

2026 Service Plan Part 2

Resolution No. R2026-04

Board of Directors

3/26/2026



Why we are here

Seeking approval of:

Resolution No. R2026-04

Adopts Part Two of the 2026 Service Plan and approves major service changes to ST Express routes

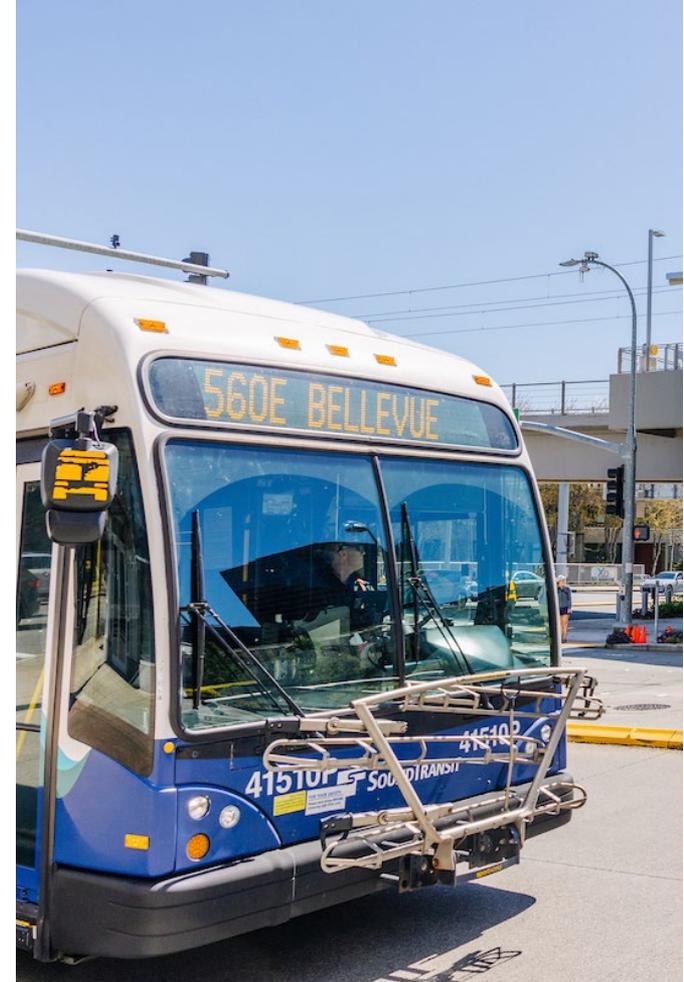
Presentation overview

- 2026 Service Plan overview and timeline
- ST Express proposals by corridor
- Engagement summary
- Title VI analysis results
- Resolution & next steps



2026 Service Plan overview

- Part 1 included minor rail service changes to be implemented starting this spring.
- Part 2 includes major and minor changes to ST Express that improve regional connections and leverage the 1 Line extension to Federal Way and 2 Line Crosslake connection.
- **ST Express service changes approved by the Board would begin fall 2026.**



Part 2 of the 2026 Service Plan proposes ST Express changes that:

- Leverage the taxpayer investment in mobility improvements of Link light rail openings: geography, frequency, span, capacity
- Together with partner transit agencies, provide more frequent, all-day, all-week connections
- Coordinate service changes with transit partners to ensure regional connectivity and coverage

2026 Service Plan timeline



2025

Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec



Link and Sounder (Part 1)



Public updates



Sounder N Line survey



Board update



ST Express (Part 2)



ST Express Survey (April)



ST Express engagement

2026

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug



Rail service change implementation



ST Express engagement



Board action



ST Express service change implementation (Fall 2026)

ST Express Proposals

I-5 North, I-405 North, SR-522

513 Seaway TC – Lynnwood

Add bi-directional service;
discontinue service to Eastmont P&R.

515 Lynnwood – Seattle

Discontinue temporary route (authorized by Resolution No. R2024-03).

522 Woodinville – Shoreline South

Reroute to Shoreline South Station (was Roosevelt).
Metro to cover Lake City Wy with frequent service.

535 Lynnwood – Bellevue

Increase Saturday frequency to every 30 minutes;
add Sunday service.

Routes with no changes:

510 Everett – Seattle

512 Everett – Lynnwood

532 Everett – Bellevue

-  Frequent all day service
Approx. every 15 min on weekdays or better
-  All day service
Approx. every 30 min on weekdays or better
-  Peak hour service
Peak hours on weekdays only
-  Route discontinued

SR-520, I-90, I-405 South

550 Bellevue – Seattle

Discontinue.

554 Issaquah – Seattle

Discontinue.

556 Issaquah – Bellevue

Shorten to Bellevue TC (was U-District);
Increase frequency; extend to all-day, all-week service.

Routes with no changes:

542 Redmond – U-District

545 Redmond – Seattle

560 Bellevue – West Seattle via Sea-Tac

566 Auburn – Redmond

-  Frequent all day service
Approx. every 15 min on weekdays or better
-  All day service
Approx. every 30 min on weekdays or better
-  Peak hour service
Peak hours on weekdays only
-  Route discontinued

I-5 South, SR-167

574 Lakewood – Federal Way (was Sea-Tac)

Shorten to Federal Way Downtown Station; increase frequency to every 15 minutes. Replace stop at Lakewood Transit Center with stop at Lakewood Station.

580 South Hill – Puyallup Station

Discontinue. Comparable service provided by Pierce Transit.

586 Tacoma – U-District

Discontinue. Passengers can use 577 or 590 series to connect to Link in downtown Seattle.

 Frequent all day service
Approx. every 15 min on weekdays or better

 Peak hour service
Peak hours on weekdays only

 All day service
Approx. every 30 min on weekdays or better

 Route discontinued

Routes with no changes:

 577 Federal Way – Seattle

 578 Puyallup – Seattle via Federal Way

 590 Tacoma – Seattle

 592 DuPont – Seattle

 594 Lakewood – Seattle

 595 Gig Harbor – Seattle

 596 Bonney Lake – Sumner



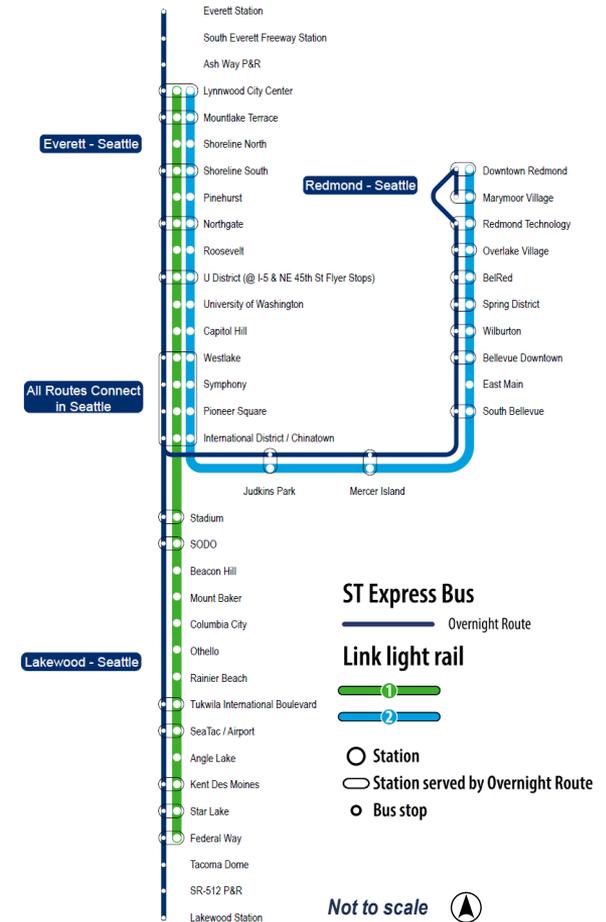


Overnight Routes

Proposal: Begin service on new routes

- Lakewood – Seattle via SeaTac
- Redmond – Seattle via Bellevue
- Everett – Seattle

Three new routes would begin service, providing connections for riders when Link is not running.



The implementation of this proposal is subject to operational capacity at our partner agencies and may be partially implemented or deferred.

Engagement Summary

Overview of Engagement Activities

- Phase 1  Spring 2025 // Understanding Priorities
 - 24 ambassador shifts & 2336 survey responses
- Phase 2  Summer 2025 // Informing of Rail Changes
 - 15 outreach events, educational video
- Phase 3  Fall 2025 // Survey for Bus Changes
 - 26 ambassador shifts, 3 open houses, outreach events, 4,489 survey responses
- Phase 4  Winter 2026 // Reporting of Findings
 - Ambassador shifts & virtual information sessions

ST Express Proposals & Results

Support

- 513** Seaway TC – Lynnwood  
- 535** Lynnwood – Bellevue 
- 550** Bellevue – Seattle 
-  Overnight Service 

Oppose

- 515** Lynnwood – Seattle 
- 554** Issaquah – Seattle 
- 556** Issaquah – University District  
- 586** Tacoma – University District 

Mixed

- 522** Roosevelt Station – Woodinville 
- 574** Lakewood – SeaTac  
- 580** South Hill – Puyallup 

Respondents' Priorities

- Travel Time
- Access to Destinations

 Service Increase

 Route Discontinued

 Routing Change

Title VI Analysis Results

Title VI Equity Analysis: Route Level Findings

Route	Results	Mitigations
550 554 556	Disparate impact	New Crosslake 2 Line service will be available, and proposal would increase service levels on Route 556, connecting riders from Issaquah to 2 Line service at South Bellevue or Bellevue Downtown Stations
574	Disparate impact & Disproportionate burden	New Federal Way Link Extension 1 Line service is available, and proposal would increase service levels between Lakewood, Tacoma and Federal Way.
586	Disparate impact & Disproportionate burden	Taking Sounder or Route 577/590 and transferring to Link would provide comparable, if not faster, alternatives that run more often.

Title VI Equity Analysis: Systemwide

Systemwide analysis compares benefits and impacts over multiple years.

The systemwide analysis did not identify any findings of adverse effects on protected populations from September 2023 to September 2026.

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Affected routes:

- New overnight service
- 513
- 522
- 535
- 550
- 554
- 556
- 574
- 580
- 586

Thank you.



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