Vertical Conveyance Design Standards

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Why we are here

- Vertical Conveyance Design Standards
 for Link Stations
- Today we are here to provide an update about the current design standards for elevators, escalators and stairs in future Link stations.
- For information only.





Design Standards at Sound Transit

Sound Transit Link Standards Documents

- Design Criteria Manual, updated 2018
- Standard Specifications, updated 2018
- Directive and Standard Drawings, updated 2019

Standards Development

- Collaborative cross-departmental process with staff from planning, design, customer experience, construction, operations
- Updates planned on approximately two-year cycles with interim amendments issued as needed
- Includes lessons learned from current stations



Public stairs

Updated standards include

 If a station has escalators, it will also have public stairs

Public stairs at future stations

- U District Station had stairs added
- All Northgate, East Link and future stations conform to this standard
- Note: emergency egress stairs always provided per code





Escalators

Updated standards include

- Heavy duty escalators
- Upgraded durability of critical components including step chains, motors, comb plates and drive machinery
- Increased loading capacity
- Remote controllers allowing some maintenance activities
 without shutting down escalator
- Sleep mode to reduce energy consumption and limit wear on equipment



Elevators

Updated standards include

- Redundancy Where one elevator is provided, a second elevator or alternate accessible path must be provided at all future Link stations
- Heavy duty loading capacity to accommodate wider range of mobility devices





Vertical Conveyance Maintenance

Updated maintenance standards

- In all future stations including those in construction, maintenance will be provided by the installer for up to five years
- If escalators reverse, then they will be exercised monthly in the reverse direction





Summary

Improving the customer experience through design and maintenance standards

- Stairs near escalators
- Heavy duty escalator equipment
- No reliance on a single elevator
- Longer maintenance period by installers









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