

Downtown Redmond Link
SR520 Corridor WSDOT Agreement
Motion No. M2026-39

Rider Experience and Operations Committee
10/1/2026



Why We Are Here

Request approval of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

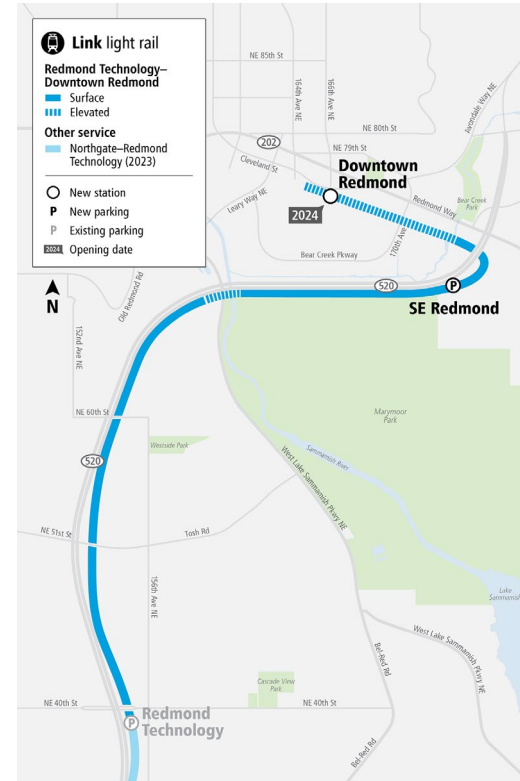
Background on Today's Action

- The SR-520 Segment of DRLE includes three roadway bridges at the SR-202 interchange where a cost-sharing preservation framework is needed.
- WSDOT requires execution of this agreement prior to the execution of the amended SR-520 Air Space Lease.

Downtown Redmond Link Extension

Key Elements

- 3.4-mile extension from Redmond Technology Center to Downtown Redmond
- Added 2 stations and a 1400-stall parking garage
- Service every 8 minutes during peak hours
- First ST3 light rail project completed and opened May 2025



Bridge Preservation Agreement

SR-520 Bridge Preservation Agreement *

3 NEW BRIDGES

SR-520 / SR-202 Interchange

Bridge	Preliminary ST Share
Over Regional Trail	0%
Over Link light rail	100%
Over Link light rail + Regional Trail	50%

AGREEMENT

- Establish Cost Share Framework
- Enables transfer of ownership/maintenance to WSDOT
- Execution precedes amended Air Space Lease

Key Terms

- 2 years to finalize long-term preservation cost sharing
- 50-year term aligned with the SR-520 Airspace Lease
- Minimal near-term preservation needs expected

**Costs exceeding Board-set authorization levels will require separate authorization in future motion(s).*



Effects of Today's Action

- Bridge Preservation cost sharing will be negotiated over next two years.
- *Near-term preservation costs are unlikely.*
- This motion enables the establishment of a cost sharing framework for bridge preservation of three bridges.
- Allows final acceptance and transfer of bridge ownership and maintenance to WSDOT
- Enables execution of the amended Airspace Lease

Thank you.



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