# Vehicle Readiness for Link Openings in 2024

System Expansion Committee 06/08/23



# Today's presentation

- Briefing only, no action needed today.
- Updated vehicle readiness for Lynnwood Link Extension (LLE) and East Link Starter Line (ELSL) openings in 2024







# System overview

- Line to Lynnwood (LLE)
- Line Eastside (ELSL)
- Operations & Maintenance Facilities (OMFs) in Sodo and Bellevue
- LLE is on schedule to open with service constraints in summer/fall 2024.
- ELSL could be open with service constraints in Spring 2024 pending ongoing assessment of system-wide needs and Board approval later this year.



### Vehicles and construction in parallel

- As construction completes on Lynnwood Link Extension and East Link Starter Line, existing and new vehicles are prepared for expanded service
- Vehicle readiness:
  - Availability = commissioning new vehicles and retrofitting existing vehicles; spare ratios for fleet reliability
  - Storage = adequate space to clean and maintain vehicles for daily service



Vehicle Overview (Availability)

### Series 1

- 62 total vehicles
- Key efforts:
  - Automatic Train Protection (ATP) retrofits
  - eSuite upgrade to improve communications
  - Mid-life overhauls





#### Series 2

- Deliveries every month; initial delays but now accepting at steady rate
- Above-average downtime for open design changes and warranty repairs
- 80 vehicles currently in service out of 152 ordered







# **Operations & Maintenance Facilities – Central and East** (Storage)

## **OMF Central and OMF East**

- OMF Central: 104-car yard
- OMF East: 96-car yard
- Space for:
  - Daily cleaning and maintenance
  - Heavy maintenance and repairs
  - Spare parts inventory and tools
  - Right-of-way maintenance shops and non-revenue support vehicles
  - Operators, dispatch, training, admin
  - Facilities





### **OMF East Serving East Link Starter Line**

Extension	Vehicles available for service	Adequate vehicle storage space
ELSL (service assumption: 10-min headways; 14-hrs/day; 2-car consists)	23 vehicles (projected)	





#### *Until I-90 segment connects OMF East and 1 Line*

Fewer vehicles for the 1 Line which means reduced span of service, headways, and/or length of trains for Lynnwood extension



# **OMF Central Serving Lynnwood**

Extension	Vehicles available for service	Adequate vehicle storage space
Lynnwood to Angle Lake (service assumption: 8-min headways; 20-hrs/day; combo of 3- and 4-car consists)	99 vehicles	with additional storage of 20 vehicles on mainline
ELSL (service assumption: 10-min headways; 14-hrs/day; 2-car consists)	23 vehicles (projected)	$\checkmark$

= ready or on track
= on track
with some risks
= major
risks



# Actively managing our challenges

Vehicle readiness for LLE and ELSL:

- Availability = commissioning new vehicles and retrofitting existing vehicles; spare ratios for fleet reliability
- Storage = adequate space in OMFs to clean and maintain vehicles for daily service



# Next steps for 2024 openings

#### Now through 2024

• Continue receiving/commissioning and retrofitting vehicles

#### August Board meeting(s)

• Present East Link Starter Line for early Board adoption in 2024 Service Plan

#### October

- Begin pre-revenue service for East Link Starter Line (pending Board approval)
- October REO & Board: present 2024 Service Plan for Board adoption







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