Field work continues this summer

Over the past few months and continuing for the next four months or more, Sound Transit representatives are conducting noise monitoring, vibration testing, geotechnical drilling, wetland delineation and survey work in the public right of way and on private property with permission from property owners. Information obtained from this work is needed to study, evaluate and document potential impacts of the planned Link light rail expansion, complete the environmental review process and publish the Final EIS in early 2015. It also directly informs detailed engineering work. This work will continue on private and public properties along the Interstate 5 corridor between Northgate and Lynnwood.

Other Sound Transit projects underway

Long-Range Plan update

Sound Transit has begun the process of asking the public to help update the Regional Transit Long-Range Plan. This process will identify the public's priorities for future services and destinations after the scheduled 2023 completion of current voter-approved projects. This updated plan will identify projects envisioned for inclusion in potential future ballot measures. Stay tuned -- Sound Transit will soon send information on public involvement opportunities including public hearings and an online survey. In Snohomish County an open house will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on July 17 at the Everett Station, with a public hearing at 6 p.m. For more information, visit **soundtransit.org/longrangeplan**.

Light Rail Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility (OMSF) Project

In May, Sound Transit released a Draft EIS concerning potential sites (Lynnwood and Bellevue) for the development and operation of a new OMSF to support the expansion of Sound Transit's Link light rail system. This system-wide expansion is a part of the voter-approved package for transit investments and financing. For more information, visit **soundtransit.org/omsf**. Make sure to provide your comments by June 23, 2014.

Stay informed about the Lynnwood Link Extension:

Visit our website:
www.soundtransit.org/LLE

Sign up for project updates:
www.soundtransit.org/subscribe
Email the project:
LynnwoodLink@soundtransit.org

Have specific questions or a community group we should visit?
Call Roger Iwata, Sound Transit Community Outreach: **206-689-4904**

Si usted desea hablar con Sound Transit en el idioma español acerca del tren de riel ligero entre Northgate y Lynnwood llame al 1-800-823-9230.
如果您想用粵語向 Sound Transit 查詢或反映有關 Northgate 和 Lynnwood 之間輕鐵列車的情況，請致電 1-800-823-9230
Nếu quý vị muốn nói chuyện với Sound Transit bằng tiếng Việt về hệ thống hỏa xa nhẹ từ Northgate đến Lynnwood, xin gọi số 1-800-823-9230.
Kung nais niyong makipag-usap sa Sound Transit sa Tagalog na wika ukol sa tren na light rail na nasa pagitan ng Northgate at Lynnwood tawagan ang 1-800-823-9230.
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Look for Sound Transit in your community this summer!

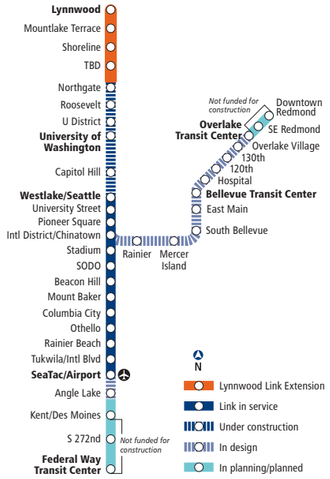
Design progressing: opportunities to learn more this summer

This summer you will have several opportunities to speak with Sound Transit staff about the Lynnwood Link Extension project and get your questions answered as the preferred light rail route and station alternative is developed. Information booths and community drop-in sessions will be in communities near you. Read more about these events on pages 2 and 3.

Ride the preferred alternative route (virtually)

Sound Transit recently released a video simulation of the Lynnwood Link Extension's preferred alignment. The video provides an animated view of the route and stations based on current designs, but is not intended to show every detail and will change as design progresses. Last year, the Sound Transit Board identified a preferred light rail route and station alternative from a number of options evaluated in the project's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The identification of the preferred alternative enables project staff to focus on advancing designs and refining analysis of environmental impacts and mitigation.

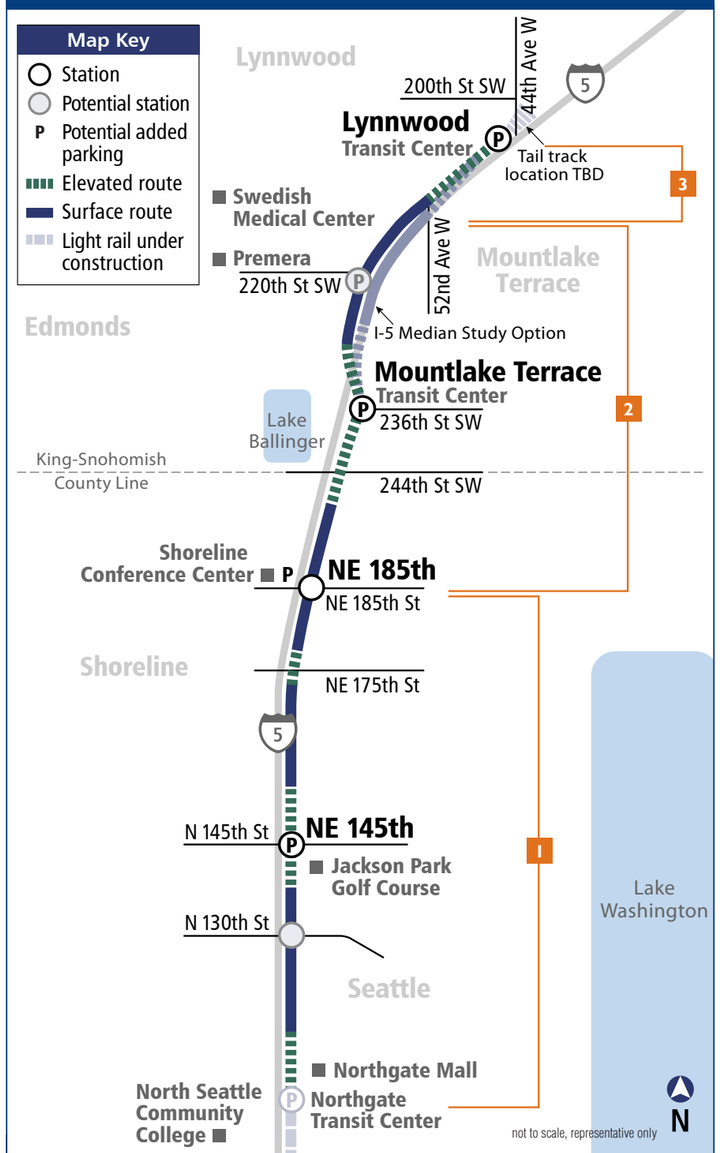
To view the video simulation please visit: **www.soundtransit.org/lynnwoodvideo**



Project background

The Lynnwood Link Extension is part of the voter-approved Sound Transit 2 Plan to extend mass transit throughout the region. When complete in 2023, a station in Lynnwood will be the most northern point of a light rail system with more than 50 miles of service to the north, south and east of Seattle. The Lynnwood Link Extension will add 8.5 miles of light rail, providing an alternative to congested roadways in one of the most densely developed urban areas in the Pacific Northwest. Stations are anticipated in Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Shoreline and potentially Seattle.

Preferred alternative route and stations



What is the preferred alternative?

1. Northgate to NE 185th Street: At-grade and elevated with stations at NE 145th and NE 185th streets (Alternative A1)
2. NE 185th Street through Mountlake Terrace: East side of I-5 to Mountlake Terrace Transit Center station to west side of I-5 (Alternative B2)
3. Lynnwood: West side of I-5 to Lynnwood Park and Ride station (Alternative C3-Modified)

Want to learn more about the preferred alternative?

Come visit us at an upcoming community drop-in session!

Get updates on:

"C3 – Modified" (route near Lynnwood)

Sound Transit and the City of Lynnwood are working together to evaluate a modified version of the C3 alternative explored in the Draft EIS in 2013. The C3-Modified route and station location would be located farther west of the C3 route.

Route alignment near 220th in Mountlake Terrace

Sound Transit is exploring two route and station options on the west side of I-5 for a potential station at 220th Street SW.

Route alignment near Latvian Church, Seattle

Sound Transit has been making progress to design and maintain access to the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church and Cultural Center. See the latest plan that provides access to the church and avoids relocation. Find out about changes to the pedestrian path nearby that leads to the 1st Avenue NE/N 117th Street freeway overpass.

Station site plans and more

We will also have preliminary information related to station locations and site plans, route alignment along the entire route and property owner interests.

Stop by one of our community drop-in sessions to talk to project staff, ask questions, see project maps and learn more:

SEATTLE
June 18
Northgate Community Center
10510 5th Avenue NE
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

LYNNWOOD
June 19
Lynnwood Library
19200 44th Avenue W
4:00 p.m - 6:30 p.m.

SHORELINE
June 25
Shoreline Library
345 NE 175th Street
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE
June 26
Mountlake Terrace Library
23300 58th Avenue W
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

What's next?

Project design progress
Work will continue to refine designs and document potential impacts and mitigation for the preferred alternative as part of the Final EIS.

Continued fieldwork
Over the next four months or more, Sound Transit is continuing to get information from the field; you may see teams with vests and hardhats in the vicinity of the Interstate 5 corridor between Northgate and Lynnwood.

Property owners
Sound Transit will continue to contact people who own properties that may be impacted by the project prior to the release of the Final EIS. Contact Roger Iwata at 206-689-4904 if you have any questions.

Project outreach
Stop by one of the community drop-in sessions at community centers and libraries or visit Sound Transit's information booth at local fairs and festivals to learn more about the project (details below).

Project milestones review

Since 2011 Sound Transit has been gathering input from the public, local community groups, stakeholders and jurisdictions including the cities of Seattle, Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace, Edmonds and Lynnwood as well as King and Snohomish counties.

- In July 2013, the project released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for public review.
- In November 2013, the Sound Transit Board identified a preferred light rail route and station alternative.
- Now in 2014, staff are working on refinements and conducting further studies of the preferred light rail route and station alternative based on the Board's direction.
- The final decision on the route and stations is expected in 2015 after the Final EIS is published–all alternatives in the Draft EIS are under consideration until then.

See you at the fair!

Come visit with us at a Sound Transit booth to learn more about the project this summer:

Pinehurst Fest
July 12

Shoreline Farmers Market
July 19

Tour de Terrace
July 26 - 27

Lynnwood Farmers Market
August 7

Celebrate Shoreline Festival
August 16

Edmonds Farmers Market
August 23

Project timeline

*Schedule subject to change