



Stride Bus Rapid Transit

Frequently Asked Questions

Design

Can I get to and from the airport using Stride?

While Stride will not directly stop at SeaTac, it will connect riders to Link light rail at multiple locations, expanding transit options to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Riders will transfer between Stride and Link to catch a flight or travel home.

Sound Transit will update its Trip Planner to add Stride lines as transit options once they are operational. All trip descriptions below assume you will go to SeaTac/Airport Station on Link's 1 Line.

S1 Line (Bellevue to Burien): Riders will take the S1 Line to Tukwila International Blvd Station, then transfer to the southbound 1 Line.



Bellevue Transit Center

S2 Line (Lynnwood to Bellevue): Riders will board the southbound S2 Line to Bellevue Transit Center, then transfer to the S1 Line. Riders will then ride to the Tukwila International Blvd Station and transfer to the southbound 1 Line.

Alternatively, riders can take the northbound S2 Line and to Lynnwood City Center Station, then transfer to the southbound 1 Line.

S3 Line (Shoreline to Bothell): Riders will take the S3 Line westbound and stop at Shoreline South/148th Station, then transfer to the southbound 1 Line.



Access the trip planner

Will bike and pedestrian access improvements be part of Stride?

We greatly value non-motorized (walking, biking, and rolling) rider access to Stride stations. Stride BRT will add new sidewalks, improve pedestrian access to stations, install better lighting, and improve non-motorized connections to nearby neighborhoods and local transit.



Kirkland/NE 85th Station rendering

What accessibility features do Stride stations and buses have?

Transit should be accessible for everyone to use. That's why we offer a range of services to simplify your ride. Stride stations will feature raised platforms and near-level boarding for faster, more accessible departures. Along the S3 Line in Bothell, four stations will use bus kneeling to achieve level boarding due to design constraints.

Business Relations

How will construction impact businesses?

Sound Transit has reached out to and is working with businesses directly impacted by construction.

For information about general construction impacts, please check out the construction section.

How can I get connected to Sound Transit's business relations program?

Sound Transit is committed to supporting businesses along the project corridor to minimize and navigate changes during upcoming construction. Our Business Relations Program helps local businesses succeed through collaboration, shared tools, and resources. Explore the program at soundtransit.org/business-relations.

Environmental

How will Stride benefit the environment?

Stride is Sound Transit's first battery-electric bus fleet, offering a cleaner, quieter, and more sustainable way to travel in the region. This fleet produces no exhaust, generates fewer emissions, and creates less noise and vibration than traditional buses.

Sound Transit plans to operate a fully zero-emission fleet across all transit modes by 2050. This shift will create more green jobs in the region and support a cleaner environment for all.



What is Stride's impact on trees and the natural environment?

Construction of the Stride S3 Line along SR 522 will require removing some trees to widen the roadway. Sound Transit recognizes the value of trees and is working with cities, community groups, and property owners to minimize impacts and replace lost canopy where needed.

During construction, our contractors will remove only trees identified as incompatible with the Stride S3 Project. They will also remove invasive and overgrown plant life, such as ivy and blackberries, to improve the corridor's ecosystem. Following local ordinances and Sound Transit policy, new trees will be planted in the community.

Construction

What is the latest construction schedule?

Construction for the Stride program will start in 2025 and will continue through 2028/2029. We are advertising several project contracts for bidding, and we expect to finish awarding contracts by the end of 2025. Stride service will begin as soon as 2028/2029.

Thanks to our Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) partners, a significant amount of roadway construction is already underway on the I-405 corridor.

How will construction impact me?

As we start construction in phases along the Stride corridor, we will alert nearby neighbors about any upcoming activity and mitigation measures via construction notifications. You can expect the following items during construction:

- Noise, dust, and vibrations from construction.
- Temporary parking restrictions and changes in parking access.
- Temporary, limited access to driveways and doorways.
- Lane, intersection, crosswalk, and sidewalk closures and detours.
- Bus reroutes during construction: The transit provider will provide notifications for temporary bus reroutes or bus stop relocations.

Stride will maintain a 24/7 construction hotline to answer immediate construction questions and concerns. We encourage you to sign up for email updates to stay up to date on construction activities and progress.

Will I still be able to access businesses in the project corridors during construction?

Yes, businesses will be open during construction. Please be on the lookout for "businesses are open" signs. Stay local, shop local!

For more info visit:
soundtransit.org/stride

Questions?

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