

# *Sound Transit Update*

*Snohomish County  
Council  
6/1/21*



# *Presentation Overview*

***Discussion of Sound Transit  
with a focus on:***

- **Powering Progress:** Preview new service openings between 2021-2024
- **Lynnwood Link Extension**
- **Everett Link Extension**
- **2021 Realignment Process**



Photo: Lynnwood Transit Center Construction

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# ***ST3 – A Regional Investment***

# 116-mile network across the Puget Sound

- 28 light rail stations under construction throughout the region, opening in stages between 2021– 2024.



# *Currently under construction*

## *Light rail extensions*

- Northgate (3 stations, opening Oct. 2, 2021)
- Hilltop Tacoma (6 stations, 2022)
- East Link (10 stations, 2023)
- **Lynnwood (4 stations, 2024)**
- Federal Way (3 stations, 2024)
- Downtown Redmond (2 stations, 2024)



Photo: An ST bus passing under the future light rail tracks at the Lynnwood City Center Station at the Lynnwood Transit Center.

## Link trains

Lynnwood–Federal Way (2024)

Surface  
Elevated

Lynnwood–Redmond (2024)

Surface  
Elevated

Other service

Link in service

Stride bus rapid transit  
S2 and S3 Lines (2024/2025)

Lynnwood–Mariner–  
Everett (2036\*)

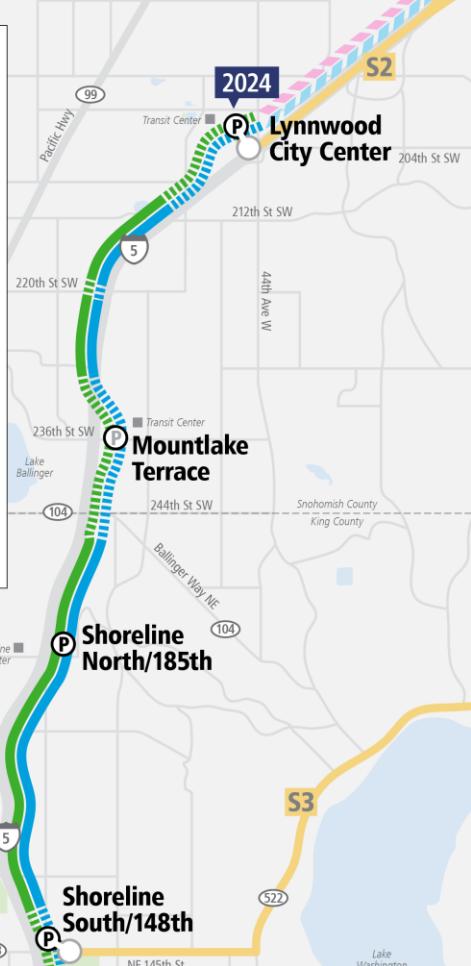
○ New station

○ Transfer hub

○ Future station (2031\*)

● New parking

● Existing parking



# Lynnwood Link Extension

**Length:** 8.5 miles

**Stations:** 4 stations

**Daily Project Riders:** 47,000 – 55,000 daily riders (2026)

**Start of Service:** 2024

**Projected travel times:**

Lynnwood to Westlake (downtown Seattle): 28 minutes

Shoreline South/148<sup>th</sup> to University of Washington: 11 minutes

Lynnwood to Bellevue Downtown: 51 minutes

# Lynnwood Link at a glance

## Completed 2019-2020

- Clearing and Grubbing
- Access Roads
- Utility Relocations
- Drilled Shafts
- Mass Excavation

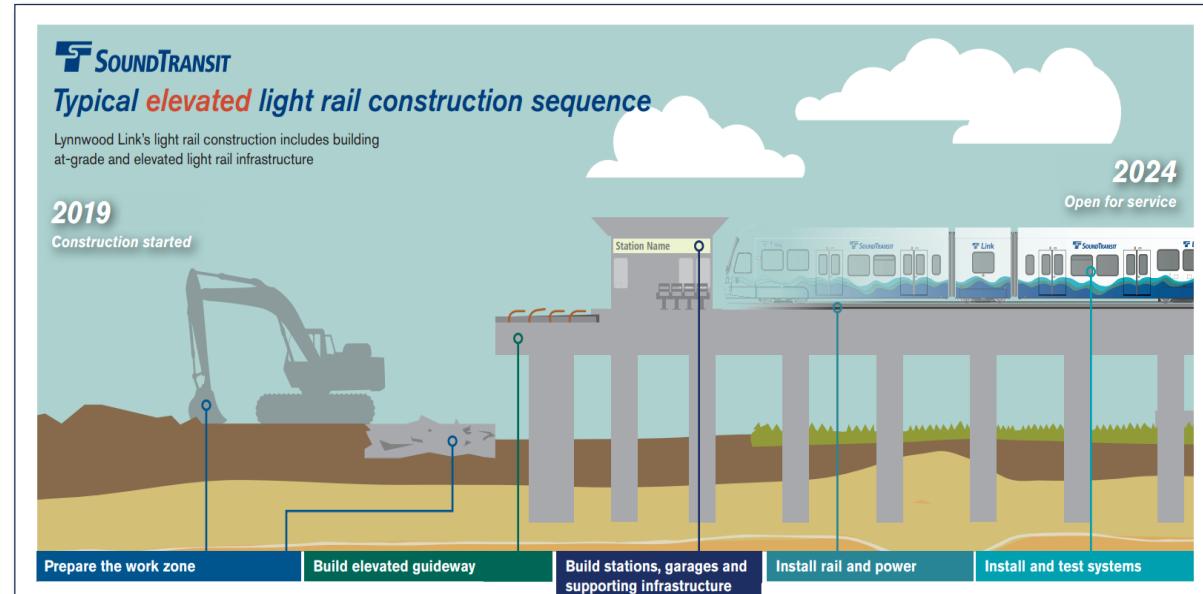
## In Progress 2021

- Columns, Girders, Walls
- I-5 Crossing

## Planned 2022-2023

- Station Finishes
- Trackwork
- Systems Installation

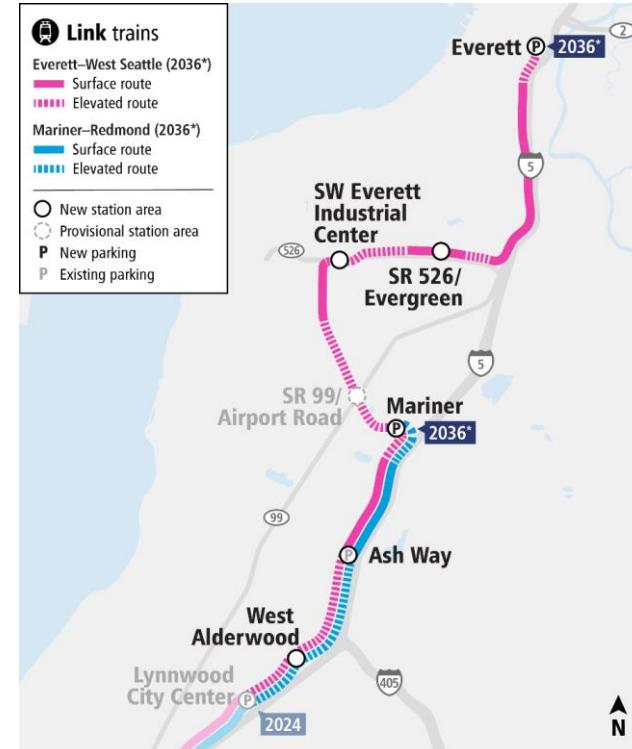
**Service begins mid-2024**



# Everett Link Extension

## ST3 Representative Project

- **Length:** 16 miles
- **Stations:** 6 (2 parking facilities), plus 1 provisional (unfunded) station
- **Operations & Maintenance Facility**
- **Daily Project Riders:** 37,000-45,000 (2040)
- **Start of Service (ST3 Plan):** 2036



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# *Operations and Maintenance Facility North*

*Facility supports Everett Link and system-wide expansion needs*

- Critical facility to store and maintain the trains
- Managed as a single project with EVLE
- **Employees:** 450-500 employees
- **Capacity:** 150+ light rail vehicles



Photo: Central OMF (existing)

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# Looking ahead

## *Phase 1 of Alternatives Development*

- Everett Link Extension Alternatives Development kicked off in April 21'

## *Project development steps*

- Initial Interagency Group meetings and community and stakeholder outreach ongoing



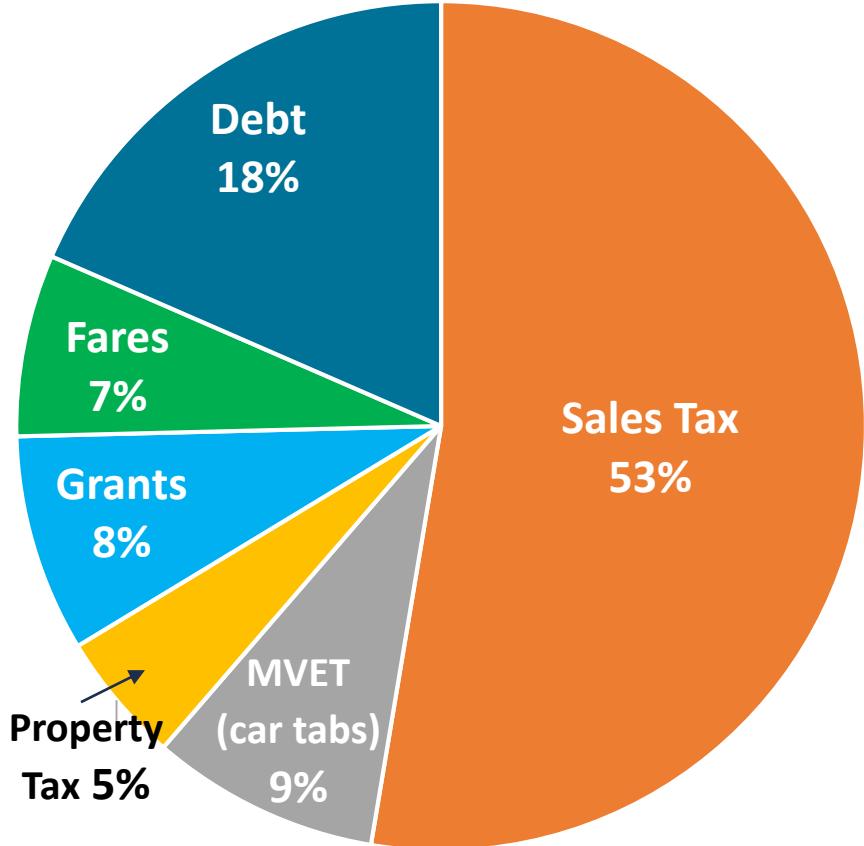
Photo: One of the 152 new Link vehicles manufactured by Siemens Mobility

# Realigning expansion plans



# Revenue sources

- Tax revenues fund 66%.
- Debt funds 18%.
- Grants fund 8%.
- Fares fund 7%.



# *Financial changes*

*Current 25-year capital program runs 2016-2041*

- The Sound Transit Board is required to maintain an affordable financial plan, defined as not exceeding debt capacity within a 25-year planning horizon.
- **Lower revenue:** The COVID recession will reduce revenue by an estimated \$1.5 billion.
- **Higher costs:** estimated \$6.4 billion.
- Total estimated affordability gap of **\$7.9 billion.**

# *System expansion projects*

North/Central Corridor	East Corridor	South Corridor	Bus Reliability
Northgate Link	East Link	Hilltop Tacoma Link	Madison BRT
Lynnwood Link	Downtown Redmond Link	Federal Way Link	SR-7/Pacific BRT
SR 522/NE 145th BRT	OMF East	Puyallup Access	Bus-on-Shoulder
NE 130th St. Infill Station	BRT Maintenance Base	Tacoma Dome Link	RapidRide C/D
Everett Link	I-405 BRT	OMF South	
OMF North	Issaquah-S Kirkland Link	Sumner Access	
Sounder North Parking/Access	N Sammamish P&R	Auburn Access	
West Seattle Link		Kent Access	
Ballard Link & 2nd Tunnel		S Tacoma Access	
Graham St & BAR Infill Stations		Lakewood Access	
Baselined (not subject to realignment)		Sounder Maintenance Base	
		Sounder Platform Extensions	
		Sounder South Added Trips	
		ST3 Sounder Access Program	
		DuPont Sounder Extension	
		TCC Tacoma Link	

# *Realignment tools available to Sound Transit*

- **Cutting costs** through reduced project scope, suspending or canceling projects, etc.
- **Raising new revenues** through issuing higher debt or seeking additional state or federal funding.
- **Delaying or phasing projects** to spread costs over time and keep total agency debt within current legal limits.

# *Recent Federal funding*

## Enacted

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act
- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)
- American Rescue Plan (ARP)

## Proposed

- Biden Infrastructure Initiative (American Jobs Plan)

# Next steps

***Anticipated realignment work through July***

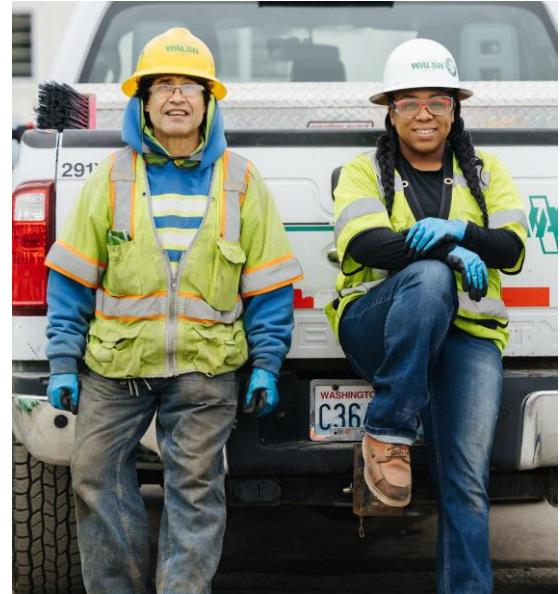
**June** Develop realignment plan(s).

**July** Consider potential action to adopt realignment plan(s).

# *The Sound Transit Jobs Story*

*Creating opportunities and building a diverse workforce*

- Projects now under construction have employed 19,982 workers to date
- 12.2 million labor hours and \$558 million in wages so far
- Approximately 50 million labor hours remaining for voter-approved projects
- People of color performed 30% of work 2016-2020
- 7.5% women workers, compared to ~3% nationally



*Thank you.*



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