

***West Seattle Link Extension and  
Ballard Link Extension Budget  
Amendments***

*Resolution No. R2026-14*

*Board of Directors*

*06/25/2026*



# *Why we are here*

## *WSLE and BLE Budget Amendments: Resolution No. R2026-14*

Budget amendments will fund consultant contracts, third-party commitments, sustainability work, and other key activities.

- West Seattle Link Extension: necessary to advance final design and prepare for construction.
- Ballard Link Extension: necessary to advance planning and design for BLE, including ongoing cost-savings work.

# Cost savings work continues...

*Following the Board's directives from Enterprise Initiative Resolution No. R2026-11:*

**Programmatic opportunities:** across the portfolio of projects

**Project opportunities:** unique for specific capital projects

**Benefits include:** improved passenger experiences, lower operations and maintenance costs, and cost savings

Pre-baselined projects  
developing cost savings  
opportunities

Conceptual / Preliminary  
engineering phase

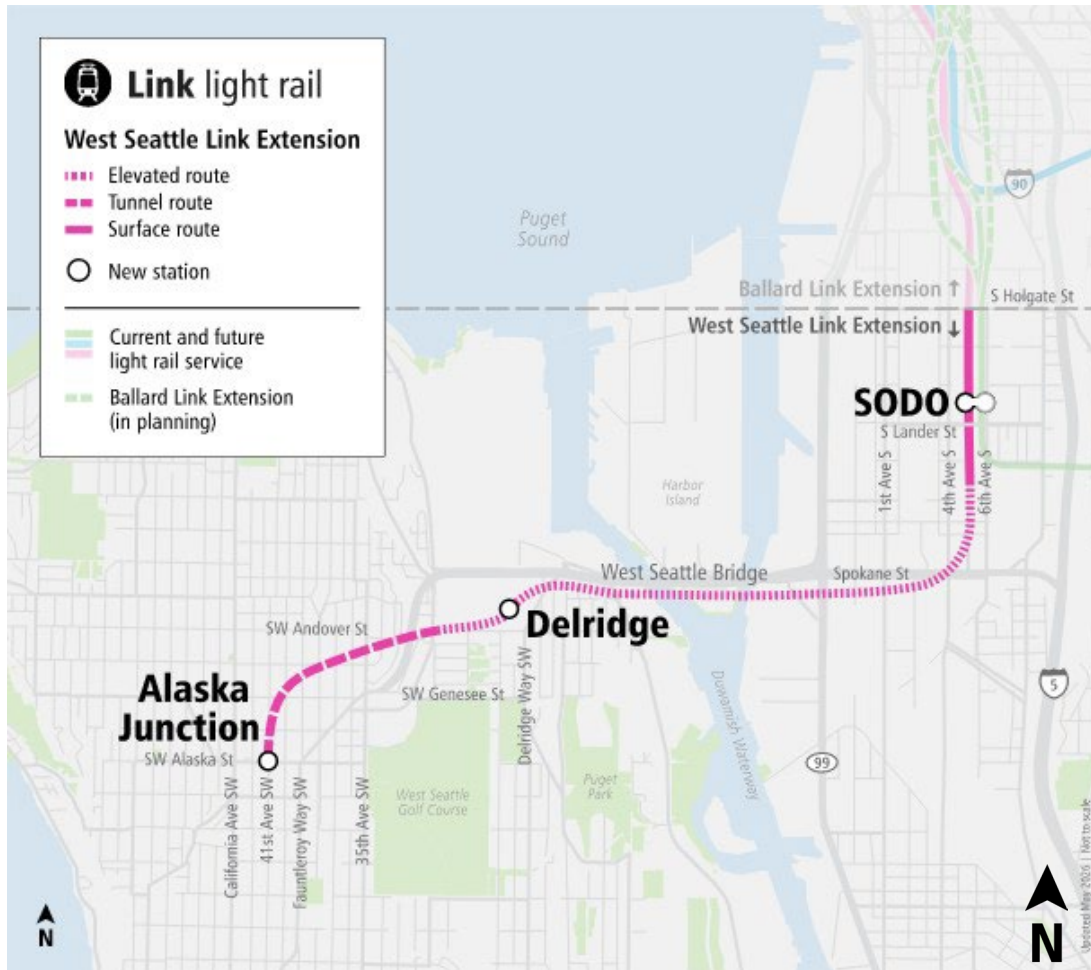
- **Ballard Link Extension**
- Tacoma Dome Link Extension
- Everett Link Extension
- Infill Stations
- Sounder Program
- OMF North

Advanced Design Phase

- OMF South
- **West Seattle Link Extension**

# 3 Line

## West Seattle Link Extension



- **Adds 3.9 miles** of light rail service and **3 stations** with connections in SODO, Delridge, and West Seattle.
- **Direct and indirect job creation.**
- **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.**
- **Facilitates future expansion** to south.



# Ballard Link Extension

- Adds nearly **eight miles of light rail service**, including a new light rail-only downtown tunnel.\*
- Includes up to **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.

\*Updated system plan adopted by ST Board in May 2026 funds completion of planning and design for entire alignment and construction from SODO to Seattle Center

July 2023: This map shows routes and station locations to be studied as part of ongoing environmental review as identified by the Sound Transit Board. Routes and station locations are subject to refinements based on ongoing planning and design activities. The Sound Transit Board identified the preferred alternative for Ballard Link Extension in March and July 2023.

# WSLE project cost

(2025\$)



*Updated System Expansion plan includes \$5.3B for WSLE*

# ***BLE project cost (Full Build)***

*(2025\$)*

**Spring 2025**



**\$20.1B – \$22.6B**

**Mar 2026**



**\$17.4B – \$20.5B**

*Updated System Expansion  
plan includes \$12.6B for BLE*

# ***Resolution No. R2026-14***

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Budget Amendments**

**BLE Budget  
Amendment  
\$16,397,707**

**WSLE Budget  
Amendment  
\$406,872,063**

	<b>WSLE</b>	<b>BLE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
PMSS contract extension (CSP)	\$32,383,872	\$16,397,707	<b>\$48,781,580</b>
Design contract extension (Jacobs)	\$286,488,191	\$0	<b>\$286,488,191</b>
Systems Design	\$27,500,000	\$0	<b>\$58,000,000</b>
Permits & Flagging	\$12,000,000		
Sustainability	\$2,500,000		
Unallocated Contingency	\$16,000,000		
COS Construction Services Agreement	\$15,000,000	\$0	<b>\$30,000,000</b>
Other Third Party	\$15,000,000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$406,872,063</b>	<b>\$16,397,707</b>	

*Thank you.*



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