



West Seattle Link Extension

Link light rail

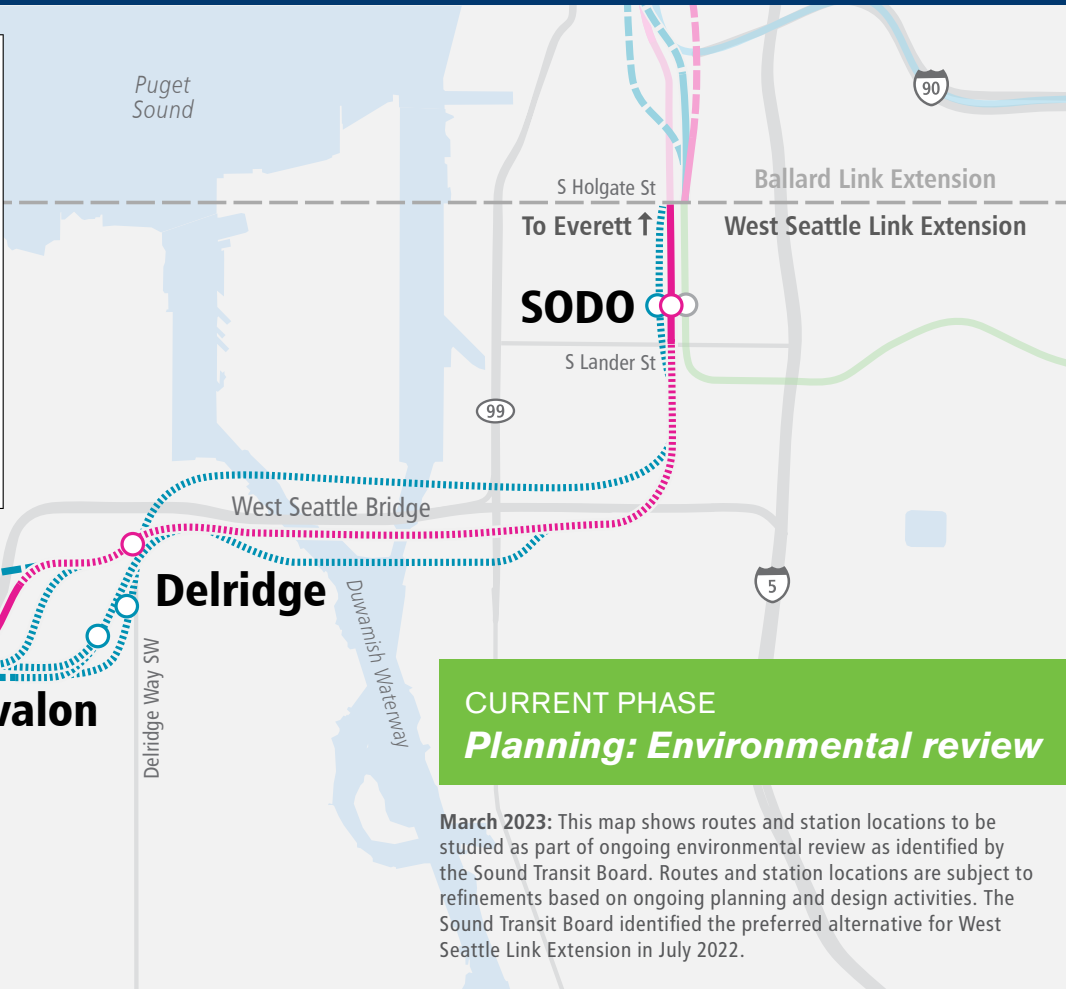
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- Preferred alternative
- Other Final EIS alternatives

Route profiles

- Elevated route
- Tunnel route
- Surface route

- Current and future light rail service
- Station location



CURRENT PHASE
Planning: Environmental review

March 2023: This map shows routes and station locations to be studied as part of ongoing environmental review as identified by the Sound Transit Board. Routes and station locations are subject to refinements based on ongoing planning and design activities. The Sound Transit Board identified the preferred alternative for West Seattle Link Extension in July 2022.

Expanding light rail to West Seattle

About the project

The West Seattle Link Extension will provide fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers in the SODO, Delridge, and West Seattle neighborhoods. The West Seattle Link Extension is part of the regional transit system expansion approved by voters in November 2016.



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Project timeline





Project benefits

- **Adds 4.1 miles of light rail service** from SODO to West Seattle's Alaska Junction neighborhood.
- **Includes four new stations** between SODO and Alaska Junction.

What's next for West Seattle Link?

The project will proceed to a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which is anticipated to be published in 2024. Service is scheduled to start in 2032.

Stay involved

Sound Transit is committed to meaningful public participation. We offer both in-person and virtual engagement opportunities to accommodate the community's needs. Reach out with questions, thoughts, or to request a briefing for your community group.

Equity and inclusion

We are also committed to inclusively engaging historically-underrepresented communities. If you are interested in learning more about this project and how it may affect your community, please contact us and we will work with you to find an appropriate medium for providing project information.

Questions?

Contact the Community Engagement team:
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How did we get here?

From 2017-2019, project staff conducted an extensive alternatives development process that resulted in the Sound Transit Board identifying preferred alternatives and other alternatives to study in a Draft EIS.

The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions were evaluated together in a Draft EIS published in January 2022. The public comment period lasted for 90 days between January and April 2022. After reviewing the Draft EIS and the comments from Tribes, the public and agency partners, the Sound Transit Board identified the preferred alternative for the West Seattle Link Extension (WSLE) in July 2022. Given additional environmental review needed for project refinements for Ballard Link Extension (BLE) resulting from the Sound Transit Board action in March 2023, environmental review for the WSLE and BLE projects are proceeding on different timelines.

Station planning

Station planning involves studying alternatives in various ways from the neighborhood's perspective, including how people get to the station and ways we can make these trips safer and more convenient. We also look at opportunities to create housing, office space, shops, or public open space, considering what we've heard from community members about their needs and desires. Community feedback about stations will help inform ongoing station design.



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