



# I-405 Bus Rapid Transit

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Project Highlights

#### What is Bus Rapid Transit?

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is a fast, frequent and reliable transit system that features:

- Sheltered and comfortable stations
- Faster boarding, including off-board fare payment and all-door entry and exit
- Real-time rider information
- Specialized buses
- Bicycle accommodations
- Convenient all-day service with buses arriving every 10 minutes during the busiest periods of the day
- Improved access to stations for all modes including connecting transit services

I-405 BRT is a regional, limited stop express service with connections to other transit services including Link Light Rail in Lynnwood, Bellevue and Tukwila. BRT avoids congestion by using managed lanes and transit priority treatments on I-405.

#### Where will I-405 BRT operate?

I-405 BRT is a system that will run approximately 37 miles along I-405, I-5, and SR 518. Riders will be able to travel with ease between Lynnwood, Bellevue and Burien and points in between. BRT will serve Lynnwood, Bothell, Kirkland, Bellevue, Renton, Tukwila/SeaTac and Burien.

#### Where will I-405 BRT stations be located?

I-405 BRT includes 11 BRT stations including a new transit center and three new parking facilities.

I-405 BRT will service the following locations:

- Lynnwood City Center with connections to Link Light Rail
- Canyon Park (Bothell)
- UW Bothell/Cascadia College vicinity with connections to SR 522 BRT
- Brickyard (Bothell)
- Totem Lake/Kingsgate (Kirkland) – with expanded parking at Kingsgate Park-and-Ride
- NE 85th Street (Kirkland) – with a new BRT freeway station
- Bellevue Transit Center with connections to Link Light Rail
- NE 44<sup>th</sup> Street (Renton) – with a new BRT freeway station and parking
- South Renton with a new transit center and parking
- Tukwila International Blvd with connections to Link Light Rail
- Burien Transit Center

I-405 BRT will connect to transit service provided by Sound Transit, Community Transit and King County Metro.



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## How frequent and fast will service be on I-405 BRT?

Service will run every 10 minutes during weekday peak commute times and every 15 minutes during off-peak hours.

	BRT Travel Time Estimates	Current ST Express Bus Travel Times
Lynnwood to Bellevue	42 minutes	61 minutes
Bellevue to South Renton	25 minutes	48 minutes
South Renton to Burien	20 minutes	31 minutes

Travel times will be updated during the planning process to reflect additional transit speed and reliability improvements along the corridor.

## How will I-405 BRT be able to maintain this service frequency and travel times?

I-405 BRT is a highway-based bus system that will predominantly run in managed lanes which includes high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, express toll lanes and bus-on-shoulder lanes.

I-405 BRT will build upon WSDOT's I-405 Master Plan with roadway improvements facilitating faster bus travel. WSDOT is currently improving I-405 as part of the I-405 Corridor Program. Projects include the I-405 Renton to Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes Project with construction expected to begin in 2019. This project is designed to improve speeds and trip reliability for all travelers and support the new I-405 Bus Rapid Transit line. WSDOT is partnering with Sound Transit to deliver the new I-405 BRT.

## When will I-405 BRT service start?

Voters approved funding for BRT in Fall 2016 as part of the Sound Transit 3 measure. Sound Transit is currently in the planning process for I-405 BRT. The project schedule is:

- Planning: 2018 – 2020
- Design: 2020 – 2023
- Construction begins\*: 2023
- Open for service: 2024

\*Construction will begin earlier on some BRT elements, including elements being delivered by our partners. This includes the new NE 44th Street BRT station that will be built by WSDOT.

## What will happen during BRT planning?

In 2018, Sound Transit will evaluate and consider refinements to the voter-approved ST3 representative project for the I-405 BRT corridor based on technical analysis and stakeholder input. Sound Transit will present the refinements to the Sound Transit Board of Directors in early 2019 and seek approval to begin conceptual engineering and environmental review.



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Sound Transit will then develop conceptual designs for BRT project elements including stations, transit centers, parking facilities and roadway improvements. Opportunities for public involvement will continue as Sound Transit completes conceptual design and environmental review.

## **Will the addition of BRT service change my existing transit routes?**

Sound Transit works closely with partner transit agencies to deliver seamless regional and local connections and ensure that service remains as effective and efficient as possible. Each year, Sound Transit's Service Planning Department prepares a Service Implementation Plan to guide the delivery of ST Express Bus, Sounder commuter rail, and Link light rail services. Any transit service changes to existing transit routes will be communicated to the public well in advance.

## **Where else will Sound Transit BRT operate?**

Sound Transit will operate two BRT corridors:

- **I-405 BRT** will run along I-5, I-405 and SR 518 from Lynnwood to Bellevue and Bellevue to Burien.
- **SR 522/NE 145th BRT** will connect communities from Shoreline to Woodinville via NE 145th Street, SR 522 and the transit center at UW Bothell/Cascadia College.

## **Engagement**

### **How will stakeholders and public input shape the project?**

Sound Transit is engaging the public, elected officials and our partners to help us develop BRT in the I-405 corridor.

The I-405 BRT Project team is working with:

- The **I-405 BRT Elected Leadership Group**, made up of elected officials who represent the cities along the project corridor, the Sound Transit Board and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).
- The **I-405 BRT Interagency Group**, made up of city and partner transit agency staff to provide technical expertise and input on the project refinements.
- The **WSDOT I-405/SR 167 Executive Advisory Group**, made up of state and local elected officials, and representatives from federal and regional transit agencies, who have been advising WSDOT on I-405 corridor improvements since 1999.
- The **public** to gather input on corridor-wide and local issues to ensure that the priorities of local communities are being heard and considered along the corridor.
- **Local tribal governments** with interests in the project area.

Visit the project website at [soundtransit.org/I405BRT](http://soundtransit.org/I405BRT) to learn more.

### **How is the project being refined in 2018?**

Sound Transit is asking for public input in 2018 on the following elements of the I-405 BRT Project:

- Community features along the corridor
- Station and parking orientation
- Access for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Station features and user experience