

Ballard Link Extension

R2023-25: Budget Amendment

Board of Directors

08/24/2023



Why we are here

Resolution No. R2023-25

- Budget Amendment for the Ballard Link Extension project

Motion No. M2023-18 - approved March 23

Confirms or modifies the preferred alternative light rail route and station locations for the Ballard Link Extension for additional environmental review, including preparation of a Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Motion No. M2023-57 – approved July 27

Confirms or modifies the preferred station location for the Denny Station for the Ballard Link Extension Environmental Impact Statement.

Ballard Link Extension alternatives

What we're studying going forward

-  Preferred alternative
-  Other EIS alternatives



Environmental process update

- West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Draft EIS was published in January 2022
- Both extensions were initially on the same environmental review timeline
- Additional environmental review needed for project refinements for Ballard Link Extension resulting from Board actions in March and July 2023
- Environmental review for the two extensions will now proceed on different timelines
 - West Seattle Link Extension will proceed to a Final EIS
 - Ballard Link Extension will require a SEPA Supplemental Draft EIS/NEPA Draft EIS
(incorporating all work to date including previous comments, public outreach and environmental analysis)

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Amendment for Ballard Link Extension

- Supports completion of environmental review for all Ballard Link Extension alternatives and Preliminary Engineering for the Preferred Alternative
- Increases the authorized project allocation by \$32.8M from \$630.6M to \$663.4M
- Does not affect schedule beyond already incurred delays and is within the project cost estimate in the Finance Plan
 - After this action, no capacity remains in the Finance Plan for additional studies

Thank you.



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