

Resolution No. R2025-12

Amending the 2025 Service Plan

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
Rider Experience and Operations Committee	06/05/2025	Recommend to Board	Marie Olson – Acting Service Delivery Deputy CEO
Board	06/26/2025	Final action	Emily Yasukochi – Acting System and Service Planning Director

Proposed action

Amends the 2025 Service Plan to include the major service change of extending the 2 Line to Lynnwood City Center Station.

Key features summary

- The 2 Line (Downtown Redmond – Lynnwood City Center Station) will connect existing 1 Line stations north of and including International District/Chinatown Station to new stations at Judkins Park and Mercer Island, and existing 2 Line stations north of and including South Bellevue Station.
- Trains will run between Downtown Redmond and Lynnwood City Center from approximately 5 a.m. to 12 a.m., arriving approximately every 8-10 minutes at peak and every 10-15 minutes at off peak. Combined 1 Line and 2 Line headways between Lynnwood City Center and International District/Chinatown Station will be every 4-8 minutes.
- This action amends the 2025 Service Plan to include the opening of the 2 Line to Lynnwood City Center Station, a major service change as defined by Sound Transit-adopted policy.
- Changes to ST Express service will be considered separately by the Board as part of the 2026 Service Plan.
- This action is required to provide King County Rail staff adequate time and notice to prepare for service implementation.

Background

Sound Transit's annual Service Plan defines the following year's changes to how ST Express, Sounder, and Link will operate considering changes in ridership, operating conditions, and restructures of service in response to new high-capacity transit. The Service Plan is also the vehicle for the Board to approve any "major service changes" as defined by Sound Transit-adopted policy to meet FTA requirements and inform Sound Transit's operating budget.

The 2025 Service Plan included the Downtown Redmond Link Extension but not the 2 Line extension to Lynnwood because of uncertainty regarding the project opening timeline. This action amends the 2025 Service Plan to include the opening of the full 2 Line across Lake Washington to Lynnwood City Center Station.

The 2 Line extension to Lynnwood City Center Station will connect new stations at Judkins Park and Mercer Island with the East Link Starter Line, Downtown Redmond Link Extension, and the planned-to-be-shared alignment between International District/Chinatown and Lynnwood City Center.

Fiscal information

The 2025 Service Plan is funded by the transit mode budgets for each operating service – Link, Sounder, ST Express and Tacoma Line. Those budgets are included in the 2025 Budget approved in Resolution No. R2024-25. The budget for each mode is shown below (in thousands).

Modal Budget	2025 Approved Budget (\$000)
Link	\$435,981
Sounder	\$108,267
ST Express	\$187,132
Tacoma Line	\$24,932
Total	\$756,312

Changes to the 2025 Service Plan are reflected in the 2025 adopted budget and do not impact the long-range financial plan.

Disadvantaged and small business participation

Not applicable to this action.

Title VI compliance

Route	Service Change	Title VI Protected Populations	Analysis Results	Mitigations
2 Line	Extension of the 2 Line to Lynnwood City Center, via I-90 (Mercer Island Station, Judkins Park Station), and the existing 1 Line stations between International District/Chinatown and Lynnwood City Center	ST District Average: Minority: 42.6% Low Income: 19.5% Existing Service Area: Minority: 47.5% Low Income: 12.2% New Service Area: Minority: 40.7% Low Income: 15.9%	No disparate impact: The minority population of the 2 Line does not exceed the district average by at least five percentage points. No disproportionate burden: The low-income population of the 2 Line does not exceed the district average by at least five percentage points.	None.

Public involvement

Public involvement on the 2 Line has spanned more than a decade, beginning with the ST2 System Plan. During the East Link Extension project alternatives analysis, staff facilitated four public meetings, gathering 300 scoping comments. Throughout environmental review, 28 open houses and workshops resulted in 1,887 public comments on 24 project alternatives. During design, open houses and stakeholder briefings provided opportunities for input on cost-saving ideas, with 575 attendees contributing 571 comments.

During construction, Sound Transit staff engaged over 10,000 community members at events. When the COVID-19 pandemic halted in-person engagement, they adapted by creating virtual outreach options. A virtual booth launched in late 2020 attracted over 10,000 unique page views and 115 survey responses. Virtual office hours provided updates on project status, safety testing, and transit services, extending into early 2022 due to high participation.

In late 2022, Sound Transit announced service delays, shifting focus to outreach for the East Link starter line, which opened for service in April 2024.

Additionally, staff planned a variety of outreach, communications, and engagement tactics to inform riders about the proposed changes in the 2024 Service Plan, with a section focused on the East Link Starter Line. These engagement activities included both in-person and virtual engagement beginning in May 2023 and running through the end of the engagement period in mid-August. Additional engagement activities for the completed 2 Line are scheduled for summer 2025 as part of engagement for the 2026 Service Plan.

A public hearing for this major service change is scheduled to take place on June 5, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Time constraints

Delaying approval may delay the opening of the 2 Line Cross Lake Connection. Our service partners at King County Rail need sufficient time to appropriately design and test pre-revenue and simulated service schedules prior to beginning revenue service.

Prior Board/Committee actions

Resolution No. R2024-21: Adopted the 2025 Service Plan, which includes the major service change of extending 2 Line service to Downtown Redmond.

Resolution No. R2024-03: Adopted the second phase of the 2024 Service Plan, which includes major service changes to ST Express routes serving Snohomish County when the 1 Line service extends to Lynnwood in Fall 2024.

Resolution No. R2023-31: Adopted the first phase of the 2024 Service Plan, which includes major service changes of opening 2 Line service between Redmond Technology and South Bellevue Stations and extending 1 Line service to Lynnwood.

Resolution No. R2023-24: Authorized the opening of the East Link Starter Line between Redmond Technology and South Bellevue Stations, using funds authorized by Resolution No. R2023-06.

Resolution No. R2023-06: Authorized the expenditure of up to \$6 million from the East Link project budget to complete the necessary work to open a portion of the East Link Extension.

Environmental review – KH 5/19/25

Legal review – JW 05/29/25

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A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority amending the 2025 Service Plan to include the major service change of extending the 2 Line to Lynnwood City Center Station.

WHEREAS, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, commonly known as Sound Transit, was formed under chapters 81.104 and 81.112 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) for the Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit is authorized to plan, construct, and permanently operate a high-capacity system of transportation infrastructure and services to meet regional public transportation needs in the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, in general elections held within the Sound Transit district on November 5, 1996, November 4, 2008, and November 8, 2016, voters approved local funding to implement a regional high-capacity transportation system for the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, express bus, commuter rail and light rail service will be implemented in phases, providing a program for route implementation and service increases over time which meet the commitments in Sound Move, Sound Transit 2, and Sound Transit 3; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Service Plan was adopted by the Board via Resolution No. R2024-21, which included the major service change of extending 2 Line service from Redmond Technology Station to Downtown Redmond; and

WHEREAS, extending the 2 Line to Lynnwood City Center Station will connect existing 1 Line stations north of and including International District/Chinatown Station to new stations at Judkins Park and Mercer Island, and existing 2 Line stations north of and including South Bellevue Station; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit's partners at King County Rail require sufficient time to appropriately design and test pre-revenue and simulated service schedules prior to beginning revenue service; and

WHEREAS, the proposed service changes included in the 2025 Service Plan are consistent with the proposed 2025 Agency Budget and Long-Range Financial Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the 2025 Service Plan is amended to include the major service change of extending the 2 Line to Lynnwood City Center Station as described below:

Link

2 Line (Downtown Redmond – Lynnwood City Center Station): connect existing 1 Line stations north of and including International District/Chinatown Station to new stations at Judkins Park and Mercer Island, and existing 2 Line stations north of and including South Bellevue Station with trains running 5 a.m. to 12 a.m., arriving approximately every 8-10 minutes at peak and every 10-15 minutes at off peak.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on _____.

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Board Chair

Attest:

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator