

East Link I-90 Corridor WSDOT Agreements

Motion No. M2026-04

*Rider Experience and Operations Committee
1/15/2026*



Why we are here

- Provide a status update on pre-revenue operations and testing.
- Request approval of multiple agreements with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for shared preservation, operation, and maintenance of the East Link Crosslake Connection (I-90 Segment).

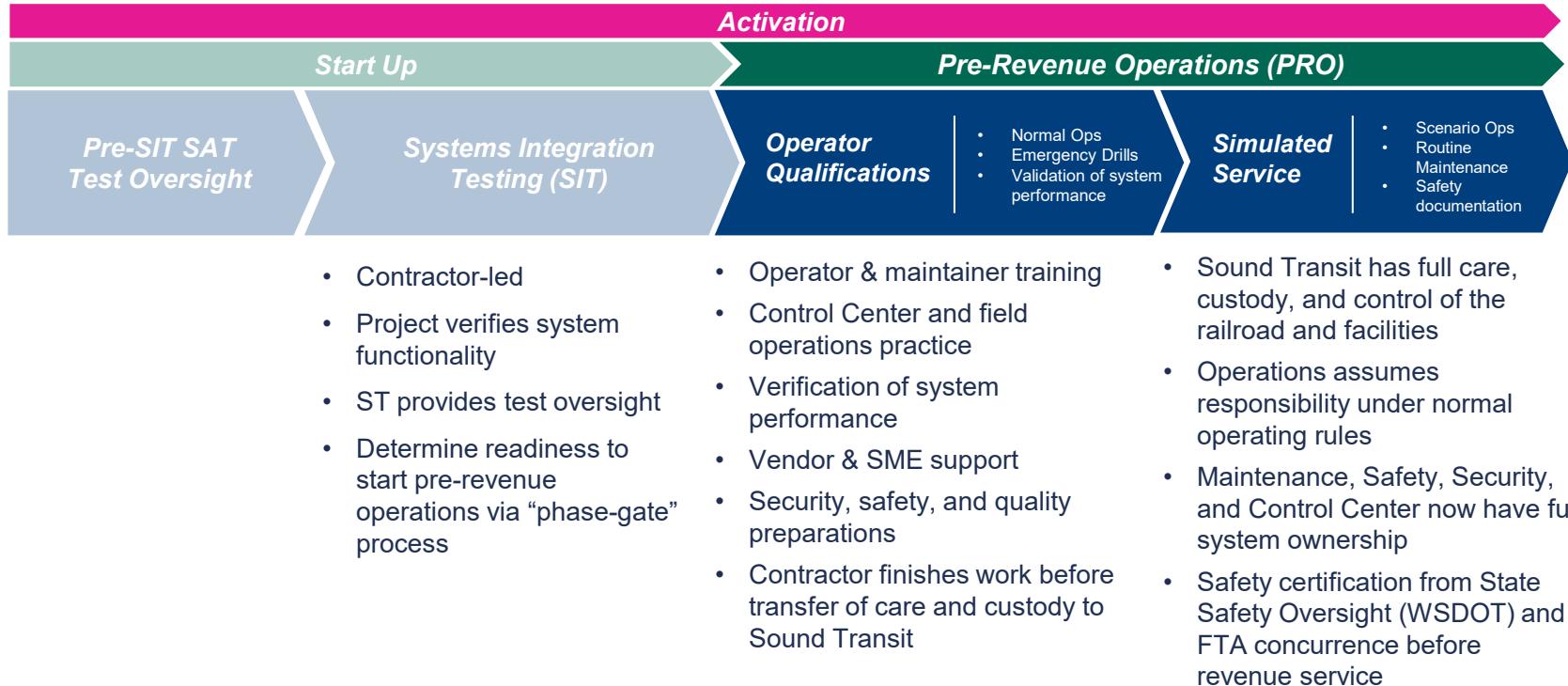
Pre-Revenue Operations Update

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- Operator training and qualification is progressing on target
- Four-car trains are now running between South Bellevue and International District Station
- Simulated service is expected to begin in next month
- During simulated service, 1 and 2 Line trains will run every four minutes between Lynnwood City Center and International District Station



Activation Process Overview

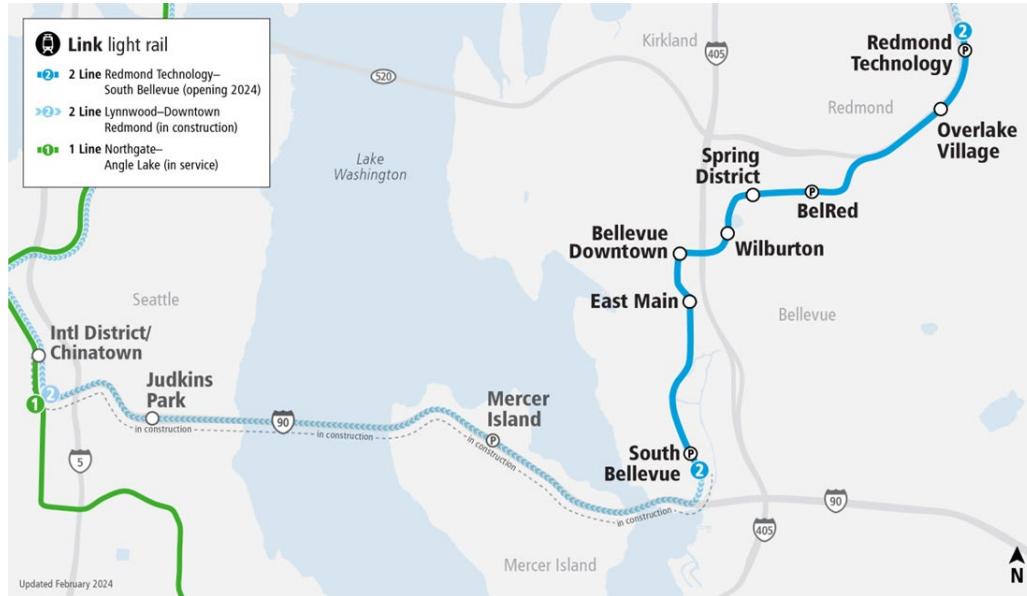


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East Link Extension

Key Elements

- 14-mile extension from International District Station to Redmond Technology Center
- Adds 10 stations
- Service every 8 minutes during peak hours
- Starter Line opened April 2024
- I-90 Crosslake Connection in pre-revenue operations



Background on Today's Action

- The I-90 Air Space Lease (ASL) requires WSDOT and ST to enter into operation and maintenance agreements within the corridor.
- The I-90 Segment of East Link differs in nature and scope from other, more typical O&M agreements between the two agencies.
- Over the 40-year term of the ASL, the obligation of the agreements requires Board approval.

Agreements Covered In Today's Action

Motion No. M2026-04 would authorize the following individual agreements:

- I-90 Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Agreement
- I-90 Inspections Agreement
- I-90 Preservation Agreement *
- I-90 Shared Utility Agreement
- I-90 In-Kind Agreement

**Preservation Agreement Task Orders exceeding Board authorization levels
will require separate authorization in future motion(s).*

Effects of Today's Action

- Forecast costs related to these agreements have been shared with Service Delivery and were included in the 2026 Operating Budget request.
- Today's Motion allows WSDOT to proceed with approvals and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reviews without impacting schedule.

Thank you.



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