sounder and Link stations have bicycle racks, lockers or cages.
- Parking for cars is available at Northgate, Shoreline South/145th and Shoreline North/185th stations. Go online to learn more.

Safely walk, bike or get dropped off

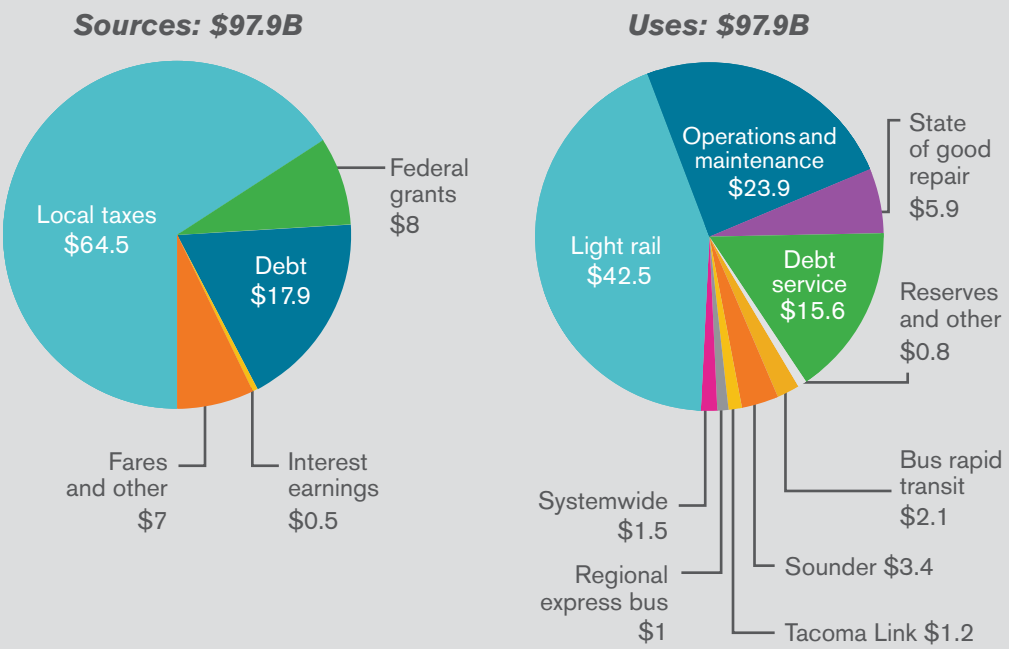
Bike and walking trails as well as pick-up and drop-off locations offer easy ways to access transit. Scope out your local station online.



Voter-approved transit funding

Paying for transit construction, operations and maintenance takes a combination of local taxes approved by voters, as well as grants, proceeds from debt, fares and other miscellaneous sources. Local tax sources include Sales and Use Tax, Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, Property Tax and Rental Car Tax.

Funding sources and uses: 2017–2041 (in billions)



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