

Projects in Planning

Q2 Board Update

System Expansion Committee

4/11/2024



Agenda

- Status of projects in planning
- Challenges & Opportunities



Projects in Planning

Projects in Development



By the numbers

- ✓ 12 projects in planning
- ✓ 12+ Environmental documents in development
- ✓ 25 new light rail stations + 1 provisional station
- ✓ 90+ public meetings
- ✓ 21,500+ public comments

Sounder Projects in Planning

Sounder South Strategic Plan Update

Next Board activity: Q2 2024, Status update on planning

Current Status:

- Revisiting prioritization of platform extensions vs. new trips to meet evolving, post pandemic demand.
- Updating ridership estimates & considering more mid-day service.

Activities since last update:

- Completed External Engagement Outreach, Peer Review Study, Demographics & Equity Study.



Tacoma LatinX Festival

Lakewood & South Tacoma Access Improvements

Next Board actions: Q3 2024, Baselineing, Budget Amendment & Funding agreements with Cities

Cost Risk



Schedule Risk
(to next milestone)



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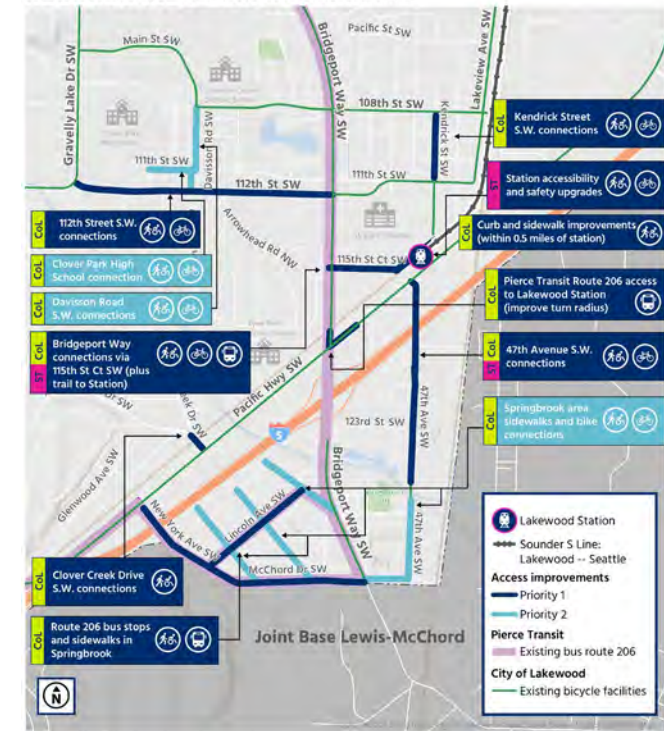
Current Status:

- Transitioning to design and construction.
- Developing funding agreements with cities.
- Preparing to baseline projects' budgets and schedules.

Activities since last update:

- Board Selected the Projects to be Built in March 2024.
- Completed Environmental Review & Conceptual Engineering.
- Executed Letter of Concurrences with Cities of Lakewood and Tacoma on next steps for project delivery of public right of way improvements.

LAKEWOOD ACCESS – RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS



King Street Station Platform Area Improvements

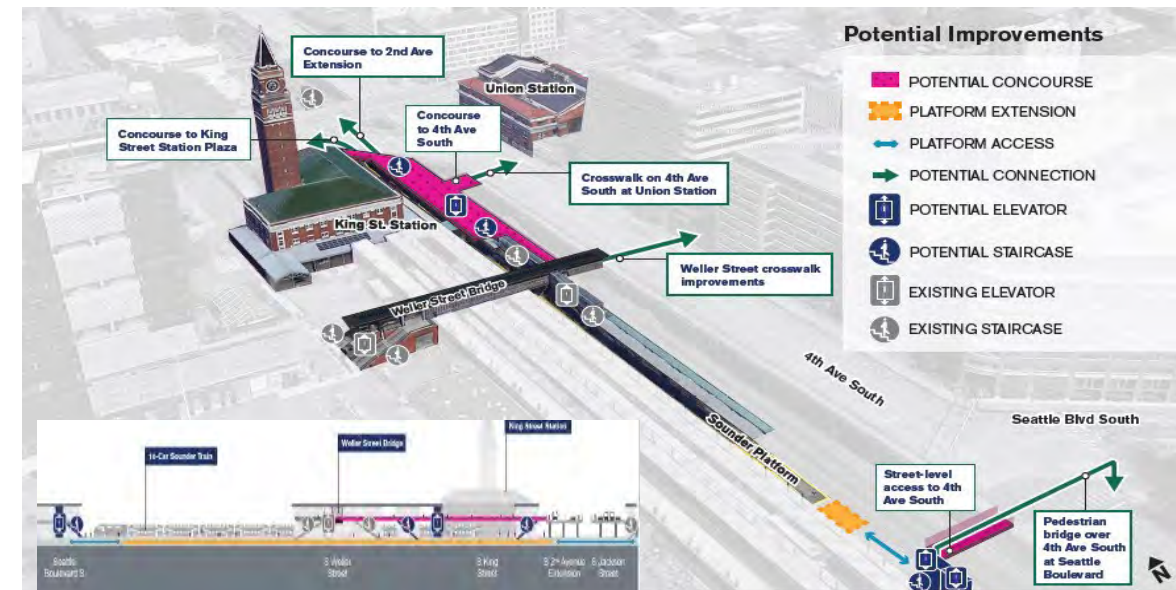
Next Board action: Q1 2025, Consultant Contract Amendment

Current Status:

- Environmental Review and Conceptual Engineering.

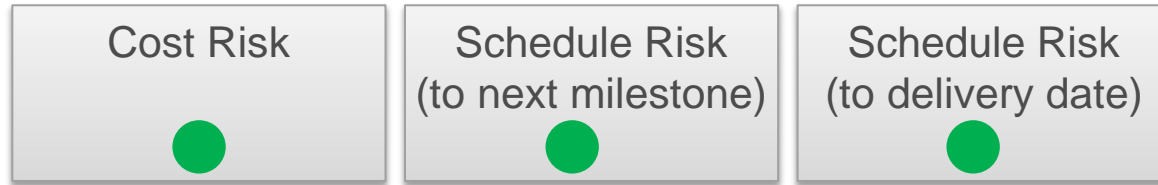
Activities since last update:

- Meeting with external stakeholders to review conceptual engineering concepts.
- Planning for Q3 external engagement.



Sounder Double-Track and Signal Projects

Next Board action: Q1 2025, Amend consultant contract for PE



Current Status:

- Environmental Review & Conceptual Engineering.
- Coordination with local agencies with jurisdictions and railroad organizations.

Activities since last update:

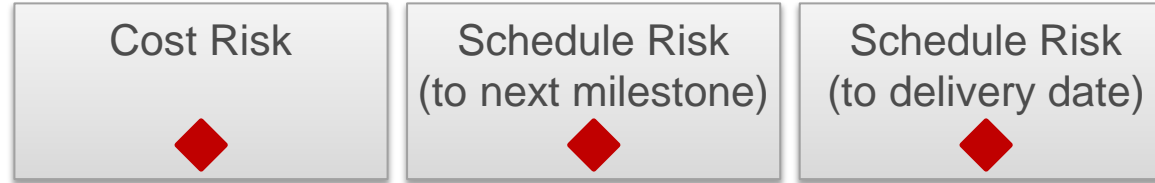
- Received Federal Rail Administration approval to conduct NEPA/Categorical Exclusion environmental review.



Link Projects in Planning

Operations & Maintenance Facility South

Next Board action: May 2024, Design Build Stipend Authorization



Current Status:

- Final EIS.

Activities Since Last Update:

- Completed public engagement to support street vacation application.
- Preparing for issuance of RFQ in Q2, Q2 FEIS publication, and Q2/Q3 Project to be Built Board action.



S 336th St Preferred Alternative site

Ballard Link Extension

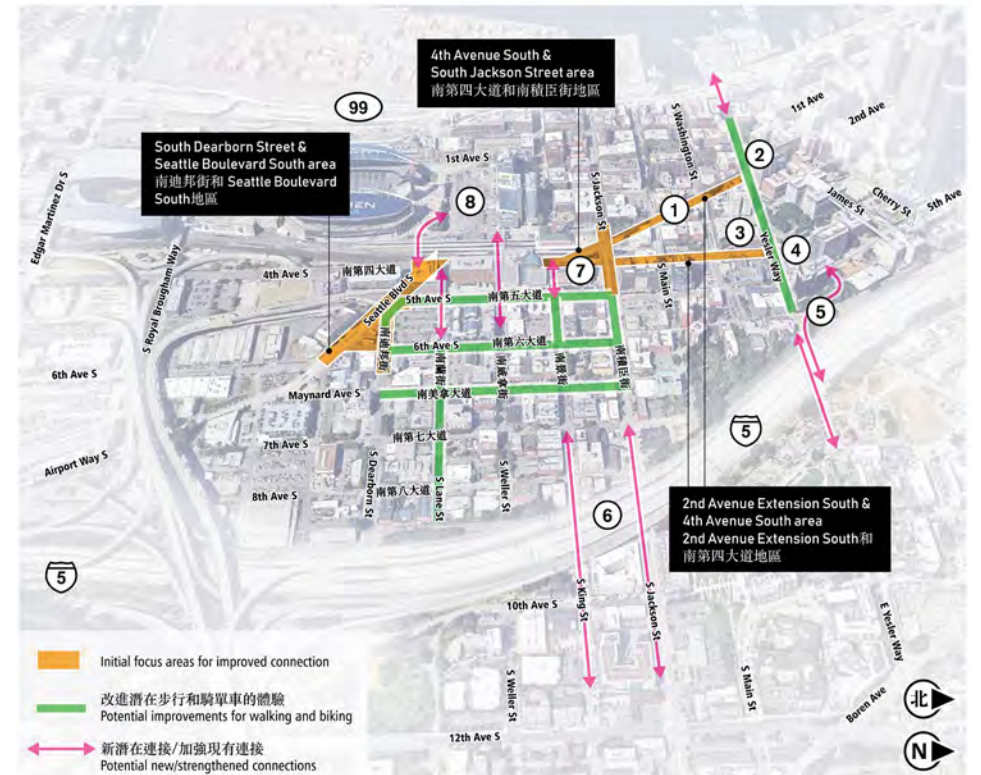
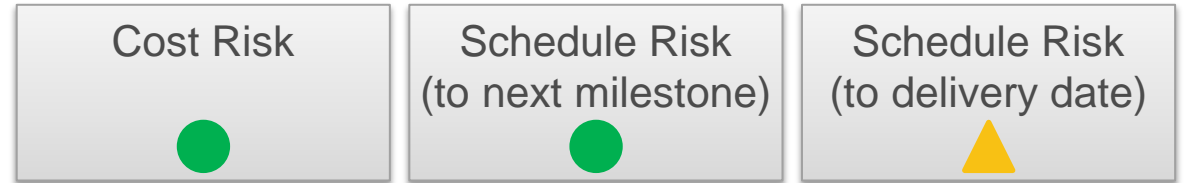
Next Board action: May 2024, Direction Regarding Potential South Lake Union Alternative

Current Status:

- Draft/Final EIS & Preliminary Engineering.

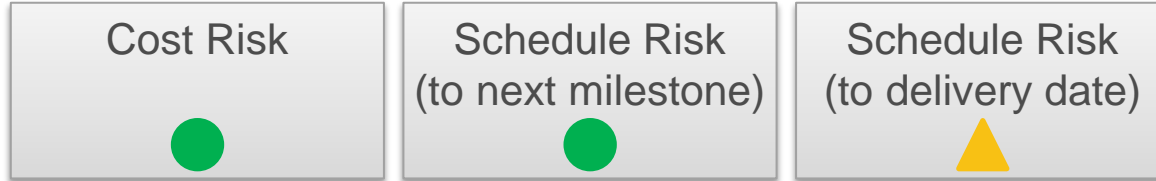
Activities Since Last Update:

- Hosted first South Downtown Hub Planning workshop and kicked off CID info sessions.
- Continued assessing feasibility of additional alternative in South Lake Union area for potential incorporation into Draft EIS.



West Seattle Link Extension

Next Board action: Mid-2024, Select the Project to be Built

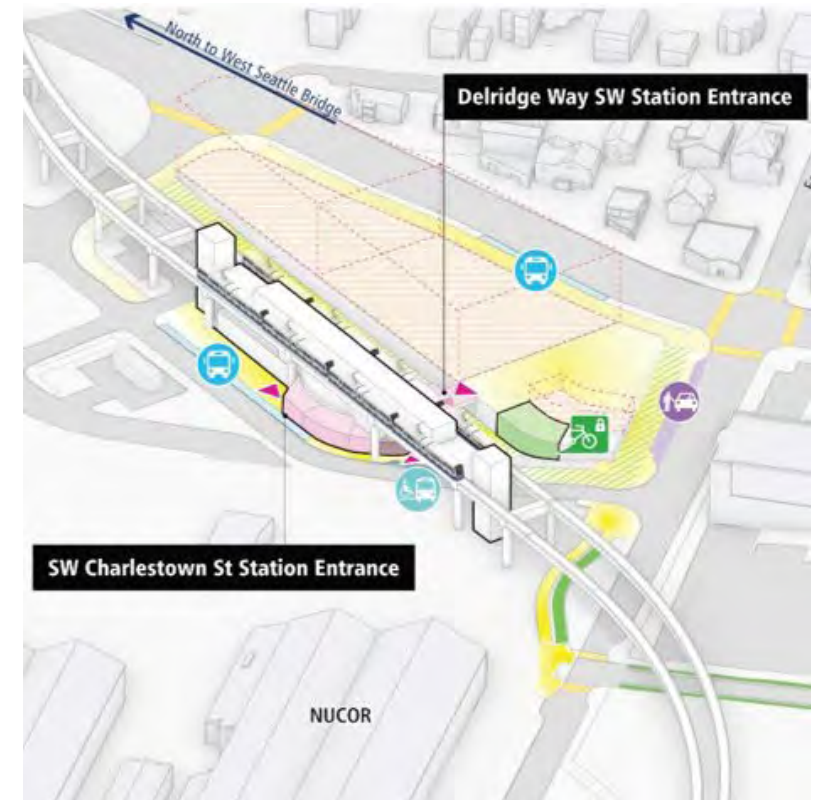


Current Status:

- Final EIS and Preliminary Engineering.

Activities Since Last Update:

- Hosted open house to engage with community on station planning and other ongoing activities.
- Continued advancing work to acquire critical parcels early.
- Continued preparing for Final EIS publication and upcoming Project to be Built Board action.



Graham Street & Boeing Access Road Stations

Next Board action: Q4 2024, Identify Preferred Alternative

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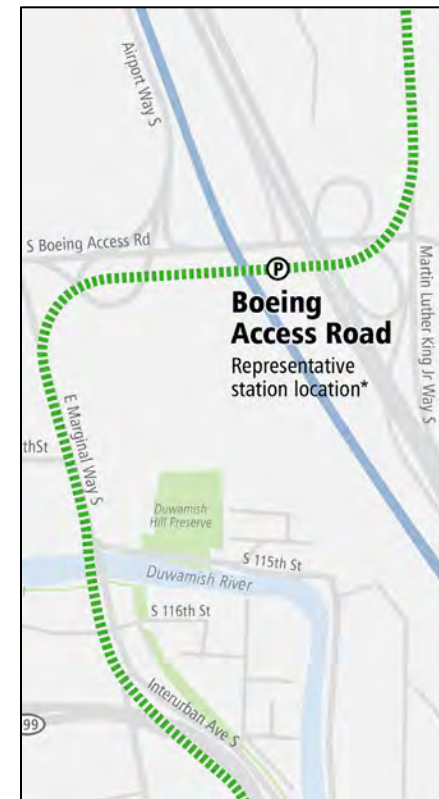


Current Status:

- Alternatives Analysis

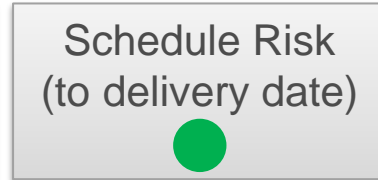
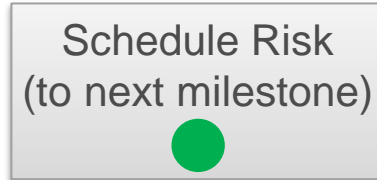
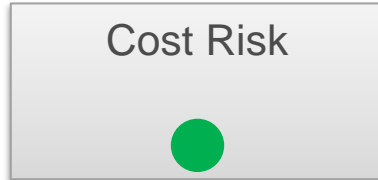
Activities since last update:

- March public engagement to introduce the project. Next public engagement will occur in summer 2024.
- Graham Street Station team is coordinating with ST's At-Grade Crossing Safety Program on improving safety on MLK Jr Way S.



Tacoma Dome Link Extension

Next Board action: Q1 2025, Confirm/Modify the PA



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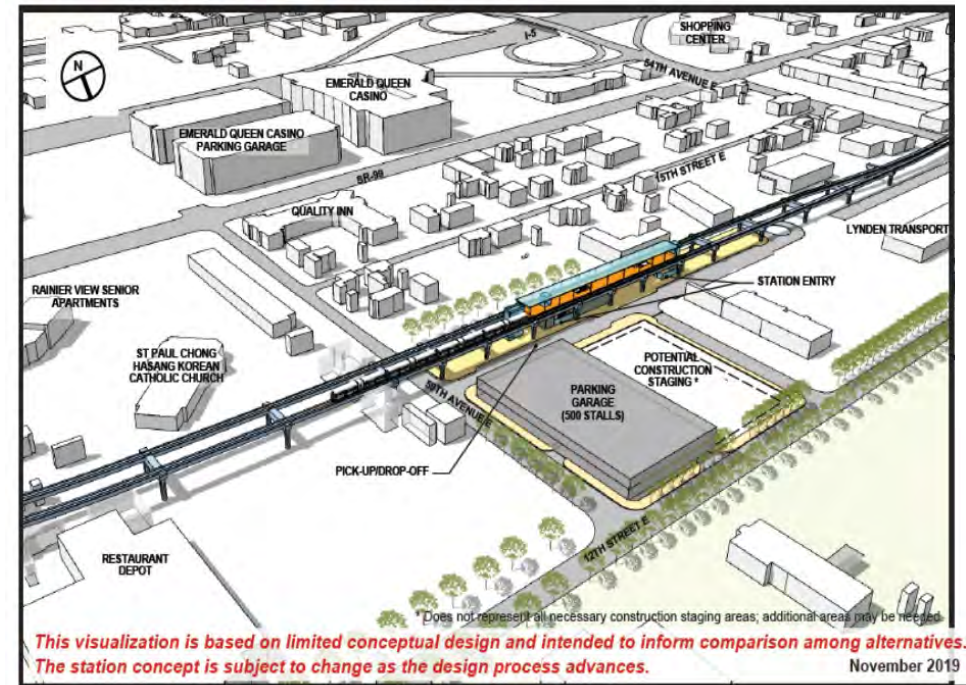
- Draft EIS & Conceptual Engineering

Activities Since Last Update:

- Preparing for publication of Draft EIS & public comment period in mid-2024
- Board approved early acquisition of one parcel
- Regular coordination with Puyallup Tribe of Indians staff

Fife Station

Fife Alternative - Visualization

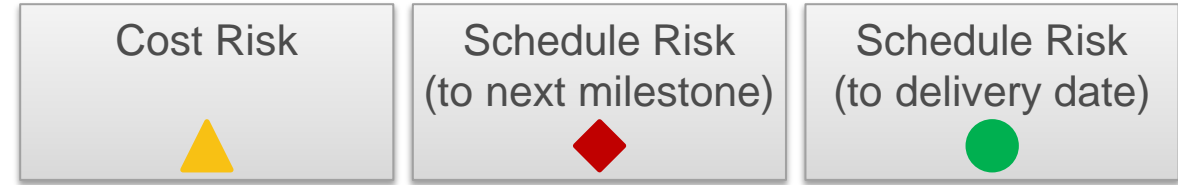


Everett Link Extension

Next Board action: Q3 2026, Confirm/ modify the PA

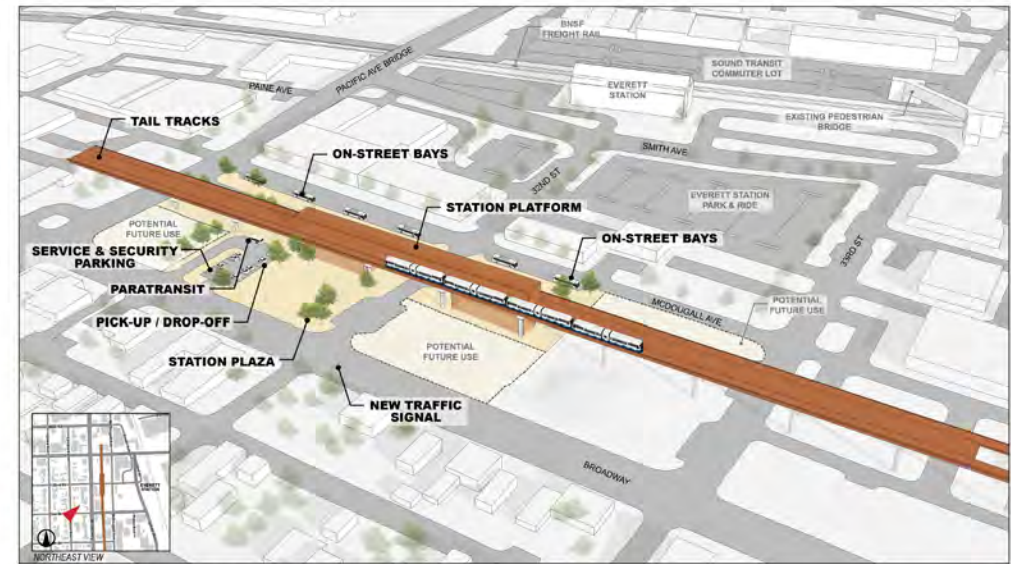
Current Status:

- Draft EIS & Conceptual Engineering.



Activities Since Last Update:

- Convened five community workshops to engage historically underserved communities and understand their priorities for the project.
- Conducted station area planning workshops with partner staff.
- Began preparing conceptual engineering plans for the Draft EIS.

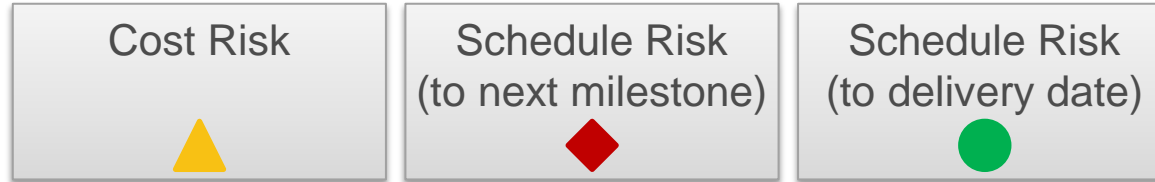


EVERETT STATION: Station Concept (EVT-C shown)

This visualization is based on limited conceptual design and intended to inform comparison among alternatives. The station concept is subject to change as the design process advances.

Operations & Maintenance Facility North

Next Board action: Q3 2026, Identify the PA



Current Status:

- Draft EIS & Conceptual Engineering.

Activities Since Last Update:

- Set the footprint for the environmental review.
- Began preparing conceptual engineering plans for the Draft EIS.
- Started fieldwork investigations.



Challenges & Opportunities

Challenges

- Durable and timely decision making
- Inflation & market factors impacting accuracy of opinions of probable cost
- Evolving understanding of operational needs
- Environmental review timelines & FTA workload

Opportunities

- FTA partnership
- Early ROW acquisition opportunities to manage risk
- Renewed emphasis on culture of urgency

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