

# Update on Link projects in construction

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## What we'll cover today

- Brief update since August on Link projects in construction and current risks
- Preview of comprehensive presentation coming to SEC in December

# East Link Extension Update

#### **Top risks to East Link schedule** As of August 2022

- Concrete plinths on the I-90 segment east and west of Lake Washington
- Pre-cast blocks and nylon rail fastener bolt inserts on the I-90 floating bridge





## East Link update since August

- Concrete plinths demolition over 60% complete in two work zones with demolition beginning in eight additional segments over next few months
- Plinth reconstruction to start in November
- Nylon inserts being replaced concurrently
- Quality oversight and training continue





# Federal Way Link Extension Update

#### **Top risk to Federal Way Link schedule** As of August 2022

Unstable ground conditions in a liquefaction zone along a section of the alignment in Kent may require a new construction approach.





## Federal Way update since August



- Slope stabilized through installation of a buttress of heavy rocks
- Design-builder advancing long-span bridge design over risk area
- Staff working with designbuilder to evaluate and mitigate schedule impacts



Lynnwood and Downtown Redmond Link Extensions Update



## Lynnwood Link Extension

- August 2022: Concrete strike and pandemic-related impact assessment, limited known risks.
- **Since August:** Construction continues without additional risks identified.



### **Downtown Redmond Link Extension**

- August 2022: Concrete strike and pandemic-related impact assessment, power connections issues, staffing shortages.
- Since August: Power connections issues resolved; Construction continues without additional risks identified.



# Look ahead: December SEC Meeting

#### **December SEC Meeting**

- Results of Programmatic Quantitative Risk Assessment:
  - Considers systemwide impacts as well as risks from individual projects.
  - Focus on construction completion and requirements for starting operations.
  - $\circ\,$  Sequencing options.
- Describe potential project opening timelines.



#### **December SEC Meeting (con't)**

- Starter 2 Line preliminary feasibility analysis outlining:
  - $\,\circ\,$  Service description and frequency.
  - Operating and capital requirements.
  - $\circ\,$  Opportunities, challenges, and risks.
  - Potential timeframes.

• Potential next steps for the Sound Transit Board.







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