

WHO IS SOUND TRANSIT?

We plan, build and operate regional transit systems and services to improve mobility in urban areas of King, Pierce and Snohomish counties.



Link light rail

Currently, Link light rail runs from Angle Lake and Sea-Tac Airport through downtown Seattle and to the University of Washington. Construction is underway to extend service to Northgate in 2021, to Bellevue and east King County in 2023. By 2024, service will further extend to Federal Way, Lynnwood and downtown Redmond. Link light rail runs seven days a week with trains running every 6, 10 or 15 minutes depending on the time of day.



Tacoma Link

The existing 1.6-mile light rail line currently serves six stations between the Theater District and the Tacoma Dome. Trains run every 12 minutes and provide nearly a million rides per year. Sound Transit is extending this route north to the Hilltop District, adding six stations. This extension is targeted to open for service in 2022. Tacoma Link will further extend to Tacoma Community College in 2039.



Sounder commuter rail

Our Sounder trains travel between Lakewood and Seattle (making stops in South Tacoma, Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner, Auburn, Kent and Tukwila) and between Everett and Seattle (making stops in Mukilteo and Edmonds). Sounder regularly runs weekday mornings and afternoons with weekend service for major events.



ST Express bus

ST Express bus routes serve urban centers in Pierce, King and Snohomish counties with fast service between major cities and job centers. ST Express service offers easy transfers to train service and local buses, and operates seven days a week for many routes.

Sound Transit Board

Sound Transit is governed by an 18-member board made up of local elected officials and the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation. The board establishes policies and gives direction and oversight.

Funding

The system plan is paid for with a combination of voter-approved local taxes, federal grants, farebox revenues, borrowed funds and interest revenues.

SYSTEM EXPANSION

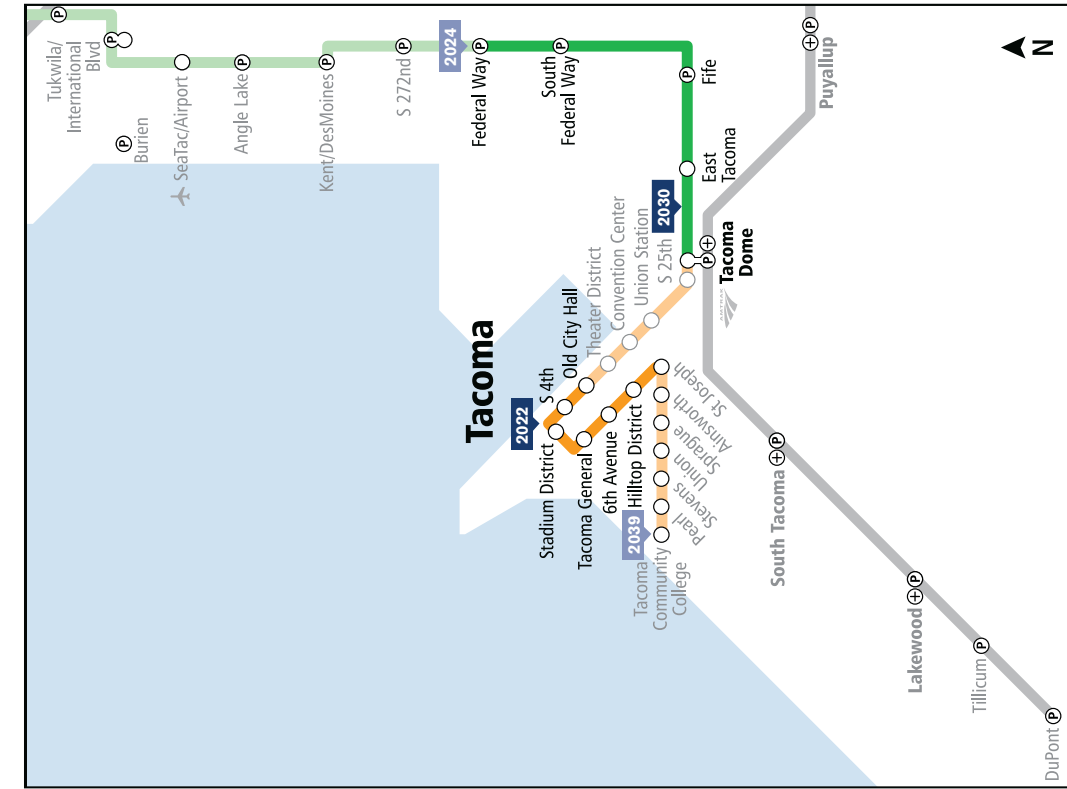
Sound Transit system expansion is:

- Building a 116-mile network extending regional light rail from Tacoma to Everett, and from densely developed Seattle neighborhoods to Redmond and Issaquah, and extending Tacoma Link.
- Establishing Bus Rapid Transit to the north, east and south of Lake Washington.
- Expanding Sounder south line capacity and service, adding two new stations.
- Improving access and expanding parking at Sounder stations.

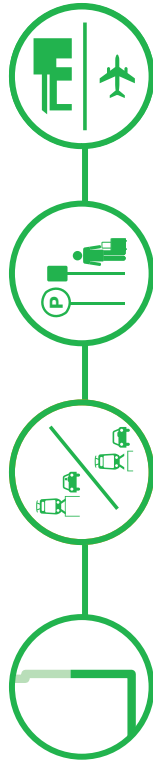


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TWO NEW LIGHT RAIL PROJECTS IN THE SOUTH SOUND: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



Tacoma Dome Link Extension



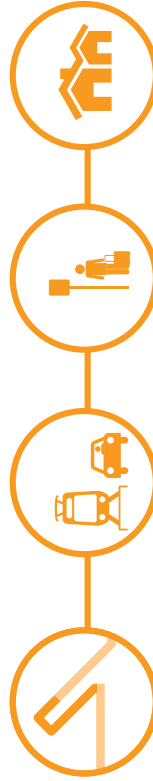
DISTANCE
9.7 miles

TRACK TYPE
Elevated and at-grade track

STATIONS
4 stations
2 with parking

CONNECTS TO
Federal Way
Transit Center
and Sea-Tac Airport

Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension



DISTANCE
2.4 miles

TRACK TYPE
At-grade

STATIONS
6 stations

CONNECTS TO
Hilltop
neighborhood

TACOMA DOME LINK EXTENSION

Representative project

Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE) extends regional light rail approximately 9.7 miles from the Federal Way Transit Center to the Tacoma Dome Station area. The project travels through the cities of Federal Way, Milton, Fife and Tacoma, and the reservation of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. The project includes:

- Stations at South Federal Way, Fife, East Tacoma and the Tacoma Dome Station area.
- A rail-only bridge crossing the Puyallup River.
- Parking garages at the South Federal Way and Fife stations.
- Includes an operations and maintenance facility (OMF) in the south corridor.

For projects in the voter-approved system expansion, Sound Transit produced “representative projects” identifying the mode, station locations and related features, such as an OMF, which formed the basis for the project’s scope, schedule and budget.



Fast and frequent service to destinations

- › South Federal Way to Tacoma Dome station in 20 minutes.
- › Fife to Tacoma Dome Station in six minutes.
- › Tacoma Dome Station to Sea-Tac Airport in 35 minutes.
- › Federal Way to CenturyLink Field in 45 minutes.

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LINK LIGHT RAIL: WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE?

Light rail runs elevated and at-grade



Elevated

Height of elevated guideways varies depending on the ground level and surrounding infrastructure.



At-grade

At-grade trains operate on the ground level, separate from traffic.



Things to know about light rail:

- Service is available from 5 a.m. - 1 a.m.
- Link trains run every 6, 10 or 15 minutes depending on the time of day and location.
- Adult fares currently range from \$2.25 to \$3.25 depending on how far you travel.

Each Link car can hold...



2-4 bicycles



4 wheelchairs



200 riders



Multiple suitcases



Parking

Parking is available at some light rail stations. Parking along the Tacoma Dome Link Extension corridor is planned for approximately 500 stalls each at South Federal Way and Fife stations. There are currently 2,400 stalls at Tacoma Dome Station.



Biking, walking and riding the bus

Riders access light rail stations in many ways. People ride bicycles, walk and use buses to access light rail.



HOW COULD FUTURE LIGHT RAIL SERVICE ALONG THE TACOMA DOME LINK EXTENSION ...



... potentially **benefit** the community,
transportation and/or the environment?

... potentially **impact** the community,
transportation and/or the environment?

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY SOUTH

A new operations and maintenance facility (OMF)

An operations and maintenance facility is needed to serve the south corridor and support overall system expansion. The regional system does not have the maintenance and operations facility capacity to efficiently operate the long-term light rail vehicle fleet needed to serve South King and Pierce counties.

The voter-approved system expansion included an OMF in the south corridor (South King and Pierce counties). A specific site has not yet been identified. Potential sites for the OMF South will be evaluated as part of the alternatives development process.

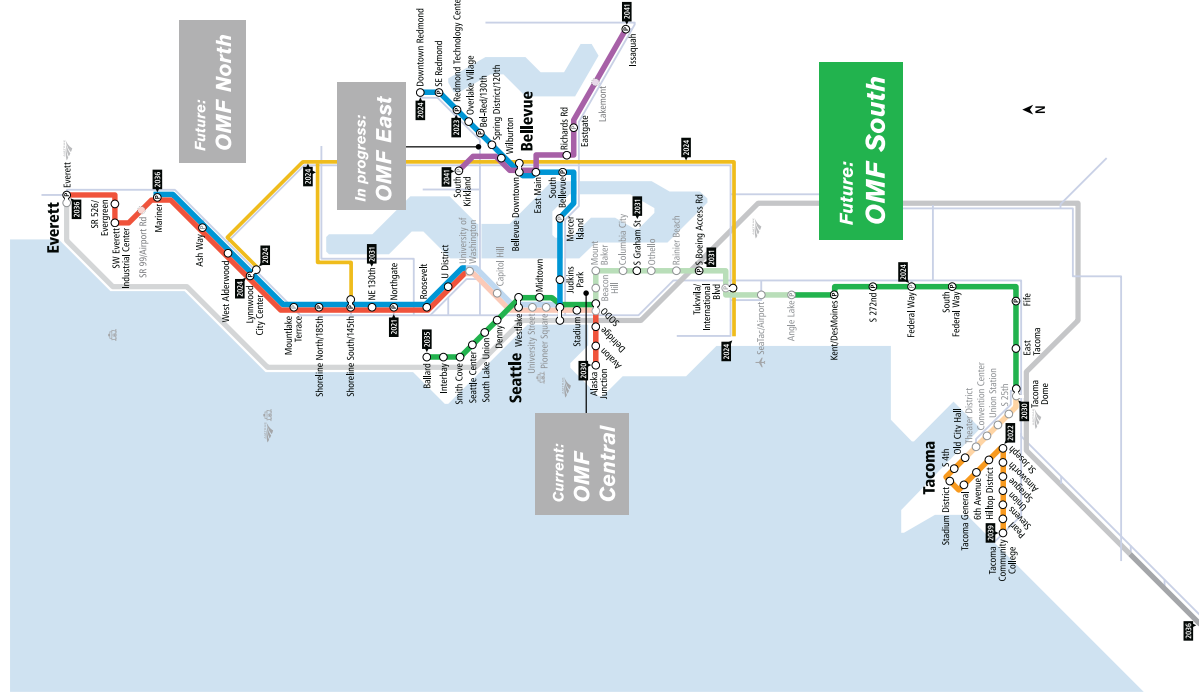


OMF Central in Seattle's SoDo neighborhood serves all current light rail operations.

Share your thoughts

With early scoping, Sound Transit is inviting public comments on the Tacoma Dome Link Extension's Purpose and Need statement, the "representative project" and other alternatives for consideration, including the locations for the alignment, stations, and an OMF.

Sound Transit is continuing to study the detailed requirements for an OMF and will be seeking comments on potential sites.



OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES - OVERVIEW

Guaranteeing a safe, clean and comfortable ride for passengers

Link vehicles must be cleaned and stored every night and regularly pulled out of service to perform routine maintenance. These facilities support efficient light rail operations and station maintenance.



FUN FACT:
All light rail vehicles are serviced between 1 a.m. - 5 a.m.





HOW COULD THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY SOUTH ...



... potentially **benefit** the community,
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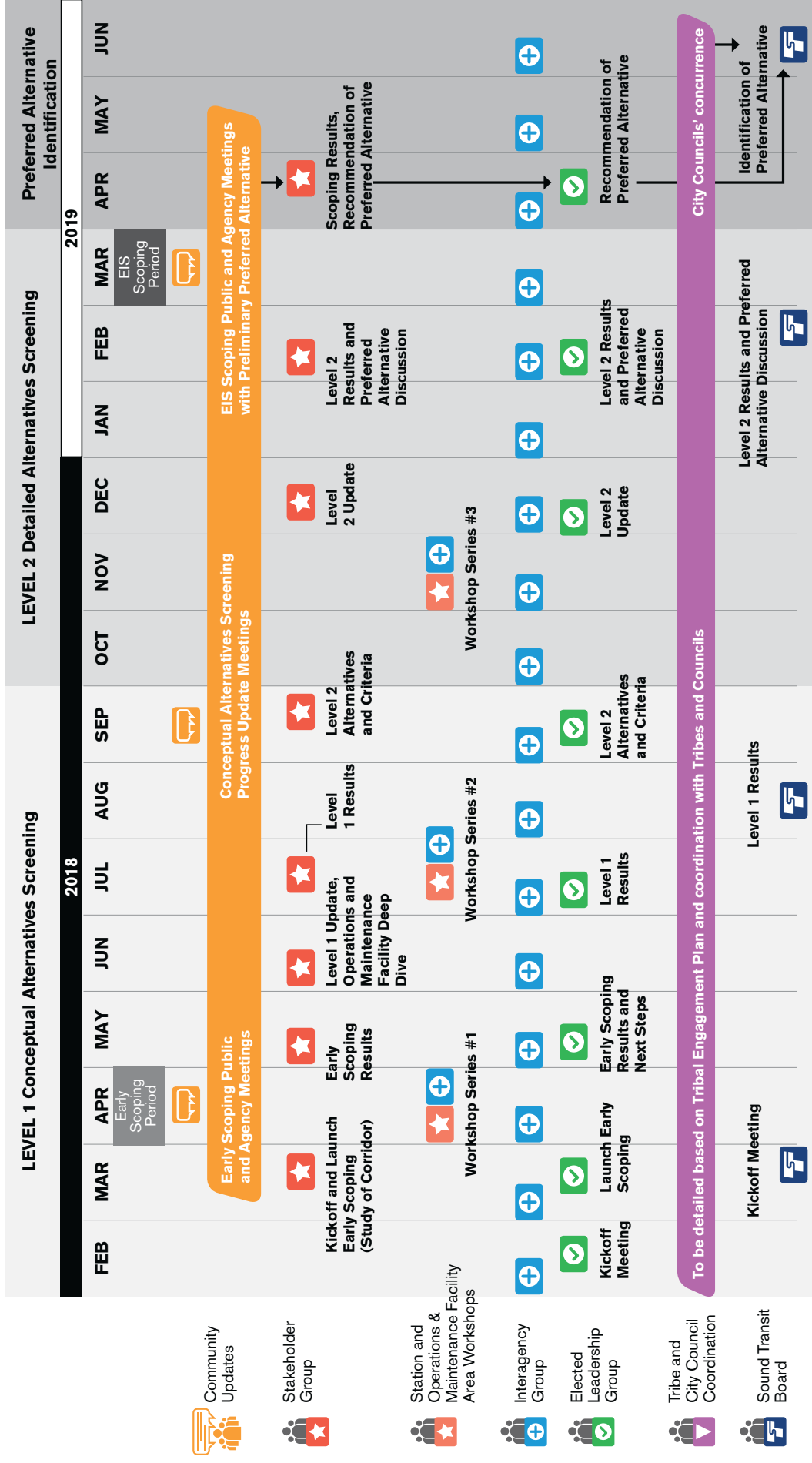
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SCHEDULE

Tacoma Dome Link Extension



PROCESS AND TIMELINE*



*Subject to change



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PROJECT PLANNING PARTNERS



Public

As a member of the public, Sound Transit invites you to communicate your ideas, concerns and questions about the project through a variety of communications channels.



Sound Transit Board

The Sound Transit Board oversees the implementation and delivery of the project, and has final voting authority on identification of the preferred alternative and other major decisions. The board will consider recommendations and feedback from the Elected Leadership Group, Stakeholder Group and public when making decisions.

Sound Transit Board members in the South Sound are:

- Nancy Backus, Auburn Mayor
- Dow Constantine, King County Executive
- Bruce Dammeier, Pierce County Executive
- Kent Keel, University Place Mayor
- Ron Lucas, Steilacoom Mayor
- Dave Upthegrove, King County Councilmember
- Pete von Reichbauer, King County Councilmember
- Victoria Woodards, Tacoma Mayor



Elected Leadership Group

The Elected Leadership Group is a comprehensive group of elected officials who represent the Puyallup Tribal Council, the four cities along the project corridor, the Sound Transit Board and Washington State Department of Transportation. The purpose of this group is to reach local agreement around key decisions and work through project issues as needed.

The Elected Leadership Group will:

- Appoint Stakeholder Group members.
- Work with project staff to understand and evaluate tradeoffs.
- Recommend a preferred alternative to the Sound Transit Board based on the recommendations from the Stakeholder Group, public input and the voter-approved project scope, schedule and budget.



Stakeholder Group

The Stakeholder Group provides a forum for community liaisons to inform the development of alternatives for the project. Stakeholder group members are asked to highlight issues and consider tradeoffs in the corridor, then make recommendation about a preferred alternative to the Elected Leadership Group.



Station Area Workshops

In addition to these Stakeholder Group meetings, Sound Transit will convene a Station Area Workshop Series. In each project area geography, the stakeholder group will break out to take a deeper dive into each station and OMF area. Local agency staff will join them for conversations around specific station issues. Sound Transit may seek additional voices at the table from the communities around each station area.



Interagency Group

Sound Transit will work closely to coordinate with agencies and governments as this project moves forward at a technical level, ensuring consistency with other city and agency plans and projects.

REPRESENTATIVE PROJECT AND EARLY SCOPING

What is a representative project?

For projects in the voter-approved system expansion, Sound Transit produced “representative projects” identifying the mode, station locations and related features, such as an operations and maintenance facility, which formed the basis for the project’s scope, schedule and budget.

What is early scoping?

Early scoping starts public conversation about the project before the start of formal state and federal environmental studies. Sound Transit asks the public, elected officials, other agencies and tribal governments to take part in defining goals for the project and determining how it can best fit in with the communities and the environment.



***Early scoping
comments will be
accepted through
May 3***

Visit our Comment Station to submit your feedback. Comments received will be documented in the Early Scoping Summary Report.

Comment online:
tdlink.participate.online



Share your thoughts on:

Route, stations and potential alternatives



***VISIT THE MAPS
ON TABLES***

Potential location of the operations and maintenance facility

***VISIT THE OMF
TABLES***

Purpose and Need Statement

TAKE A FLYER

Potential project benefits and impacts on your community, the environment and transportation

***CHECK OUT THE
EXTENSION DISPLAY***

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HOW WILL ALTERNATIVES BE DEVELOPED?

Based on early scoping comments, Sound Transit will evaluate the representative project and other project alternatives, station locations and associated features.



Examples of evaluation measures include:

- Ridership and access
- Travel time and travel speed
- Multimodal access to stations
- Capital, operations and maintenance costs
- Land use and economic development
- Transit-oriented development potential
- Impacts to the environment, including historic resources, parks and natural resources
- Property impacts and related effects
- Noise and vibration
- Traffic and other transportation effects
- Constructability and construction impacts
- Other engineering risks and constraints
- Safety and schedule factors
- Demographics along the corridor
- Other operational and site-level factors affecting stations, park-and-rides, the guideway and bridges
- Siting of an efficient, effective and feasible OMF

HOW CAN I STAY ENGAGED?

CONTACT US



CALL the project line to speak with an Outreach Specialist
206-903-7118



EMAIL with questions, concerns or comments
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SCHEDULE A BRIEFING

Sign up your community group for a briefing to hear more about the project and how you can stay involved. **Email or call us!**



ATTEND FUTURE OPEN HOUSES

Come to open houses later this year to learn about how the community's input has helped shape the project. Provide your feedback and comment on current plans.

Stay informed about upcoming events:
soundtransit.org/subscribe

COMMENT HERE

Share your early scoping comments



Fill out: comment card



Visit: tdlink.participate.online



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Early scoping comments will be accepted through May 3

Helpful commenting tips:

- Provide input on the route, stations, potential alternatives, benefits and impacts.
- Provide input on the potential location of the operations and maintenance facility (OMF) in the south corridor (South King and Pierce counties).
- Provide input on the Purpose and Need Statement.

NEXT STEPS

Thank you

Thank you for attending the Early Scoping Open House. Your feedback is vital in developing and refining project alternatives.



What we'll do with your feedback:

- Summarize input in the Early Scoping Summary Report.
- Share input with the Stakeholder Group, Elected Leadership Group, Interagency Group and the Sound Transit Board.
- Discuss project in greater detail at upcoming workshops.
- Bring back alternatives to review later this year.



Stay engaged



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