

Ballard Link Extension

Contract Modification for HNTB

System Expansion Committee

04/09/2026



Why we are here

Motion No. M2026-16

- Contract modification with HNTB Corp. for the Ballard Link Extension to complete environmental review for all EIS alternatives and Preliminary Engineering for the Preferred Alternative for BLE

Ballard Link Extension alternatives

What we're studying going forward

-  Preferred alternative
-  Other EIS alternatives



Environmental process recap

- West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Draft EIS was published in January 2022
- Both extensions were initially on the same environmental review timeline but split in 2023 with West Seattle publishing an FEIS and receiving a Record of Decision in 2024
- Board actions in March and July 2023 on Ballard Link Extension resulted in additional environmental review – including new Notice of Intent and Draft EIS

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- Motion No. M2023-69 amended HNTB contract in 2023 to complete new Draft EIS, Final EIS, and Preliminary Engineering
- In late 2024, design advancement was paused to support the Agency-wide cost-savings effort, which was **not previously scoped**
- Additionally, **longer than expected DEIS timeline** and work to **support Enterprise Initiative** was not accounted for in previous contract amendment
- This amendment **updates HNTB scope of work to account for additional scope work** directed by Sound Transit and **provides funding for contract to allow for completion of environmental review for all EIS alternatives and Preliminary Engineering** for the Preferred Alternative for BLE.

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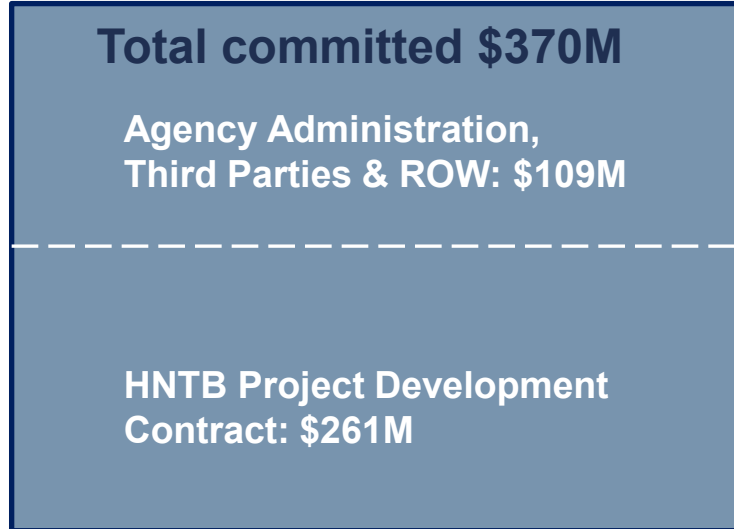
- Contract amendment includes \$19,532,400 in additional contract value (including contingency, for project development services)
- Extends contract schedule to August 2027
- Does not increase overall project budgets
- Funding for contract amendment through rebalance of existing authorized budget, **no additional funding requested**

Ballard Link Extension Authorized Project Allocation

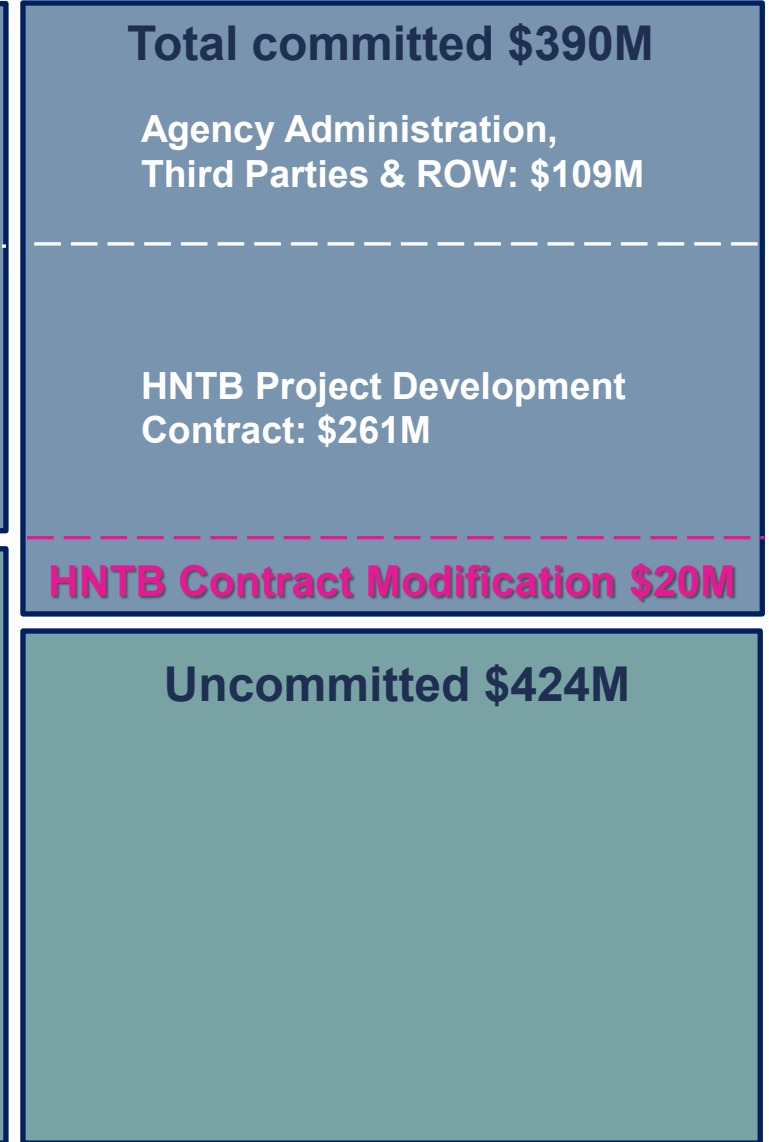
Today's Action

\$814M
total BLE
authorized
allocation

Current



Today's action



Next steps

- Amend HNTB contract to complete new Draft EIS, Final EIS, and Preliminary Engineering
- Publish new Draft EIS Q2 2026

Thank you.



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