

East Link Baseline Budget Increase

Motion No. M2026-02 & Resolution No. R2026-01

*System Expansion Committee
01/08/2026*



Why we are here

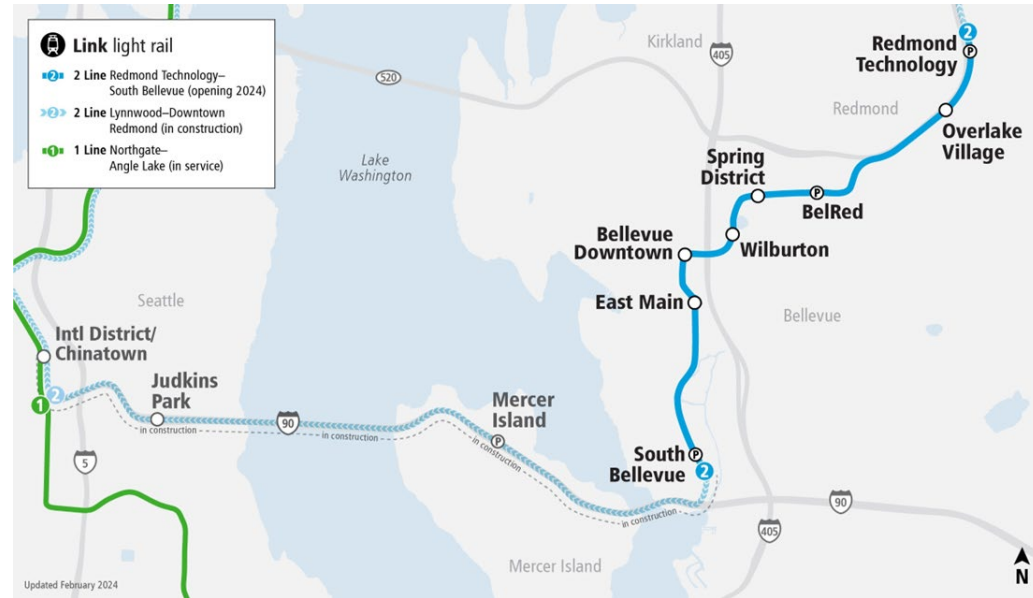
- Provide an update on the East Link Project, with an emphasis on the Crosslake Connection
- Request an increase to the baseline budget



East Link Extension

Key Elements

- 14-mile extension from International District Station to Redmond Technology Center
- Adds 10 stations
- Service every 8 minutes during peak hours
- Starter Line opened April 2024
- I-90 Crosslake Connection in pre-revenue operations



East Link Crosslake Connection

Status:

- East Link Starter Line opened for service April 2024
- Pre-Revenue Operations are underway
- Roughly 60% complete with Operator Certification through December 31
- On track for Revenue Service by May 31, 2026

Work Remaining:

- Completion of Punchlist Corrections
- Operator Certification
- Validation Test Period
- Simulated Service
- Safety Certification



Daytime Test Train – December 18, 2025

Financial Snapshot

Current Project Budget	\$3.757 B
Requested Increase	\$60 M
Proposed Project Budget	\$3.817 B

- Year of Expenditure \$
- Financials and progress as of November 2025
- Excludes unresolved claims

- Project is 99.8% complete
- Project baselined in April 2015 (Resolution No. R2015-14)

Basis for Today's Request

- Additional staff and consulting support time
- Extended cathodic protection system operation and maintenance
- Resiliency work added to East Link contracts
- Security infrastructure work
- Additional support from key contractors through 2026
- Contingency

Combined with previous Resolution No. R2024-23 (adopted in October 2024), today's request for \$60M in additional budget represents a total increase of 3.8% above the original East Link baseline budget established in 2015.*

Today's actions

- Motion No. M2026-02: Authorizes the chief executive officer to increase certain East Link Extension contract and/or agreement amounts as necessary, for an additional authorized cumulative increase not to exceed \$60,000,000, contingent upon approval of Resolution R2026-01.
- Resolution No. R2026-01: Amends the East Link Extension project baseline budget to provide funding to complete the extension, including augmented support for activation and opening, by the forecast revenue service date.

Thank you.



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