Project Readiness for Link Openings in 2024

System Expansion Committee 07/13/23



Background

January: R2023-06 directed staff to further develop East Link Starter Line as an option for 2024 opening

January – July: Staff analyses on sequence of and spacing between project openings, continued monitoring of infrastructure, vehicle, and resource readiness



Context

- ELSL and LLE continue to complete construction and testing
- As a regional system, we aim to align with partners' bus service changes

Construction completion and testing, vehicle and resource readiness

Alignment with bus service changes

ELSL: Spring 2024

LLE: Fall 2024

- Anticipated initial service levels:
 - ELSL = 10-min peak headways, 16 hours/day, 2-car train sets
 - LLE and full 1 Line = 8-min peak headways, 20 hours/day, combo of 3- and 4car train sets



Key Takeaways

Recommended sequence of project openings:



 Available service-ready vehicles will limit service levels and size of available train sets on all extension openings regardless of project sequencing until ELE 190 is open and vehicles can access both OMF Central and OMF East

Monitoring (Remaining) Considerations

- Initiation of Federal readiness review and state safety review and sequential activations
- Ongoing ramping up of operator and maintainer staffing
- Completion of critical path construction activities necessary for timely start of pre-revenue service to align service dates with regional system
- Resourcing and reliance on contracted workforce to support constrained, shared staffing needs between project openings

Process for Board Approval

Presentation: System readiness status

for ELSL and LLE

Action: Recommendation on ELSL as project opening in Spring 2024

Presentation: 2024 Service Plan

Action: Do-pass recommendation to

adopt 2024 Service Plan

Action: Approve 2024 Budget

including activation and operations of

ELSL and LLE

August 24 Full Board

October 26 Full Board

August 10 SEC

October 5 REO

December 21 Full Board

Action: Approve ELSL as project opening in Spring 2024 with initial service level; ST2 Openings Sequence Strategy

- supermajority needed -

Action: Adopt 2024 Service Plan

Includes:

•LLE and ELSL service levels



Thank you.



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