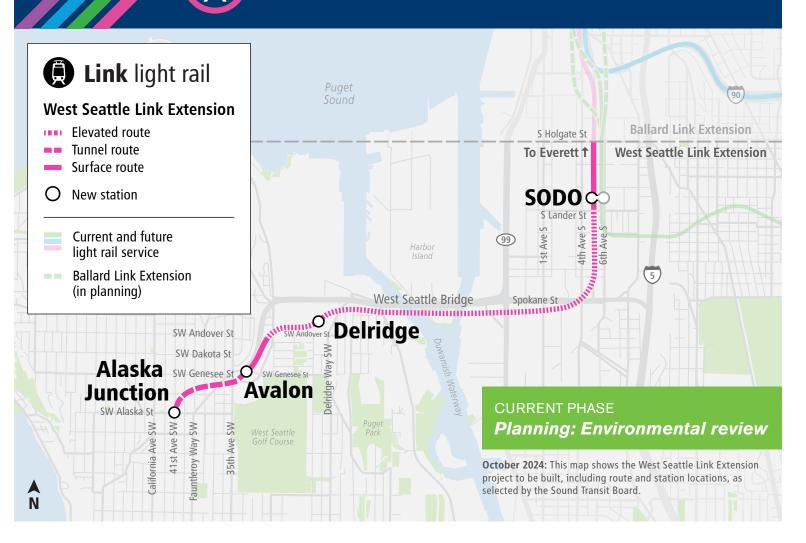
West Seattle Link Extension



Expanding light rail to West Seattle

About the project

The West Seattle Link Extension will provide fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers in the SODO, Delridge, and West Seattle neighborhoods. The West Seattle Link Extension is part of the regional transit system expansion approved by voters in November 2016.



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Project benefits

- Adds 4.1 miles of light rail service from SODO to West Seattle's Alaska Junction neighborhood.
- Includes four new stations between SODO and Alaska Junction.
- Improves transit service frequency, reliability, and capacity.
- Facilitates development near stations, with focus on affordable housing.

What's next for West Seattle Link?

The project will enter the design phase. Activities will include ongoing station design engagement, preconstruction planning, station naming, station art selection, property acquisition and tenant relocation, and permitting.

Stay involved

Sound Transit is committed to meaningful public participation. We offer both in-person and virtual engagement opportunities to accommodate your needs. We are also committed to inclusively engaging historically-underrepresented communities.

If you are interested in learning more about this project and how it may affect your community, please contact us and we will work with you to find an appropriate medium for providing project information.

Questions?

Contact the Community Engagement team: westseattlelink@soundtransit.org or 206-903-7229.

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How did we get here?

Project planning began in 2017 with an extensive alternatives development process.

In January 2022, the West Seattle and Ballard Link extensions were evaluated together in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). During the 90-day public comment period, over 5,000 comments from Tribes, the public, and agency partners were received. In July 2022, the Sound Transit Board confirmed and modified the preferred alternative for West Seattle Link Extension (WSLE) and requested further study for the Ballard Link Extension.

In September 2024, the Final EIS for WSLE was published. It included updates to route and station locations based on ongoing design and comments received on the Draft EIS. In October 2024, the Sound Transit board selected the project to be built. The decision is based on years of technical analysis and community feedback.

Station planning

Station planning involves considering the project from the neighborhood's perspective, like how people get to the station and ways we can make these trips safer and more convenient. We also look at opportunities to create housing, office space, shops, or public open space, considering what we've heard from community members about their needs and desires. Community feedback about stations will help inform ongoing station design.



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