

West Seattle Link Extension

Resolutions No. R2026-18 and 19

System Expansion Committee

8/13/2026



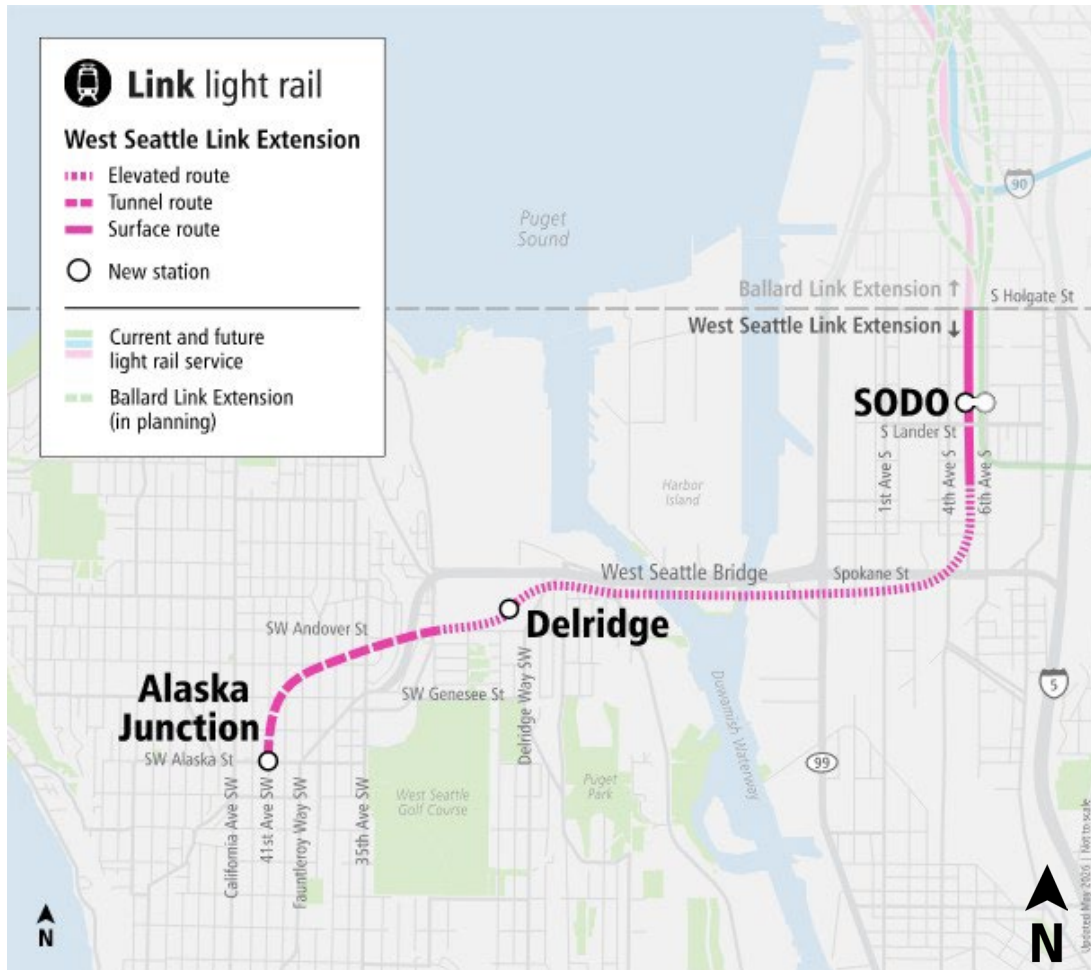
Why we are here

**WSLE Real Property Acquisitions: Resolution
No. R2026-18**

**WSLE Budget Amendment: Resolution No.
R2026-19**

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West Seattle Link Extension



- **Adds 3.9 miles** of light rail service and **3 stations** with connections in SODO, Delridge, and West Seattle.
- **Reduces transit travel** time from Alaska Junction to Westlake Station by 50% once Ballard Link Extension is complete.
- **Improves** transit service **frequency, reliability,** and **capacity.**
- Facilitates redevelopment near stations, with focus on **affordable housing.**
- **Facilitates future expansion** to south.

Resolution No. R2026-18

West Seattle Link Extension Real Property Acquisitions

WSLE Real Property Acquisition Amendment: Resolution No. R2026-18

- Authorization to acquire real property interests for 55 properties for the West Seattle Link Extension project.
- Necessary to begin right-of-way acquisition processes and provide relocation assistance for residents and businesses.

Property owner engagement to date

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Environmental review phase (2017-2025)

GOAL

Broad community and property owner engagement throughout the project area

KEY ACTIVITIES

- **91** community briefings, office hours, and workshops
- **5** Draft EIS public meetings
- **62** fairs, festivals, and tabling events
- **8** email updates shared to over 10,900 subscribers
- **19,500+** online open house visitors
- **3** drop-in sessions following EIS publication
- Direct outreach to potentially affected property owners, including notifications before the Draft and Final EIS
- **589** community inquires responded to

METRICS

5,195

Draft EIS comments received
(on both BLE and WSLE)

297

Property owner meetings

Design refinement and early final design (2025-2026)

GOAL

Focused engagement with potentially affected property owners, businesses and communities

KEY ACTIVITIES

- **53** community briefings
- **26** meetings with residential property owners and tenants
- **25** meetings with commercial property owners and tenants
- **216** general community inquires
- **6** meetings with community groups and BIAs
- **2** public forums with over 400 total attendees
- **8** fairs and festivals attended with 7,000+ community members engaged

METRICS

110

Community meetings and briefings

131

Acquisition/Relocation inquiries responded to

Engagement prior to Board authorization (summer 2026)

GOAL

Individualized support for property owners whose properties are included in the upcoming acquisition package

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Community engagement phone calls and/or emails to each property owner
- Real Property phone call to each property owner
- Updated Notice of Board Action
- Direct engagement with businesses that will be displaced by property acquisition.
- Property acquisition and relocation FAQs included with notice
- Drop-in information sessions held virtually and in-person offered at multiple times of day.

KEY ENGAGEMENT TACTICS

Direct Support

1-on-1 calls to every property owner

Drop-in information sessions

Property owners were invited to virtual and in-person sessions with community engagement and real properties staff.

Property acquisition and relocation process

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

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BOARD AUTHORIZES ACQUISITION

★ Residential Appraisal (3 - 6 months)
Commercial Appraisal (7 - 10 months)

OFFER
Sound Transit presents offer

◆ Negotiations (120 - 180 days)

If negotiations are not successful (condemnation):

Court filing preparation
(90 days)

Possession and
use of property (30-60 days)

Court
proceedings



If negotiations are successful:

Closing (90 days)



RELOCATION

Relocation planning and advanced coordination

Relocation (18+ months)
In most cases, including condemnation, tenants and owner occupants will have at least 18 months to relocate

PROPERTY ACQUISITION
PROCESS COMPLETE
*Property acquisition complete
and all occupants relocated*



All durations are approximate and dependent on individual acquisition and relocation circumstances

Approach to Interim Unoccupied Properties

Framework

- Each property will be classified according to land use, holding period, and neighborhood context
- Management methods and interventions will be identified based on pre-established **criteria and key stakeholder input**
- Before closing, each property must have an **interim operating plan** in place indicating key milestones, maintenance schedule, leads and partners, budget and contingency plans
- **Toolkit approach** will enable efficient deployment of strategies and expertise, more predictable governance, and quality assurance

Timeline

October: Share Draft Strategy and Toolkit with Board members

November: Adopt as procedure and, if necessary, policy

December: Identify leads, oversight team, and management system

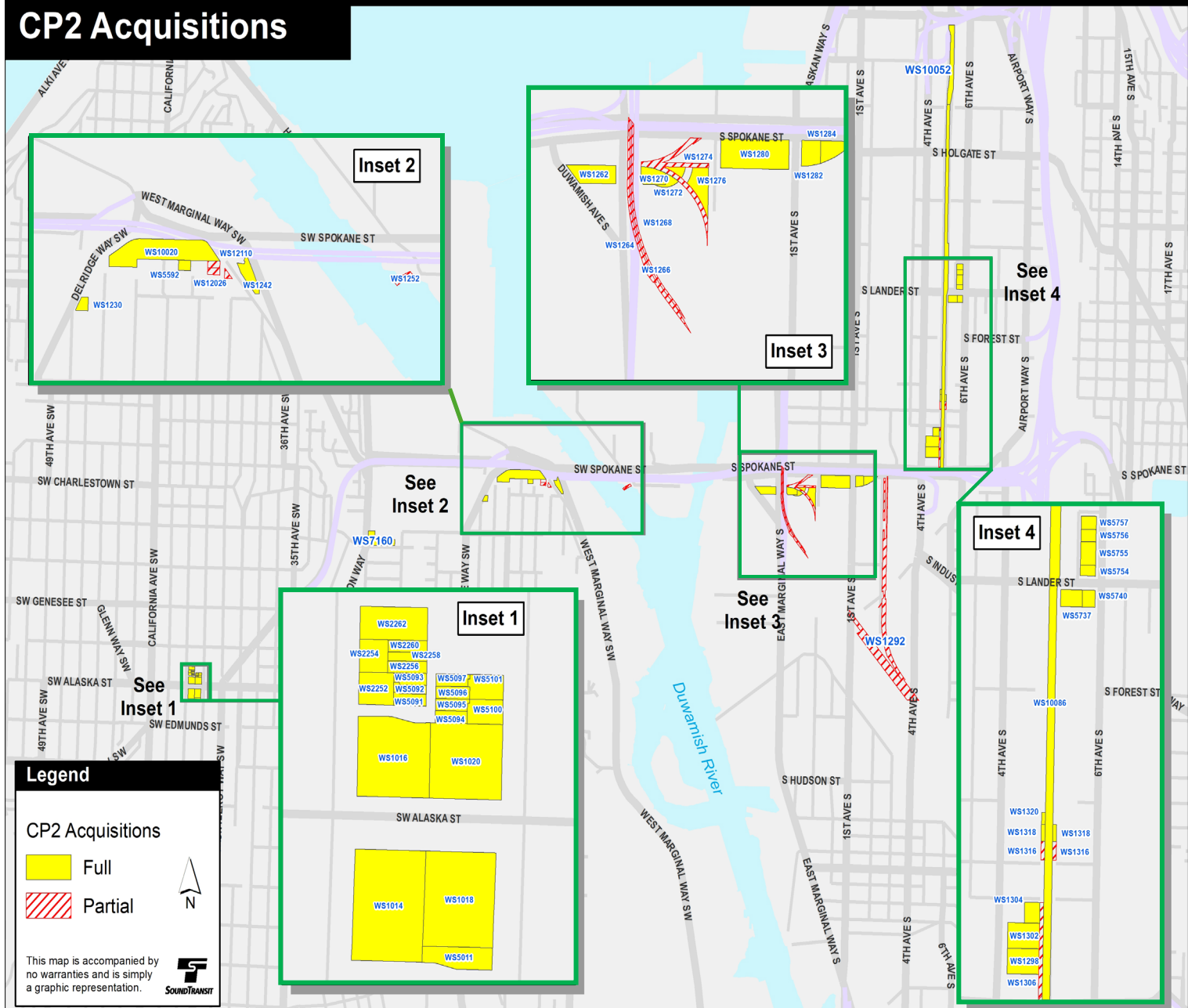
January: Begin adopting Interim Property Management Plans on WSLE closings

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Authorization to acquire real property interests in Seattle required for the West Seattle Link Extension project.

- Seeking authorization for 55 acquisitions:
 - 43 full fee, 12 partial acquisitions
 - 19 residential acquisitions (townhomes and single-family homes)
 - Light and heavy industrial users
 - Other lands controlled by the Port, City of Seattle, railroads, King County, etc.

CP2 Acquisitions



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West Seattle Link Extension Budget Amendment

WSLE Budget Amendment: Resolution No. R2026-19

- Necessary for right-of-way acquisition processes and provide relocation assistance for residents and businesses
- Necessary to support the Final Design and construction planning phase in support of a timely transition to construction.

Anticipated Q4 Board Actions/Contract Awards

- Real Property Acquisition for the WSLE
- Construction Support Services Contracts:
 - WSLE Instrumentation and Monitoring contract*
 - Construction Management Contract for Tunnels, Stations and Alignment Wide Support
 - Construction Management Contract for Duwamish River Crossing and Guideways
 - Heavy Civil GC/CM Preconstruction Services Contract for W200 Duwamish River Crossing and Aerial Guideway

WSLE Budget
Amendment
\$765,000,000

	WSLE
Right of Way	\$465,000,000
Construction Support Services	\$300,000,000
Total	\$765,000,000

Next Steps

● August 13

System Expansion Committee

→ Seeking Do-Pass
Recommendation

● August 27

Board Meeting

→ Potential Final Action

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Budget Amendment for West Seattle Link Extension Right of Way Acquisition and Construction Support Services

Thank you.



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