Ballard Link Extension
R2023-25: Budget Amendment

Board of Directors
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Why we are here

Resolution No. R2023-25

• Budget Amendment for the Ballard Link Extension project
**Motion No. M2023-18 - approved March 23**

Confirms or modifies the preferred alternative light rail route and station locations for the Ballard Link Extension for additional environmental review, including preparation of a Final Environmental Impact Statement.

**Motion No. M2023-57 – approved July 27**

Confirms or modifies the preferred station location for the Denny Station for the Ballard Link Extension Environmental Impact Statement.
What we’re studying going forward

- Preferred alternative
- Other EIS alternatives
Environmental process update

- West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Draft EIS was published in January 2022

- Both extensions were initially on the same environmental review timeline

- Additional environmental review needed for project refinements for Ballard Link Extension resulting from Board actions in March and July 2023

- Environmental review for the two extensions will now proceed on different timelines
  - West Seattle Link Extension will proceed to a Final EIS
  - Ballard Link Extension will require a SEPA Supplemental Draft EIS/NEPA Draft EIS
    (incorporating all work to date including previous comments, public outreach and environmental analysis)
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- Supports completion of environmental review for all Ballard Link Extension alternatives and Preliminary Engineering for the Preferred Alternative
- Increases the authorized project allocation by $32.8M from $630.6M to $663.4M
- Does not affect schedule beyond already incurred delays and is within the project cost estimate in the Finance Plan
  - After this action, no capacity remains in the Finance Plan for additional studies
Thank you.

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