

## Passenger Impact Portfolio Plan

Rider Experience and Operations Committee 08/03/23



### Why we are here

- Program Goals & Methodology
- Scheduled Near-term Service Disruptions
- Next Steps

The purpose of this presentation is for information only. No Board action is expected today.



### Passenger Impact Portfolio Plan

#### **PROGRAM GOALS**

- Coordinate and schedule projects to minimize service impacts
- Integrate this activity as a regular business function

#### **METHODOLOGY**

- Passengers are our customers
- Preservation of planned service and urgency to return to full planned service
- Minimal disruption to passengers and passenger flow
- Project delivery efficiency (shared disruptions and mobilizations)



## Near-term Service Disruption Work

|   | Project                                  | Locations                     | Passenger Benefits        |
|---|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | CVS Overhaul Switch Replacement          | Columbia City - Rainier Beach | Safety, Reliability       |
| 2 | Royal Brougham At-Grade Crossing Repair* | SoDo - Cap Hill               | Safety, Reliability       |
| 3 | Othello & Rainier Beach Platform Repair* | Rainier Beach - Othello       | Safety, Hazard Mitigation |

<sup>\*</sup> Major multi-project closures

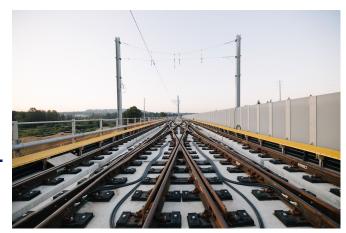


### CVS Overhaul Switch Replacement

#### Scheduled for 8/7

Replace voltage switches reaching end of life (in trackway)

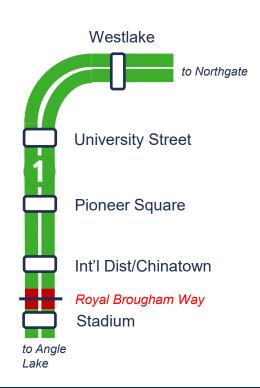
- Why this is necessary: Improving switch performance/reliability
- Passenger benefit: Service reliability
- What is the expected service impact:
  - On 8/7 single tracking from 9pm to end-ofservice at Columbia City, Othello, and Rainier Beach stations with NB platforms closed. 25-minute headways system wide.
  - Similar work scheduled 9/18, 10/2 and 10/16



# Royal Brougham Grade Crossing Repair Scheduled for 8/12-8/20

Repairs compromised track grade and prevents standing water over the tracks during rainy periods.

- Why this is necessary: Currently there is a 10mph speed restriction. During rainfall, water pools on the tracks, requiring trains to slow to 5 mph. Very heavy rains could disrupt service. Degrading conditions will impact safety.
- Passenger benefit: Restore track to allow designated speed and provide faster and more reliable service in wet weather conditions.





### Royal Brougham Grade Crossing Repair

Passenger Impacts

What is the expected service impact?

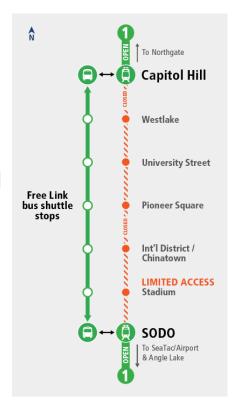
8/12 – 8/13: Full weekend closure between Cap Hill and SODO

- Link headways: 15 minutes
- Bus bridge headways: 10-minute headways with two platooned buses

8/14 – 8/16: Single-tracking (SB track closed)

8/17 – 8/20: Single-tracking (NB track closed)

- Link headways: 15 minutes with a forced transfer at Pioneer Square Station (both platforms open).
- Riders will take 11-12 minutes to transfer, including the time needed to cross mezzanine.





# Royal Brougham Grade Crossing Repair Secondary Work During Closure

- 26kV System Assessment
- SB Damaged Rail Repair
- E130/E110 Plinth Repair Work
- Bond Box Replacement
- Eastlink Signal System Tie-in Pre-work
- Central Link Fiber Upgrade Program Survey
- Westlake Tunnel Crown Repair Scaffolding

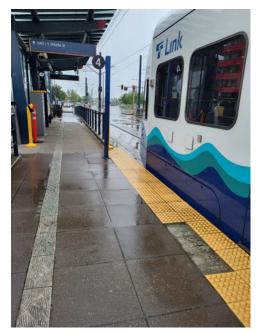


### Othello & Rainier Beach Stations Platform Rehab

**Scheduled for 8/21 – 9/17** 

Project to replace existing porcelain tiles with new polymer composite tiles. Coat platform edge to improve electrical safety.

- Why this is necessary: Majority of the tiles are cracked and broken and they pose a safety risk to passengers and are not ADA compliant. Platform edge poses risk of electrical arcing due to damaged edge coating.
- Passenger benefit: Improves passenger safety on the platform
- What is the expected service impact: Continuous single tracking at segment spanning both stations (14 days per side). 12-minute headways systemwide.



# Othello & Rainier Beach Station Platform Rehab Secondary Work During Closure

- CVS Overhaul Switch Replacement
- SDOT Safety Pavement Refresh and LOOK pavement markings





### Passenger Care During Major Disruptions

- Ambassadors to answer questions and guide passengers
- Signage to show variations in stop locations

 Regular updates to keep passengers informed



### Next Steps

- Continue coordination of DSTT single tracking and weekend full closures for safety repairs (bond box and rail replacement) and for Eastlink systems tie-in in late 2023 and in 2024
- Deliver monthly reporting on disruptions to REO
- Continue development of a permanent office around the Passenger Impact Portfolio Plan to integrate this activity as a regular function



## Thank you.



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