

# ***Sound Transit Update***

***Everett City Council  
4/21/21***

# Presentation Overview

## Discussion of Sound Transit with a focus on:

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



Photo: Everett Station

*\*All project delivery dates currently under review due to the Board realignment process.*

# 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.



\*Could be completed as early as 2024  
Source: Sound Transit, Times reporting  
EMILY M. ENG / THE SEATTLE TIMES

# 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)



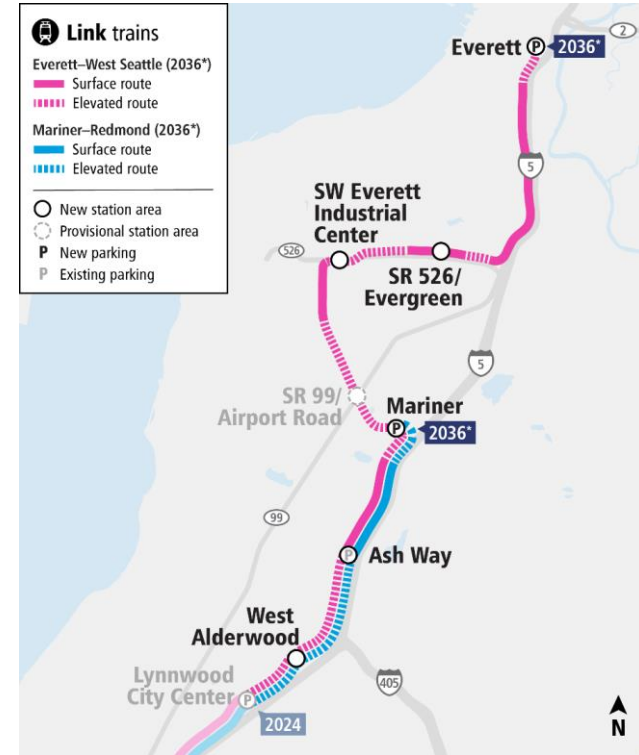
Photo: An ST bus passing under the future light rail tracks at the Lynnwood City Center Station at the Lynnwood Transit Center.

# 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
- **Capacity:** 150+ light rail vehicles
- **Opening (ST3 Plan):** 2032



Photo: Central OMF (existing)

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# Looking ahead

## Phase 1 of Alternatives Development

- Everett Link Extension Alternatives Development kicked off on 4/19

## 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

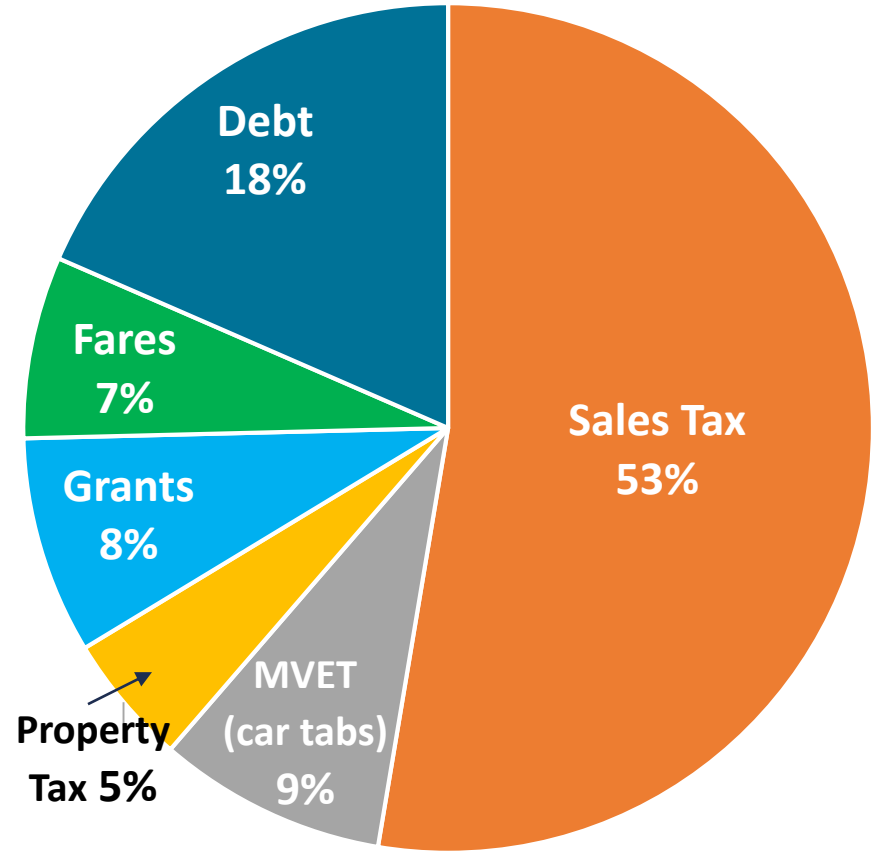
# *Realigning expansion plans*





# 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*

- **Lower revenue:** Lower sales tax, motor vehicle excise, and rental car taxes due to recession.
- **Higher costs:** Construction costs remain at record levels due to continued growth in property values and hot construction market.

# System expansion projects

## North/Central Corridor

Northgate Link

Lynnwood Link

SR 522/NE 145th BRT

NE 130th St. Infill Station

Everett Link

OMF North

Souder North Parking/Access

West Seattle Link

Ballard Link & 2nd Tunnel

Graham St & BAR Infill Stations

Baselined

(not subject to realignment)

## East Corridor

East Link

Downtown Redmond Link

OMF East

BRT Maintenance Base

I-405 BRT

Issaquah-S Kirkland Link

N Sammamish P&R

## South Corridor

Hilltop Tacoma Link

Federal Way Link

Puyallup Access

Tacoma Dome Link

OMF South

Sumner Access

Auburn Access

Kent Access

S Tacoma Access

Lakewood Access

Souder Maintenance Base

Souder Platform Extensions

Souder South Added Trips

ST3 Souder Access Program

DuPont Souder Extension

TCC Tacoma Link

## Bus Reliability

Madison BRT

SR-7/Pacific BRT

Bus-on-Shoulder

RapidRide C/D

# *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.

# ***Federal Government Relief Funds***

## **Recent additional funding**

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

# *Federal Look Ahead*

- Requested continued support for Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) **Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program**
- Senators Murray and Cantwell **introduced legislation (S.837)** that could increase federal funding for our Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) projects by 30% based on total project costs.
- Monitoring closely and working diligently to maintain a **strong federal partnership.**

# *Input opportunity*

In response to an affordability gap, the Sound Transit Board is considering changes to schedules and plans for transit expansions that are not yet under construction.

**Visit [soundtransit.org/RealignmentPriorities](https://www.soundtransit.org/RealignmentPriorities) to share your thoughts before April 30!**

The website and survey are translated in Traditional Chinese, Korean, Russian, Tagalog, Spanish and Vietnamese

# Next steps

## *Anticipated realignment work through July*

### *Ongoing public engagement*

**April** Discuss affordability gap update

**May** Discuss Board priorities

**June** Develop realignment plan(s)

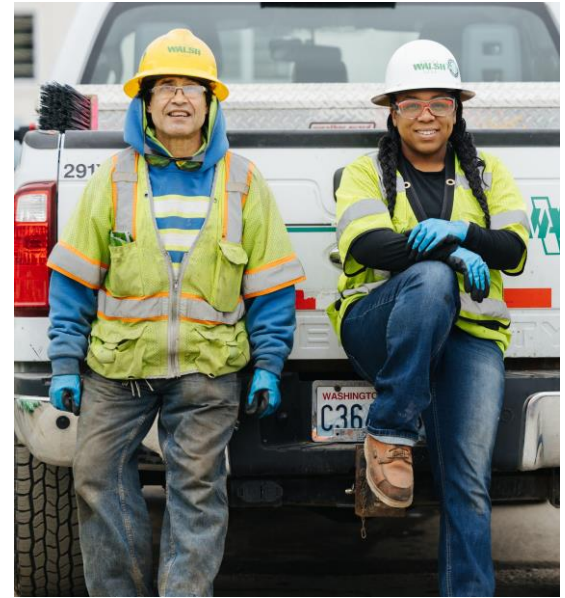
**July** Consider potential action to adopt realignment plan(s)



# 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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