

WSLE and BLE Budget and Contract Actions

System Expansion Committee

04/10/2025



Why we're here today

Motion No. M2025-16: Contract Extension for Program Management Support Services (PMSS), West Seattle Link and Ballard Link Extensions

Staff informing Committee in advance of future action

Motion No. M2025-17: Contract Execution for Engineering Design Services, West Seattle Link Extension Project

Staff requesting Committee's do-pass recommendation

Resolution No. R2025-10: Budget Allocation for Motion No. M2025-16 and Motion No. M2025-17

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Link light rail

West Seattle Link Extension

■ Elevated route

■ Tunnel route

■ Surface route

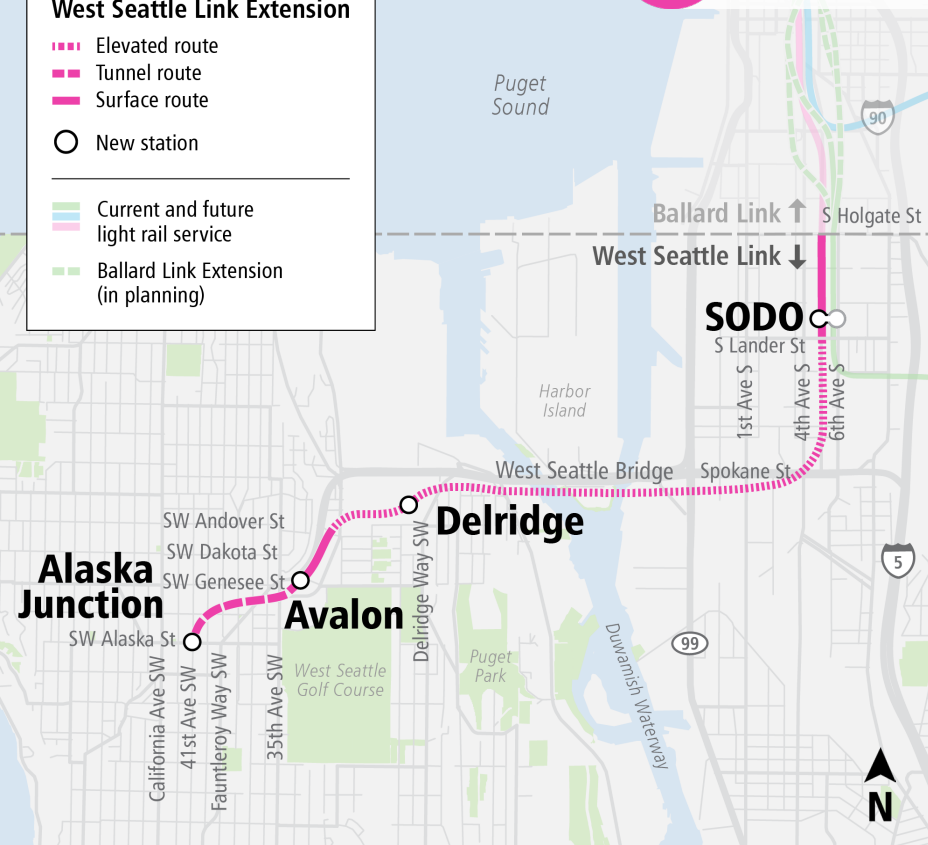


○ New station

■ Current and future light rail service

■ Ballard Link Extension (in planning)

3 Line



West Seattle Link Extension

- **Adds 4.1 miles** of light rail service and **4 stations** and connections in SODO, Delridge, and West Seattle.
- **Reduces transit travel** time from Alaska Junction to Westlake Station by 50% once Ballard Link Extension is complete.
- **Improves transit service frequency, reliability and capacity.**
- **Provides travel alternative** if West Seattle Bridge is congested or closed for repairs.
- **Facilitates future expansion** to south.



Ballard Link Extension

- Included in Sound Transit 3 (ST3) voter approved plan.
- Adds nearly **eight miles of light rail service**, including a new light rail-only downtown tunnel.
- Includes **nine new stations** from Chinatown-International District to Ballard.
- Improves regional mobility by **increasing connectivity and capacity** through Downtown Seattle to meet the projected transit demand.
- Provides high-capacity transit stations and **increased options for multi-modal access** necessary for increased residential and/or employment density.

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**Contract Extension for Program Management Support
Services (PMSS) for Ballard Link Extension and West
Seattle Link Extension Projects**

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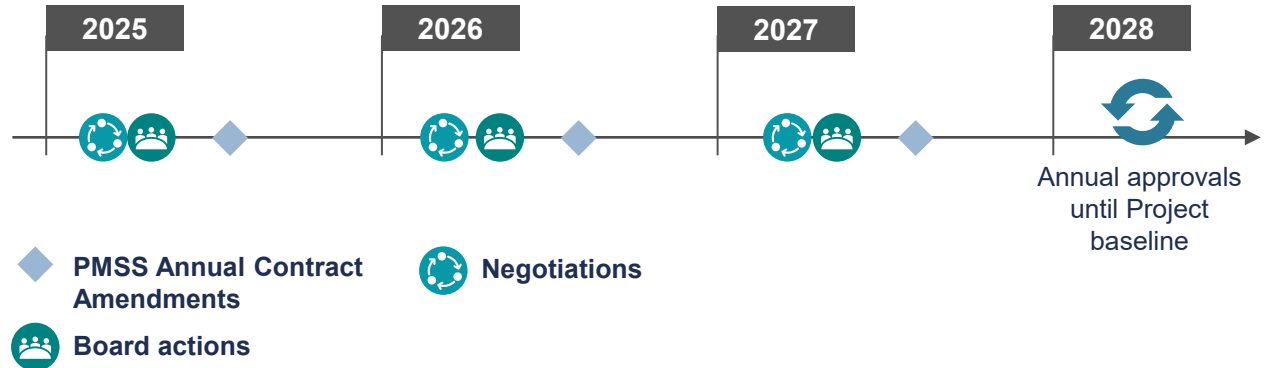
Contract Extension for
Program Management
Support Services (PMSS),
West Seattle and Ballard
Link Extensions

Resolution No. R2025-10

Seeks budget authority to fund
PMSS consultant contract to
act as extensions of Sound
Transit and keep WSLE and
BLE on schedule.

**Not to Exceed
\$41.5M***
for PMSS Phase 2
contract extension

*37.7M base scope plus
10% contingency



WSLE & BLE PMSS Phase 2 Contract

Funding request for
~12 months of Phase
2 PMSS contract with
Connect Seattle
Partners to advance
WSLE & BLE workplan
efforts

- WSLE, BLE, and Programmatic workplan feasibility assessments and **cost savings efforts** with **Subject Matter Experts**
- Programmatic and project cost opportunity **estimating support**
- **Owners Representative services** to develop work plans, support FTA funding opportunities, coordinate and manage work and contracts across the program **that ensure compliance with functional and operational goals**
- **Staff augmentation, act as extensions of Sound Transit** and work under the direction of Sound Transit staff in lead roles

Substantial potential cost savings have already been identified and will be validated by the final design consultant, while additional cost-saving opportunities across WSLE, BLE, and the broader program will be advanced in collaboration with PMSS, design consultants, and contractors.

Staff augmentation model prioritizes Sound Transit staff while providing access to Subject Matter Experts on as as-needed basis.

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**Contract Execution for Engineering Design Services (EDS)
West Seattle Link Extension Project**

Motion No. M2025-17

Contract Execution for Engineering Design Services (EDS), West Seattle Link Extension Project

Resolution No. R2025-10

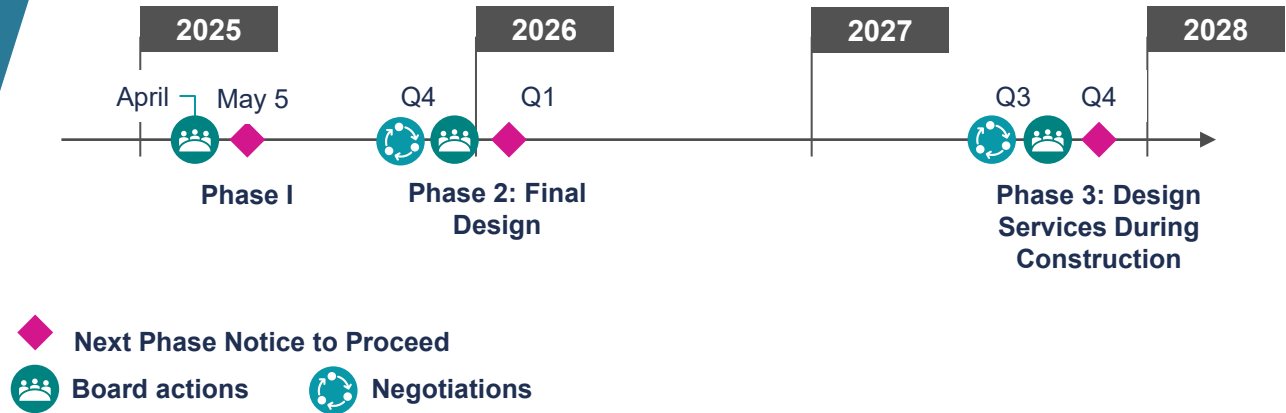
Seeks budget authority to fund **Phase 1** of a civil final design consultant contract to keep WSLE on schedule.

Not to Exceed

\$27.3M *

for WSLE Engineering & Design Services Phase 1 work

*24.79M base scope plus 10% contingency



WSLE EDS Phase 1 Contract

~6-month contract
focused on WSLE cost
savings opportunities
and early works

- **Advances early works design** to keep on schedule
- **Validates PE design** and current value engineering efforts
- **Identifies and implements new opportunities** for cost savings
- **Refines 30% design** and incorporates cost saving measures
- **Supports** permitting, agreements, and property acquisitions
- **Prepares design-to-budget cost estimates** based on workplan opportunities



**Delays to Phase 1
Notice to Proceed**
would impact
WSLE schedule

Next steps

- Ongoing: PMSS continue to identify and validate cost savings opportunities for WSLE, BLE, and across ST3 program
- May 5: Issue Notice to Proceed for Engineering & Design Services Phase I
- May 8: System Expansion Committee report on Programmatic and EVLE, TDLE, BLE workplan progress
- May – November 2025: Continue WSLE and BLE workplan validation efforts and identify additional cost savings
- Q3 2025: Report on Engineering & Design Services Phase I validation efforts and additional cost savings
- Q4 2025: Request budget authority for Engineering & Design Services Phase II Final Design

Questions?



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