In 2008, voters approved the Sound Transit 2 Plan. Link will expand the current system from Seattle north into Snohomish County, across Lake Washington into East King County, and south of Sea-Tac International Airport.

East Link Extension

Sound Transit plans, builds and operates regional transit systems and services to improve mobility for Central Puget Sound.

South Bellevue to Sea-Tac Airport 35 minutes

Bellevue to International District station 20 minutes

Bellevue to Sea-Tac Airport 35 minutes includes transfer

Bellevue to University Of Washington 30 minutes

Bellevue Downtown to Redmond Technology Center 10 minutes

Bellevue Downtown to Stadium 20 minutes

Bellevue Downtown to Sea-Tac 55 minutes

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Up Next

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Get Involved

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Timeline

- 2006–2011 Planning & Environmental Review
- 2011–2015 Final design
- 2015 / 2016 Construction
- 2023 Anticipated start of service

I-90 – Seattle/Mercer Island

Connecting to the Link light rail system at the International District/Chinatown Station in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel, this segment includes two new stations, both located on the I-90 center roadway with pedestrian connections to local sidewalks, buses and bike trails.

South Bellevue

The South Bellevue Station will include a parking structure with approximately 1,500 stalls at the site of the existing South Bellevue Park-and-Ride lot. The East Main Station will increase travel options for south Bellevue residents and commuters, as well as employees in businesses located east of 112th Avenue SE.

Downtown Bellevue

Light rail in this area will serve the dense central business district, providing access to employment, education, and recreation and helping accommodate the anticipated 14,000 new housing units and 38,000 jobs generated by 2030. Key destinations include Bellevue’s downtown core, Bellevue Transit Center and the medical centers on the east side of I-405.

Bel-Red

The two stations in Bel-Red will support the City of Bellevue’s land use plans for the Bel-Red corridor; including future development of the 120th and 130th station areas as transit oriented urban communities. The Bel-Red/130th Station will include a 300-stall park-and-ride.

Overlake

Serving as the terminus for East Link, light rail in the Overlake corridor will include two new stations running along SR 520. The Overlake Village Station will support transit-oriented development land use by the City of Redmond. The Overlake Transit Center Station will be a major transit hub for connections between public transit and private transportation services while providing increased parking for over 300 cars and covered bicycle facilities for over 100 bikes.