East Link Benefits

Link light rail will significantly expand the people-moving capacity of the I-90 crossing and travel options for Mercer Island residents, providing them with congestion-free service to destinations across a 116-mile regional system stretching north to Everett; east to downtown Redmond, South Kirkland and Issaquah and with connections to bus rapid transit on I-405; south to Federal Way and Tacoma; and west to Ballard and West Seattle.

What are some additional light rail benefits?

- Approximately **50,000** daily riders projected by 2030.
- Up to **20 hours** of daily, reliable service.
- **Connecting the Eastside’s biggest population centers** and destinations across King, Pierce and Snohomish counties.
- **From Mercer Island Station:**
  - International District / Chinatown: 10 minutes
  - University of Washington: 20 minutes
  - SeaTac/Airport: 45 minutes (with transfer at International District / Chinatown)
  - Overlake Transit Center: 20 minutes.
- Improved regional air quality by **displacing greenhouse gas emissions** when riders leave their cars behind.
- Beginning in 2019, Link light rail trains will operate on **100 percent clean energy** – further reducing regional carbon dioxide emissions.
- **Transit-oriented development** near stations can boost ridership and make neighborhoods better places to spend time.
For More Information

Please call our 24-hour construction hotline at 1-888-298-2395 / TTY Relay: 711.

For more information, please contact Zack Ambrose at 206-903-7176 or eastlink@soundtransit.org

East Link Extension is a key element of the regional mass transit system approved by voters in 2008. This 14-mile light rail line will benefit local communities and support regional growth with fast, frequent and reliable light rail service, connecting Seattle to the Eastside’s biggest population and employment centers. The project builds on the Central Link light rail system running between Angle Lake and University of Washington. East Link is part of the new light rail extensions being built north, south and east from Seattle.