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**Eastrail Regional Advisory Council
Friday January 30, 2026 10:00AM – 12:00PM
Meeting held via Zoom**

Agenda

10:00 AM – 10:05 AM Introductions and Agenda Review

- RAC Co-Chair/King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci

10:05 AM – 10:15 AM Public Comment on Items on Today's Agenda – *Please note that this time is reserved for comments only. Questions are always welcome at Eastrail@kingcounty.gov and will be timely addressed there.*

- RAC Co-Chair/King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci

10:15 AM – 10:20 AM Approval of October 31, 2025 RAC Meeting Summary

- RAC Co-Chair/King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci

**10:20 AM – 10:45 AM 2026 Major Capital, Celebration, and Activation Look Ahead
(Information Item)**

- Joe Inslee, Project Manager, King County Parks and Recreation Division

10:45 AM – 11:10 AM Review and Approval of the RAC/PST 2026 Work Plan (Consensus Item)

- David St. John, Environmental Affairs Officer, King County DNRP

**11:10 AM – 11:20 AM Review and Approval of Revisions to the 2022 RAC Memorandum of
Understanding (Consensus Item)**

- David St. John, Environmental Affairs Officer, King County DNRP

11:20 AM – 11:30 AM Briefing on 2Line Opening Planning and Celebration (Information Item)

- Savanna Steele, Corridor Manager - East King County, Sound Transit

11:30 AM – 11:40 AM RAC Premier of the New Eastrail Video (Information Item)

- Colin Petkus, Eastrail Partners

11:40 AM – 11:50 AM RAC "Heads Up" and Housekeeping (Information Item)

- David St. John, Environmental Affairs Officer, King County DNRP





11:50 AM – 12:00 PM **Progress and Success Updates (Information Item)**

- RAC members
- Katherine Hollis, Eastrail Partners

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

- RAC Co-Chair/King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci



EASTRAIL REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
October 31, 2025 | 10 AM – 12 PM
Zoom Meeting

Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Members Present: Claire Sumadiwirya, Bellevue Councilmember; John Taylor, King County Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks Director; Jay Arnold, Kirkland Deputy Mayor; Ryan McIrvine, Renton Councilmember; Tom Teigen, Snohomish County Director of Conservation and Natural Resources; Michelle Evans, Woodinville Councilmember; Savanna Steele (alternate for Don Billen), Sound Transit; Matt Larsen, Puget Sound Energy

Welcome and Introductions

Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold called the meeting to order at 10:05 am, welcomed all in attendance to the final RAC meeting of 2025, and reviewed the agenda.

Public Comment

Don noted that as a Wilburton resident, he is looking forward to Trestle completion and would like to request a gravel trail between NE 4th and SE 1st before the Grand Connection is completed. He noted there are some trash issues in that area and would like to see it open sooner. He also expressed appreciation for Councilmember John Stokes's contributions and thanked RAC members for recognizing him at the previous RAC meeting.

Steve McCarthy requested an update on timing for the Wilburton Trestle.

Approval of July 25, 2025 RAC meeting summary

Councilmember Evans moved to approve the July 25 meeting summary; Councilmember Ryan McIrvine seconded. **Members unanimously voted to approve the July 25 meeting summary as drafted.**

“Future of Eastrail” Workshop Report Out and Follow-up Actions (Information and Discussion Item)

David St. John of King County Parks recapped the June 13 Future of Eastrail workshop, lessons learned, and follow-up actions. Slides were included in the meeting packet.

- Workshop objectives were to clarify next steps, inspire future commitment, bolster partnerships, and celebrate achievements. ~80 attendees shared visions for the role of Eastrail, including creating community and social cohesion, an interconnected Eastside, and supporting local business.
- Themes for types of action included coordination, communication, fundraising, connecting mobility modes, building community, creating supportive policy, and activation. Specific ideas included:
 - Involve community youth
 - Explore, develop, and implement new public/private funding strategies and mechanisms
 - Refresh and update corridor vision and development plan
 - Install amenities that support a positive trail user experience
 - Implement an “adopt-a-trail” program
 - Incentivize/implement trail-oriented development

Discussion & Next Steps

- Members expressed appreciation for the event and the cross-sector collaboration, thought

leadership, and momentum-building it facilitated. They noted that members are focused on different types of actions based on the current phase of trail development in their jurisdiction.

- RAC members requested more time to consider questions related to follow-up actions and will revisit for further discussion at the next RAC meeting.

RAC Membership – Resolving Eastside Greenway Alliance Departure (Consensus Item)

Deputy Mayor Arnold and David St. John summarized options and next steps for Eastside Greenway Alliance's (EGA) departure from the RAC. Slides were included in the meeting packet. Options include:

1. Keep RAC seat for the role EGA was playing and identify and secure a new entity for the seat. *No group has been identified; this is not a viable option at this time.*
2. Keep RAC seat but leave unfilled while the RAC works through a process to identify a new entity to take the seat.
3. **Eliminate RAC seat and reduce the number of RAC member entities. Longer term, decide how to sustain a community voice in RAC meetings.**

The process to pursue option three is:

1. EGA sends a letter to RAC co-chairs indicating its intention to leave the RAC (received Oct. 17).
2. RAC consensus agreement confirming EGA's departure and resulting modification to RAC membership (requesting today).
3. Letter of interest among RAC member entities affirming membership revision.
4. Revision and execution of MOU to document new membership.
5. King County Council motion approving MOU and formalizing new RAC membership.
6. RAC member resolution publicly acknowledging contributions of EGA and thanking EGA and its member entities.

Discussion & Next Steps

- **RAC members agreed to pursue option 3** and move forward with updating the MOU. David St. John will distribute letter template for RAC members to submit supporting this position.

Grand Connection Project and Wilburton Area Land Use Policy (Information Item)

Nathan Torgelson of City of Bellevue and Sarah Langton of Langton Public Affairs provided updates on the Grand Connection over I-405, which will support growth and development in the Wilburton area and provide a new urban mixed-use community to enhance livability, promote active transportation, and support economic vitality in the area. Slides were included in the meeting packet.

- Bellevue adopted necessary package of code amendments this year to facilitate Wilburton Vision implementation and accelerate development of under-/undeveloped parcels for affordable housing, mixed-use, commercial, and transit-oriented development, and reconnect areas of Bellevue bisected by I-405. The Grand Connection will help integrate Eastrail into surrounding communities and enhance the entire regional trails system.
- Bellevue plans to release RFP/RFQ for general contractor/construction manager in winter 2026, and begin construction as early as Q2 2027 with anticipated completion in 2030.

“Welcome to Eastrail” Community Guidelines and Trail Ambassadors Program Implementation (Information Item)

Joe Inslee of King County and Colin Petkus of Eastrail Partners shared outcomes from the summer pilot implementation of Welcome to Eastrail community guidelines and Trail Ambassador program and implications for future development. Slides were included in the meeting packet.

- King County developed and deployed signage with visuals in multiple languages throughout the trail system and worked with Eastrail Partners to pilot an ambassador program over the summer.

- Staff spent six days engaging in 110+ conversations with trail users in Renton, Woodinville, Kirkland, and Redmond, answering questions and promoting trail etiquette awareness through positive messaging (not enforcement). Key themes included user behavior concerns (e-bikes, bike/ped conflicts, long dog leashes, etc.), projects updates, and the King County Parks levy.
- Lessons learned include:
 - Need for an array of signage sizes/types, batch ordering for cost savings and efficiency.
 - Opportunity to add digital formats and amplify via regional social media campaign.
 - Work to do to improve existing trail signage and need for standardized, shared wayfinding to highlight destinations and connections into cities.
 - Not sure stationary engagement model was most effective.
 - Questions were very technical, not sure how feasible staffing with volunteers would be.
 - Consider regional approach as staff received questions about non-Eastrail segments/trails.

Discussion & Next Steps

- RAC members noted other opportunities and community touch points to educate and activate users, including schools, retirement communities, etc.

King County Parks Levy Vote and Next Steps (Information Item)

John Taylor of King County Park shared updates on the recently passed six-year \$1.45 billion King County Parks levy. The levy provides funding for operations and maintenance, grant programs, and support for local jurisdictions, parks districts, and partners. It also includes \$65 million for Eastrail projects to complete various segments, including the Wilburton Trestle and I-90 bridge crossing, connecting along Gene Coulon Park and design from Coulon Park to VMAC, completing trail in central Wilburton, and interim trail development along the mainline between Woodinville and Kirkland.

Progress and Success Updates (Information Item)

Woodinville – King5 recently did a story on the Eastrail tunnel at 133rd roundabout.

Sound Transit – Federal Way Link light rail station on the 1 Line will open December 6. They are also testing the 2 Line on I-90 and will have more to share in the coming months.

PSE – two months away from removing coal from generation portfolio and meeting Washington’s Clean Energy Transformation Act requirements.

Renton – accepted Sound Transit grant for NE 44th station which will install a HAWK signal on Lake Washington Blvd. They plan to begin design and construction next year, which will provide another connection point to the May Creek Trail.

Eastrail Partners – railbanked all the way to Snohomish and excited to continue building momentum.

The meeting recording is available here: [2025 Meetings - King County](#). Interested parties should send comments to eastrail@kingcounty.gov. Joe Inslee will compile any additional comments received.

Next Steps and Adjournment

2026 RAC meetings have not been officially scheduled yet, but the next RAC meeting is planned for January 26. The meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.

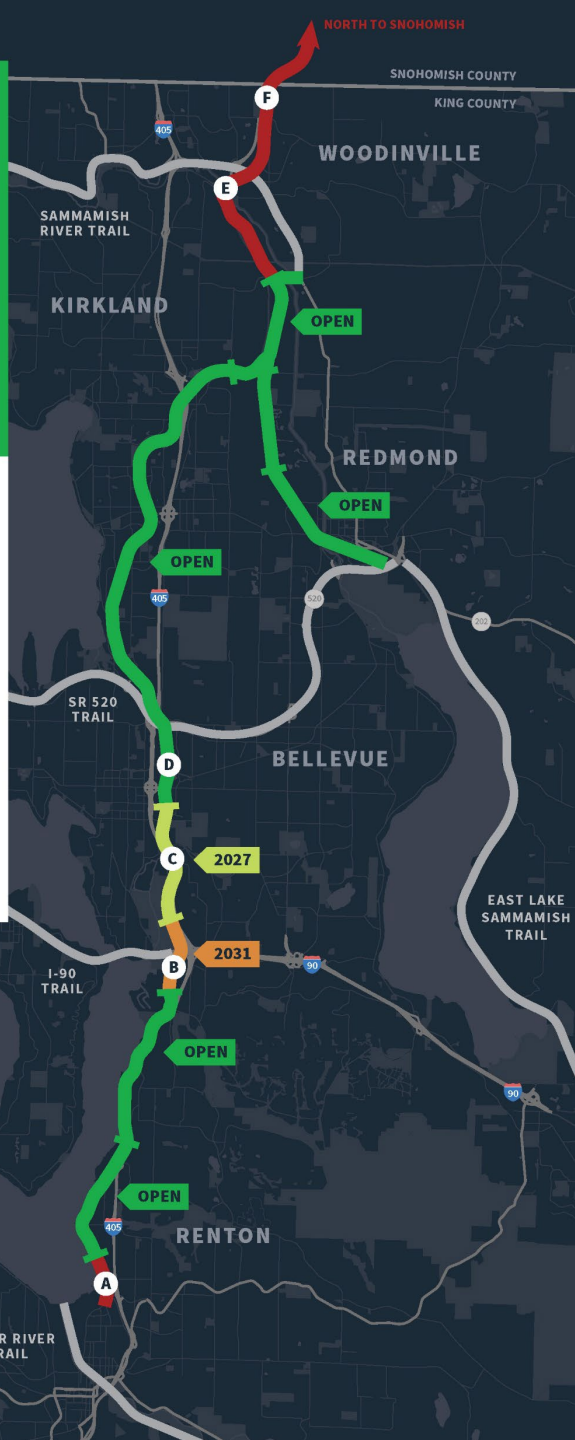
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Anticipated Trail Connection Projects 2026-2031

Years shown reflect assumptions that are current as of January 2026 and are subject to change based on new information



- A** Renton Southern Extension (Partially funded)
- B** I-90 Crossing (Partially funded)
- C** Wilburton Trestle
- D** Spring Blvd Connector (2027)
- E** Woodinville Eastrail Sections (Partially funded)
- F** Centennial Trail South



Eastrail Capital Project Updates

Eastrail Regional Advisory Council
January 30, 2026

An Anticipated Construction Outlook

Timeline and cost information is current as of January 2026 and is based on the best available information at this time.

Estimating standards vary between agencies and based on the extent of design work completed for each project. Contact Joe Inslee, King County Parks for questions or clarification, jinslee@kingcounty.gov

2025 Accomplishments

ELST to Eastrail connection



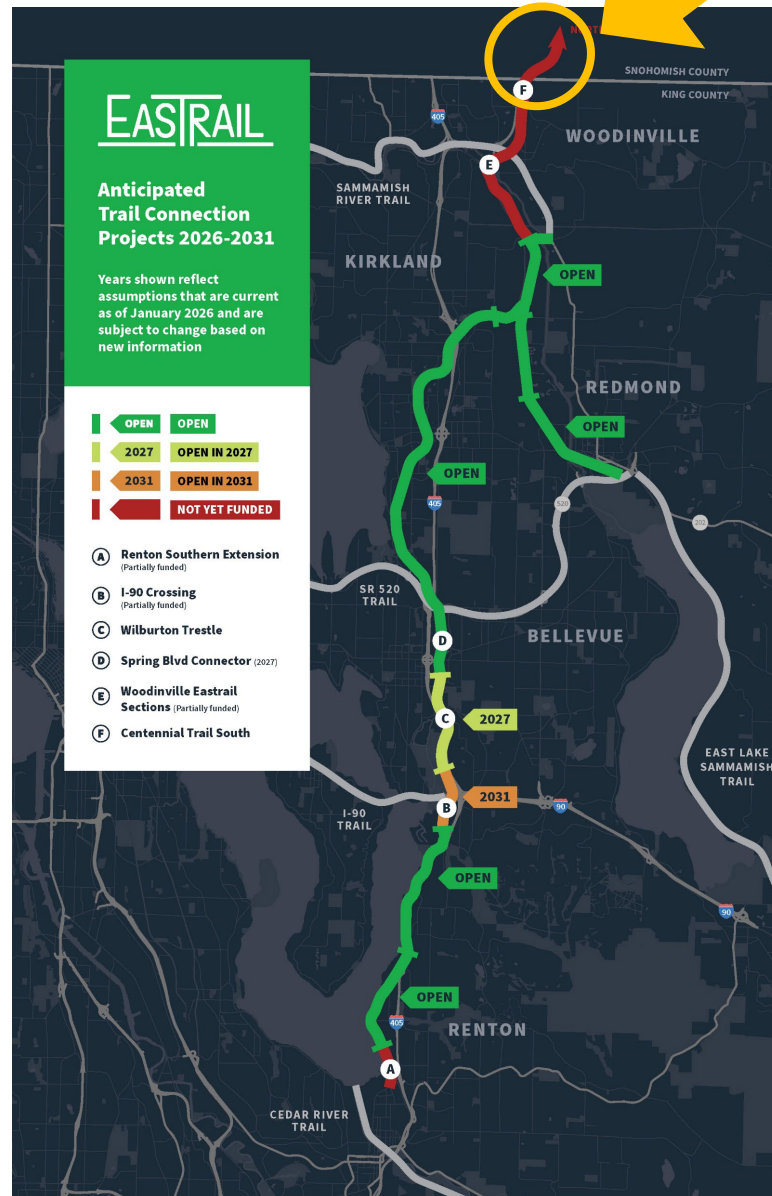
ST 2 Redmond Line Opening



RCCIII Opening



Centennial Trail South SNOHOMISH COUNTY



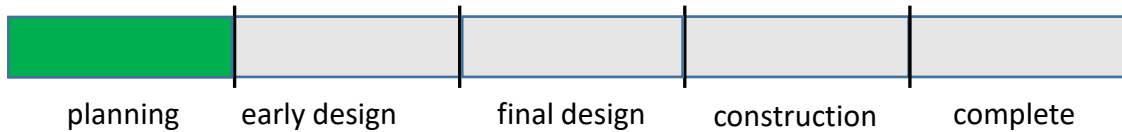
Centennial Trail (CT) South

Snohomish County

- CT South will be a 12-mile paved trail connection between the City of Snohomish and the King/Snohomish County Line
- Will link 30 miles of Centennial Trail to 30 miles of Eastrail
- Corridor will be developed in phases



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- Project kickoff for conceptual design and feasibility early 2026
- Will establish corridor alignment, trail design, phasing plan and funding plan
- Public outreach through 2026
- Early design 2027



133rd Ave NE Roundabout and Bicycle/Pedestrian Tunnel WOODINVILLE

- Will provide a grade separated bicycle and pedestrian pathway under the 133rd Ave NE roundabout to allow the Eastrail Multi-use Trail to pass safely and continuously through the downtown area
- New roundabout will connect Little Bear Creek Parkway and Woodinville-Snohomish Rd, reducing congestion, improving safety, and increasing access to the downtown core



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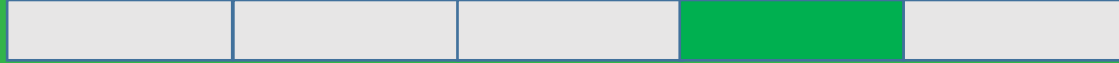
- Construction began in Summer 2025.
- Construction is currently on a winter shutdown and will resume end of February
- The tunnel has been installed, and the roundabout construction will begin when work resumes in February
- Project is planned to be complete in August 2026



133rd Ave NE Roundabout and Bicycle/Pedestrian Tunnel

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planning

early design

final design

construction

complete



Groundbreaking
July 22, 2025



133rd Ave NE Roundabout
Rendering



Construction
December 2025



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SR 202 Widening and Trestle Replacement

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- Widen SR 202 from five lanes to eight lanes of traffic
- Replace existing rail trestle with a new pedestrian/bicycle bridge and construct the Eastrail Multi-use Trail from the Sammamish River Trail to the 133rd Ave NE Roundabout section of the trail



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Status

- Finalizing project plans, specifications and permitting
- Construction is expected to start in Fall of 2026 and be completed in late 2027
- Pursuing a BUILD grant

Secured Funding

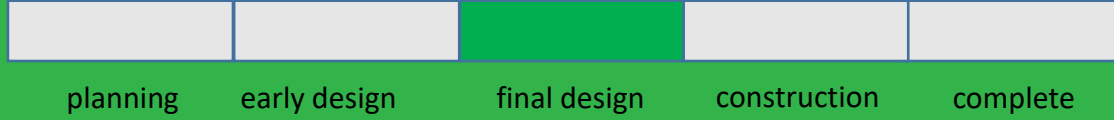
- \$2.5M Rep. DelBene Community Partnerships funds
- \$5M Move Ahead WA
- \$5M Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)
- \$2.25M Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety



SR 202 Widening and Trestle Replacement

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Current SR202/Trestle



**New SR202/Trestle
Rendering**



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Eastrail Multi-Use Trail Plan

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- 1.9-mile linear park along the Eastrail corridor from the Sammamish River Trail to the future Centennial Trail Extension in Snohomish County
- Framework Plan will be developed in the planning phase to identify amenities, crossings, street profiles, vision, artwork and other elements to be included in the design



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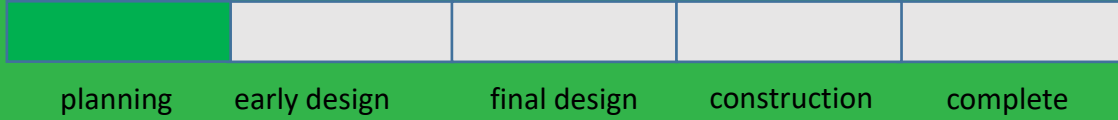
- Planning phase was kicked off in January 2026 and is planned to be complete in approximately one year
- Project team site walk is scheduled at the end of the month
- Existing conditions and resources inventory work has commenced



Eastrail Multi-Use Trail Plan

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EASTRAIL POLLINATOR POCKETS

Pollinator pockets and planting palette for each zone along Eastrail Trail, from the Sammamish River Trail to 133rd Ave, NE.

Full palette includes range of plant species and bloom times to support pollinators along the corridor. To be included in the SR 202 Road Widening & Trestle Project.

New pedestrian bridge over SR202 will be included in the project and becomes part of the 42-mile Eastrail Regional Trail.

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POLLINATOR POCKETS**

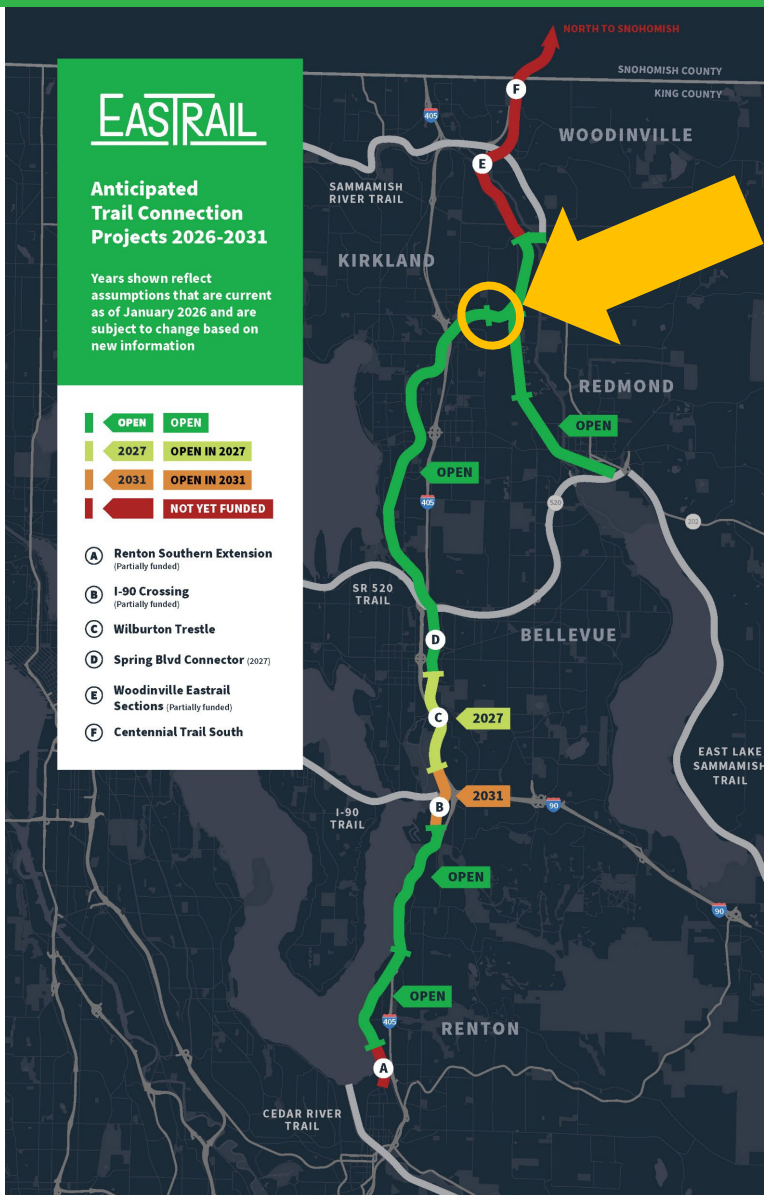


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Slater/132 Crossing KIRKLAND

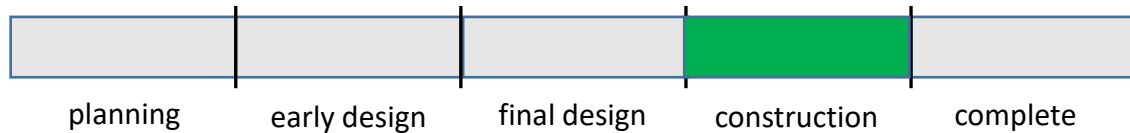


Slater/132 Crossing KIRKLAND

- Constructing a direct, signalized, at grade crossing at 132nd.
- Includes a crosswalk signal, pedestrian refuge island, buffered bike lanes, and new right-turn signal for westbound to northbound vehicles
- Awaiting signal poles to allow for project completion



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ESTIMATED SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION: Spring 2026



Past conditions at 132nd

CKC Closures related to the NE 85th Street Shared-Use Pathway - 6th Street to 405 Improvements KIRKLAND

- Connecting downtown Kirkland to the new ST Bus Rapid Transit station at I-405 and NE 85th St
- 12' wide shared use path on the south side of NE 85th Street
- Includes a bridge over the Cross Kirkland Corridor (no direct connection)
- CKC trail closure continues to the end of the project as the bridge construction creates extreme safety risk



Funding partner:
 SOUNDTRANSIT

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ESTIMATED COMPLETION: Summer 2026










Bridge over Cross Kirkland Corridor

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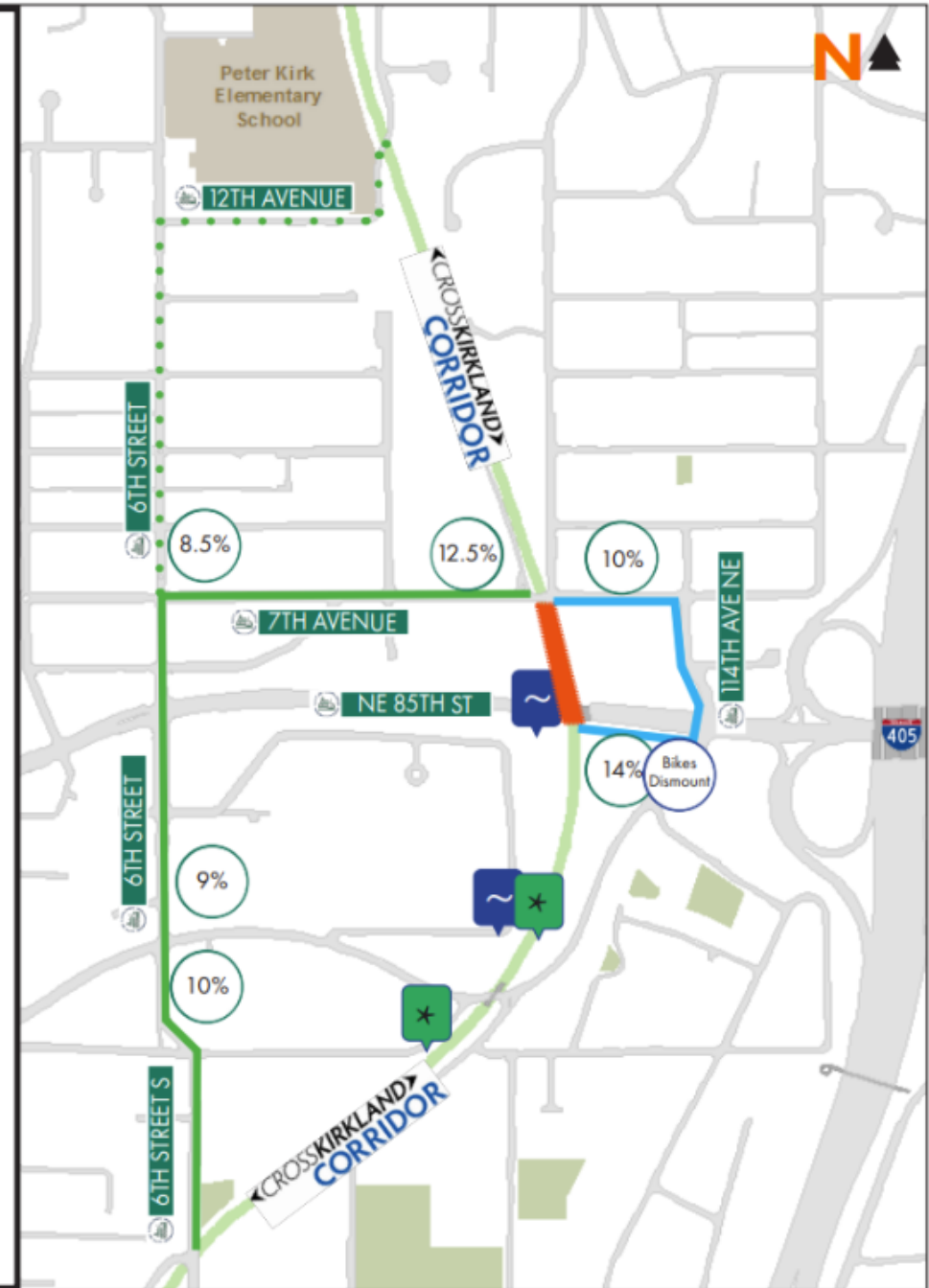
CKC Closures related to the NE 85th Street Shared-Use Pathway - 6th Street to 405 Improvements

KIRKLAND - DETOUR MAP

ROUTE OPTIONS

-  Closed area
-  Detour route with hills
-  Short detour route with steep hills
-  Additional route with hills
-  CKC access points to remain open
-  Stairs
-  Hills
% indicates grade

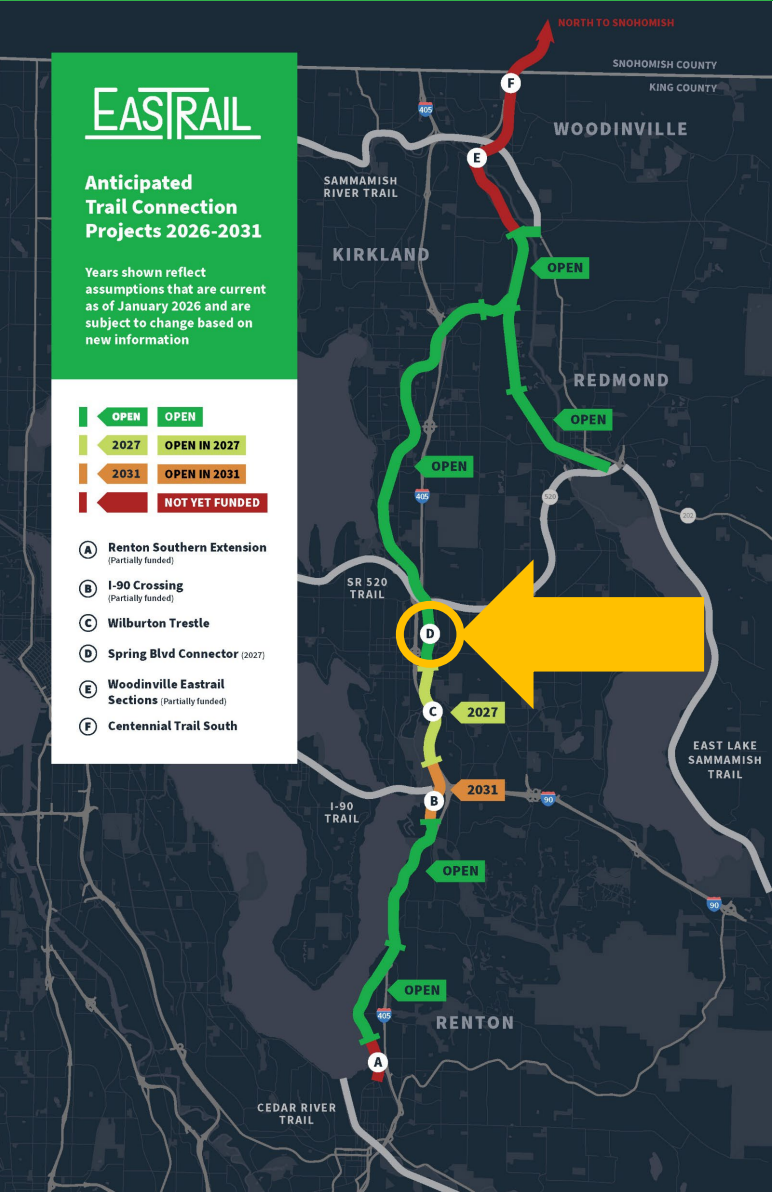
Project Updates each Thursday, scan QR code



(Detour map for CKC Closure from NE 85th Street to NE 87th Street)

Eastrail to Spring Blvd Connector

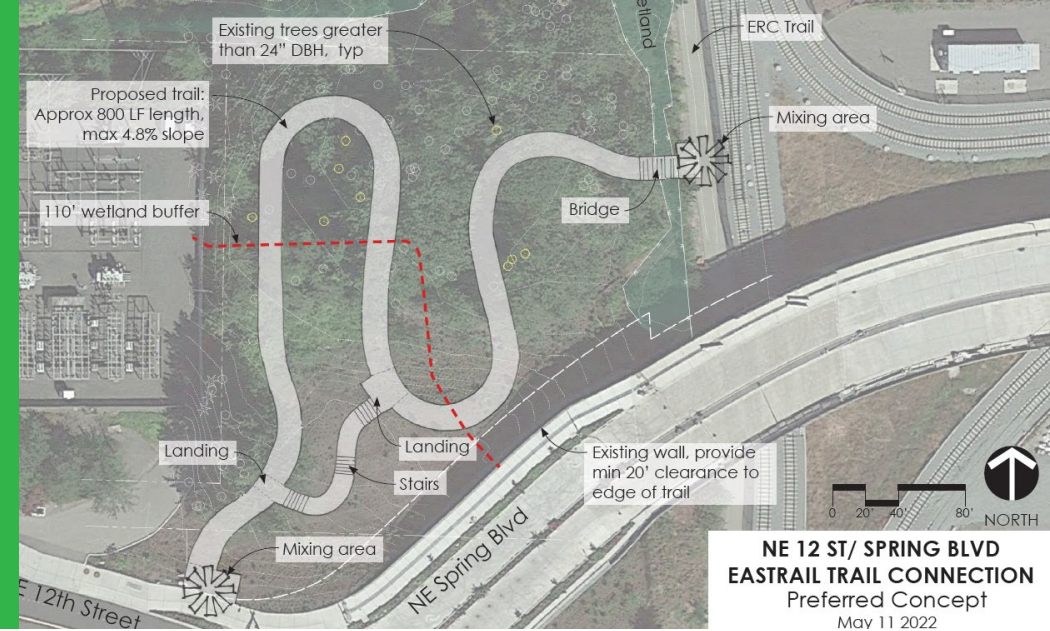
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Eastrail to Spring Blvd Connector

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- Connects north-south Eastrail to east-west NE 12th St/Spring Blvd path
- Provides efficient route to BelRed/Spring District (to the east) and Downtown (to the west)
- Traverses 34' grade difference



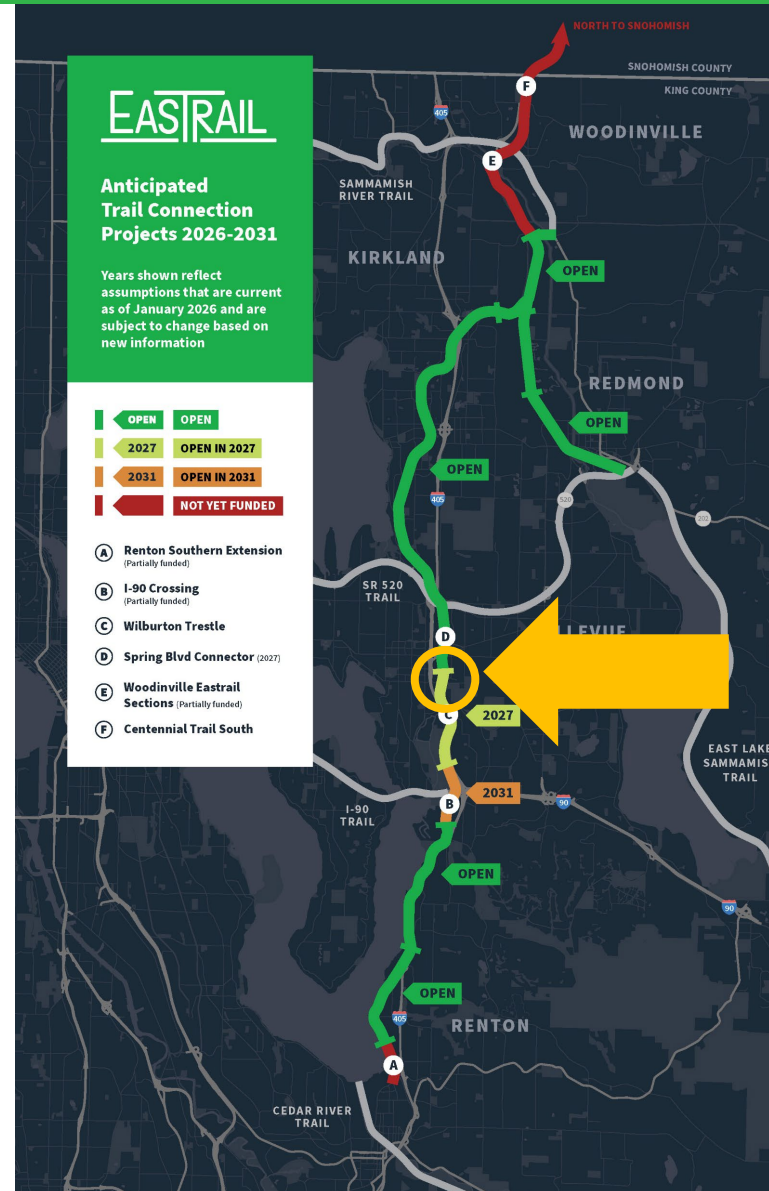
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ESTIMATED START OF CONSTRUCTION: 2026



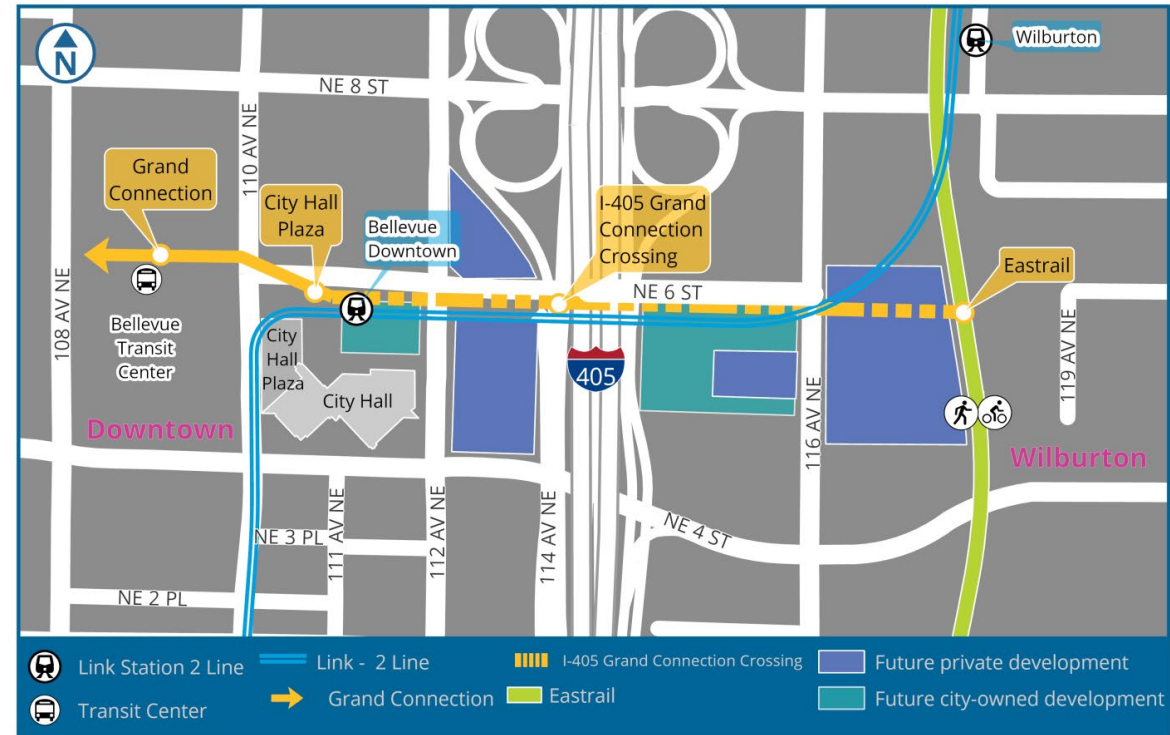
Grand Connection BELLEVUE



Grand Connection I-405 Crossing: City Hall Plaza to Eastrail

BELLEVUE

- Eastward extension of Grand Connection corridor, linking Meydenbauer Bay waterfront through Downtown to Eastrail
- Will serve people walking and biking
- 30% design complete; preparing to launch final design



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TARGET FOR OPENING: 2030-31

Central Wilburton Segment

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Central Wilburton Segment

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- ½ Mile gravel trail connecting NE 8th Bridge to Wilburton Trestle
- Includes improved crossing at SE 1st including painting and signage, and pedestrian-activated signal.
- Will allow for uninterrupted trail in Bellevue from the Mercer Slough education center to the Cross Kirkland Corridor.



Project Funders

- Amazon - \$2.5M

Project Schedule

- Accelerated schedule to open w/ Wilburton Trestle Summer 2027
- Final Design + City of Bellevue permitting – Spring 2026
- Construction – Q3 2026 – Q3 2027



Wilburton Trestle

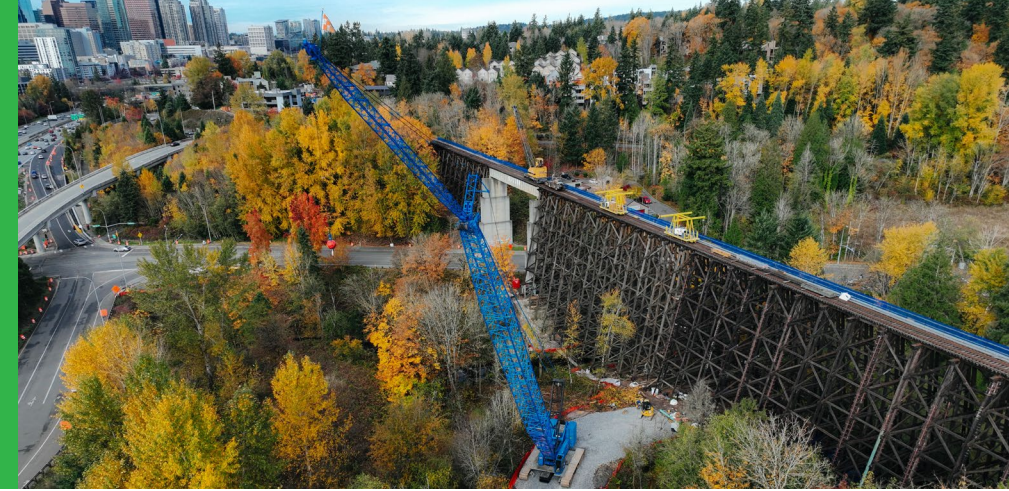
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Wilburton Trestle

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- Iconic landmark and critical connection
- In construction
- Distinctive railing, benches, overlooks
- Historic railroad character



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CONSTRUCTION: 2024 - 2027

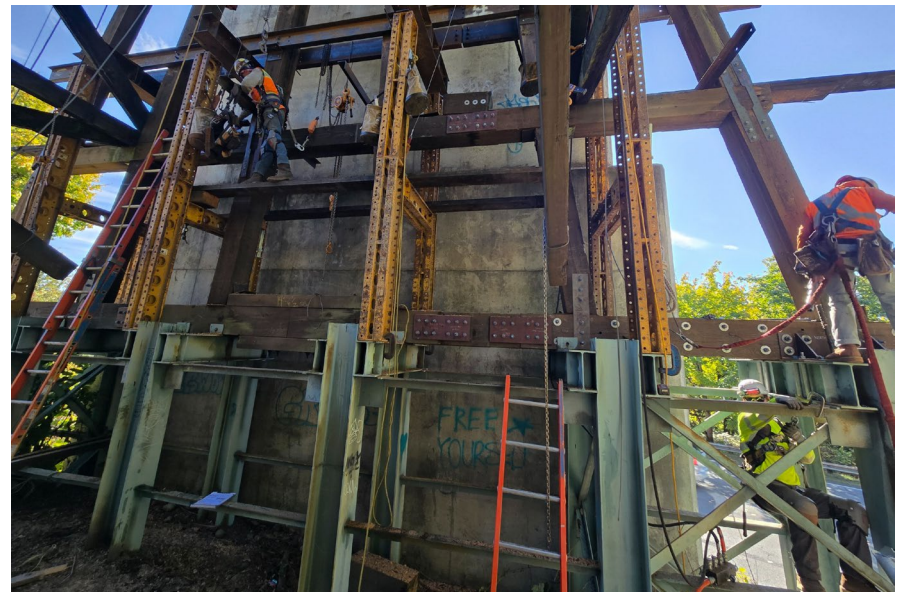
Funding Sources

- King County -\$23M
- WA State \$9M – include \$6M from the CCA
- Amazon \$5M
- City of Bellevue \$2M
- Kaiser Permanente \$500k



Wilburton Trestle

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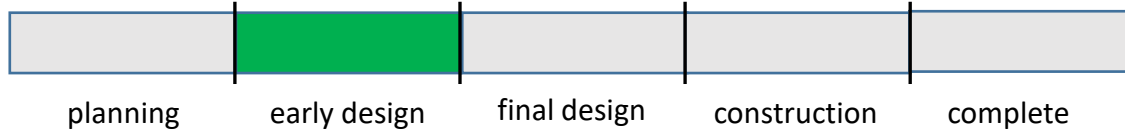
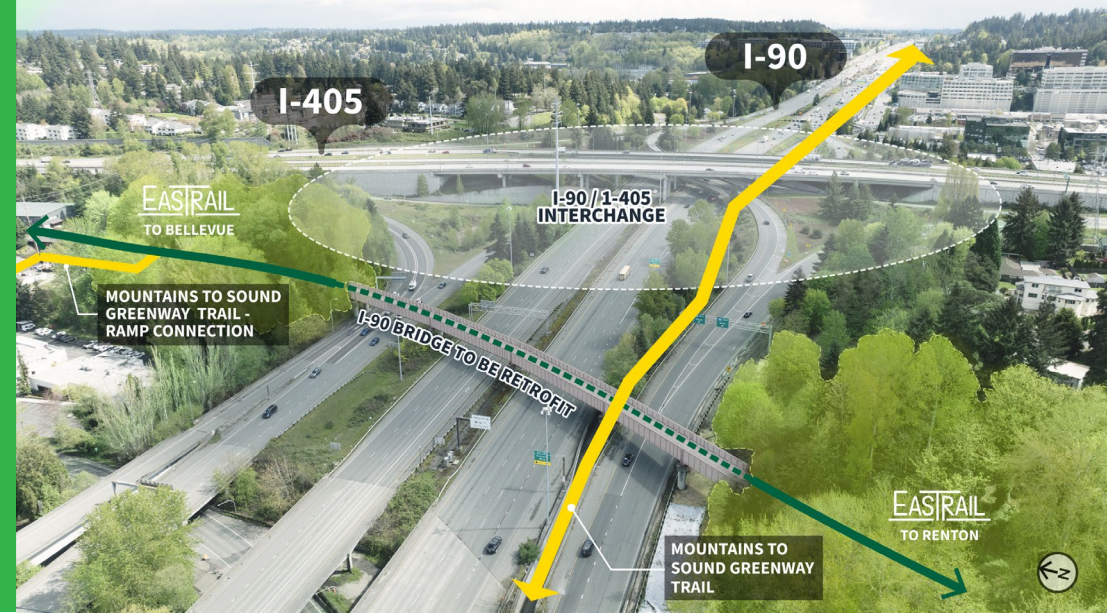
I-90 Bridge Trail Segment KING COUNTY



I-90 Trail Segment

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- 1.7 miles of new paved trail
- Retrofit steel bridge over I-90, and wooden trestle bridge at 32nd St.
- Connect Eastrail to the Mountains to Sound Greenway via City of Bellevue on street connection.

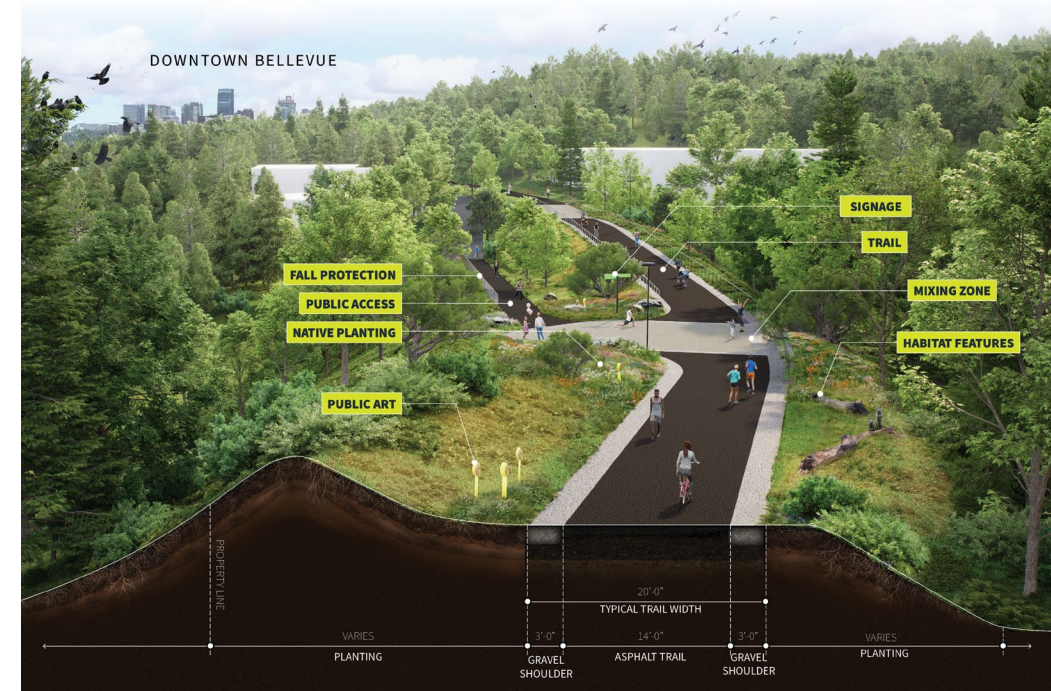


Project Funders

- Washington State - \$12 million*
 - Federal RAISE Grant - \$25 million
 - Local + Levy Funds - \$18.1 million (\$15M 2026 Levy)
- *Washington's Climate Commitment Act

Project Schedule

- 30% Design complete, begin of Final Design stage
- Current work; scoping, cost review, permitting
- Launched Public Input website
- Public Engagement starting Summer 2026





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Review and Approval of the RAC/PST 2026 Work Plan

Consensus Item

January 30, 2026

Review and Approval of the RAC/PST 2026 Work Plan

Today's Focus:

- Refresh on the purpose of the RAC/PST Work Plan
- Review the status of the items from the 2025 RAC/PST Work Plan and identify which should be considered for carrying forward
- Consider new additions for the 2026 RAC/PST Work Plan, e.g., from actions identified by partners/stakeholders in the June 2025 Workshop
- Finalize and get RAC consensus on the items that will be included in the 2026 RAC/PST Work Plan



Review and Approval of the RAC/PST 2026 Work Plan

Purpose of the RAC/PST Work Plan:

1. To identify and prioritize opportunities for collaboration among RAC member entities that supports achieving the RAC vision for the corridor
2. To inform decisions by RAC member entities on reserving time of their staff for RAC-related priorities
3. To guide the ongoing work of RAC member staff outside of RAC meetings in support of RAC priorities
4. To inform decisions by RAC member entities on securing external expertise and capacity to support RAC priorities
5. To augment and build on the work that RAC member entities undertake on their own to advance the development of the corridor



Review and Approval of the RAC/PST 2026 Work Plan

Status of and Forward Consideration for Items on the 2025 RAC/PST Work Plan:

- A. Plan and implement the RAC-sponsored Eastrail video and leadership assembly event
 - *Both tasks implemented successfully, now in final stages of sharing the products and incorporating related input and information into our work*
 - *Do not include for 2026*

- B. Complete the new agreements between RAC entities and Eastrail Partners (EP) to support ongoing engagement by EP on priority actions
 - *Task implemented successfully with agreements either fully executed or in the final stages of execution*
 - *Carry forward and revise this item to reflect new focus on evaluating the need for a new agreement in 2027-2028 with new funding, scope, and timeline*

- C. Engage federal and state leaders to support priority projects
 - *Task implemented successfully with a focus on more informal actions*
 - *Carry this item forward for 2026 with flexibility in advancing specific actions*

Review and Approval of the RAC/PST 2026 Work Plan

Status of and Forward Consideration for Items on the 2025 RAC/PST Work Plan (continued):

- D. Coordinate efforts to address key cross-cutting corridor management issues
 - *Task implemented successfully*
 - *Carry forward for 2026*

- E. Complete the work plan to develop and implement the “Welcome to Eastrail” Community Guidelines
 - *This task and the closely related Eastrail Ambassador program were implemented successfully*
 - *Do not include as a stand-alone item for 2026 but fold any remaining work into other items as appropriate*

- F. Coordinate communication about major capital project progress/milestones, community engagement opportunities and activation events
 - *Task implemented successfully in general but some subtasks need attention in 2026*
 - *Carry forward for 2026 with clarification that this work is supported significantly by Eastrail Partners under the service agreement*

Review and Approval of the RAC/PST 2026 Work Plan

Status of and Forward Consideration for Items on the 2025 RAC/PST Work Plan (continued):

- G. Continue co-creation efforts to connect to and involve the diverse Eastrail community
 - *Task implemented successfully including through EP activities under the service agreement*
 - *Carry forward for 2026 with clarification that this work is primarily undertaken by Eastrail Partners under the service agreement*

- H. Plan/coordinate/implement quarterly RAC meetings and twice-monthly PST meetings
 - *Task implemented successfully*
 - *Carry forward for 2026*

Review and Approval of the RAC/PST 2026 Work Plan

Potential Additions for the 2026 Work Plan:

1. These items are informed by input from the attendees of the June 2025 Future of Eastrail Workshop
2. The RAC's Principals' Staff Team reviewed and identified priorities among the 30+ actions identified at the Workshop to develop these recommendations
3. All related work effort to implement related actions would be resourced through existing staff time commitments; there is no new cost shared funding being developed for these actions

Review and Approval of the RAC/PST 2026 Work Plan

Potential Additions for the 2026 Work Plan:

1. Add a new stand-alone item for completing and communicating a short update report on key completed actions and 5-10 year action priorities supporting achievement of the RAC vision for the corridor
2. Add a point of emphasis on highlighting newly completed high-capacity transit connections to Eastrail with the 2Line to communication actions (for the March grand opening and for ongoing opportunities in 2026+)
3. Add a point of emphasis on engaging community youth to activation and communication actions
4. Add a point of emphasis on implementing coordinated wayfinding to the cross-cutting issues item
5. Add a point of emphasis for EP tabling and “Welcome to Eastrail” trailside signage to communication actions
6. Add a point of emphasis on exploring the implementation of amenities to open trail segments to the cross-cutting issues item

Summarize Proposed Work Plan Items Based
on Today's Discussion

RAC Consensus Decision

- *Is there consensus among RAC members agreeing to the items to include in the 2026 RAC/PST Work Plan?*

Review and Approval of the RAC/PST 2026 Work Plan

What Happens Next:

- Staff prepare and share the final approved 2026 RAC/PST Work Plan document
- Staff meet to discuss roles for taking action on Work Plan items
- Staff develop more detail as needed for scope, substance, and schedule for Work Plan items



Questions, Discussion and Decision

END



Let's Connect

Review and Approval of Revisions to the 2022 RAC Memorandum of Understanding

Consensus Item

January 30, 2026

Review and Approval of Revisions to the 2022 RAC Memorandum of Understanding

Today's Focus:

- Review the steps and status of addressing EGA's departure from RAC
- Consider RAC member letter
- Consider approach to the new MOU
- Reach RAC consensus for letter and MOU key points
- Identify next steps



Review and Approval of Revisions to the 2022 RAC Memorandum of Understanding

Anticipated Steps for Revising RAC Membership to Formalize EGA's Departure:

1. Letter from EGA to RAC Co-Chairs indicating its intention to leave the RAC (received October 17, 2025) ✓
2. RAC consensus agreement on confirming EGA's departure and the resulting modification of RAC membership ✓
3. Letter of Interest among RAC member entities affirming the membership revision **UNDER CONSIDERATION TODAY**
4. Development of a 2026 RAC MOU addressing the new RAC membership **UNDER CONSIDERATION TODAY**
5. King County Council Motion approving the 2026 RAC MOU and formalizing the new RAC membership **IN DEVELOPMENT PENDING TODAY'S DISCUSSION**
6. Approval of MOU by all additional RAC member entities within the new membership **IN DEVELOPMENT PENDING TODAY'S DISCUSSION**
7. RAC member resolution publicly acknowledging the contributions of EGA to progress on Eastrail priorities and thanking EGA and its member entities for these contributions **POTENTIALLY FOR DISCUSSION AT APRIL RAC MEETING**

Review and Approval of Revisions to the 2022 RAC Memorandum of Understanding

RAC Member Letter of Interest:

SECTION 2b. New RAC Membership:

The RAC will add or remove members, membership agencies and jurisdictions based on the following processes:

- Consensus agreement of the current RAC membership.
- Signed letter of interest by all parties acknowledging the change to the membership structure.

- Letter text is included in the meeting packet
- Letter recognizes the October 2025 RAC consensus to change the RAC membership to reflect EGA departure
- Letter expresses the support of RAC member entities to move ahead with this change
- Letter will be sent among RAC entities electronically via email

Review and Approval of Revisions to the 2022 RAC Memorandum of Understanding

Developing the 2026 RAC MOU:

1. RAC member entity staff will be coordinating the drafting of the 2026 MOU
2. Likely main differences from (revisions of) the 2022 RAC MOU:
 - Text of Section 2A: RAC Membership will be modified to remove EGA from the list of RAC member entities
 - The WHEREAS preamble section of the MOU will focus on the EGA membership matter
3. Provisions of the 2022 MOU that don't relate to EGA's departure will be unchanged and remain in effect
4. Anticipated RAC approval of the 2026 MOU at its April 2026 meeting



RAC Consensus Decisions

- *Is there RAC consensus on moving ahead with the letter of interest among members regarding the RAC membership change?*
- *Is there RAC consensus agreeing to the approach to developing a new MOU to formalize the RAC membership change?*

Questions, Discussion and Decision

END

Reference slides
follow

RAC Membership Revision – Eastside Greenway Alliance

Current Circumstances of Eastside Greenway Alliance:

- EGA has been a valuable member of the RAC since 2017
 - Provided a supportive voice from the stakeholder community on the RAC
 - Coordinated the engagement of several non-governmental entities that support Eastrail
 - Lead and supported implementation of actions to address high priorities
- The formation and effectiveness of Eastrail Partners has added a new avenue for community engagement
- EGA member entities remain supportive of Eastrail but have decided to disband their group

RAC Membership Revision – Eastside Greenway Alliance

Priorities for the Eastside Greenway Alliance:

- 1. Rebrand the Eastside Rail Corridor** as a way to communicate the vision to the public
 - Eastrail rebranding completed in 2019

- 2. Secure funding for trail**
 - funding for the Wilburton Trestle (including \$3m State; \$500k Group Health; \$1m from Bellevue)
 - advocacy for strong investment (\$50m) via the 2019 to 2025 KC Parks levy

- 3. Government partners identify a long-term plan to complete the trail by forming a **Blue Ribbon Funding Commission**.**
 - The Funding Commission recommended the formation of a friends of group, which set the stage for Eastrail Partners

SUCCESS!

RAC Membership Revision – Eastside Greenway Alliance

Eastside Greenway Alliance Members:

- Cascade Bicycle Club
- Transportation Choices Coalition
- Futurewise
- Forterra
- Mountains to Sound Greenway
- Move Redmond
- Trust for Public Land
- Washington Trails Association



[Letter email will be addressed respectively to a representative from all RAC member entities except for the entity that is sending the letter, e.g.,:

- King County Executive Zahilay delegate – John Taylor
- King County Council – Councilmember Sarah Perry
- King County Council – Councilmember Claudia Balducci
- King County Council – Councilmember Reagan Dunn
- Snohomish County Executive Somers delegate – Tom Teigen
- City of Bellevue – Transportation Department Director Andrew Singelakis
- City of Kirkland – Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold
- City of Redmond – Council Vice President Jessica Forsythe
- City of Renton – Councilmember Ryan McIrvin
- City of Woodinville – Councilmember Michelle Evans
- Sound Transit CEO Constantine delegate – Ariel Taylor
- Puget Sound Energy – Matt Larson]

Dear Fellow Eastrail Regional Advisory Council Member Entity representatives:

At the October 31, 2025 Eastrail Regional Advisory Council (RAC) meeting the members reached consensus to revise the membership of the RAC to reflect the departure of the Eastside Greenways Alliance (EGA) from the RAC.

Per the RAC's 2022 Memorandum of Understanding one step in the process of officially revising the membership of the RAC is for the remaining RAC member entities to notify each other RAC entity of its agreement to revise the RAC membership.

With this letter I am confirming that RAC member entity [name of the addressing RAC entity] agrees with the revision of the RAC membership to reflect the departure of the EGA from the RAC.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions about this matter.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership to achieve our shared vision for the Eastrail corridor!

Sincerely,

[Name of RAC Member Entity Representative]

[Name of RAC Member Entity]

Cc: [One staff person from the signing entity who is on the RAC Principals' Staff Team]

[Anyone else who is essential as a "cc"]

David St. John, Environmental Affairs Officer, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks

Sound Transit Update

*Eastrail Regional Advisory Council
January 30, 2026*



What we'll cover today:

- Agency Updates and 2025 Recap
- Crosslake Connection

***Agency Updates &
2025 Recap***



Voter-approved system

Link light rail 1 2 3 4 T

- Five lines
- 116 miles
- 83 stations

Sounder trains N S

- Two lines
- 91 miles
- 14 stations

Stride bus rapid transit S1 S2 S3

- Three lines
- 45 miles on I-405 and SR 522
- Serving 12 cities and connecting to light rail in Shoreline, Lynnwood, Bellevue, and Tukwila

Stride Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility



Broke ground August 2025!

2 Downtown Redmond Link Extension



Federal Way Link Extension 1

System Expansion & Crosslake Connection



2 Line Connections: East King County

When fully open, the new 2 Line will run from Lynnwood–Downtown Redmond, serving 26 stations over 34 miles of track

- Opening in **three phases**
 - ✓ South Bellevue–Redmond Technology (2024).
 - ✓ Downtown Redmond extension (2025).
 - Full 2 Line opening: Mercer Island Station, rail across I90, Judkins Park Station, and connection to 1 Line (2026)
- 12 *new* stations in Seattle (1), Mercer Island (1), Bellevue (6), and Redmond (4)

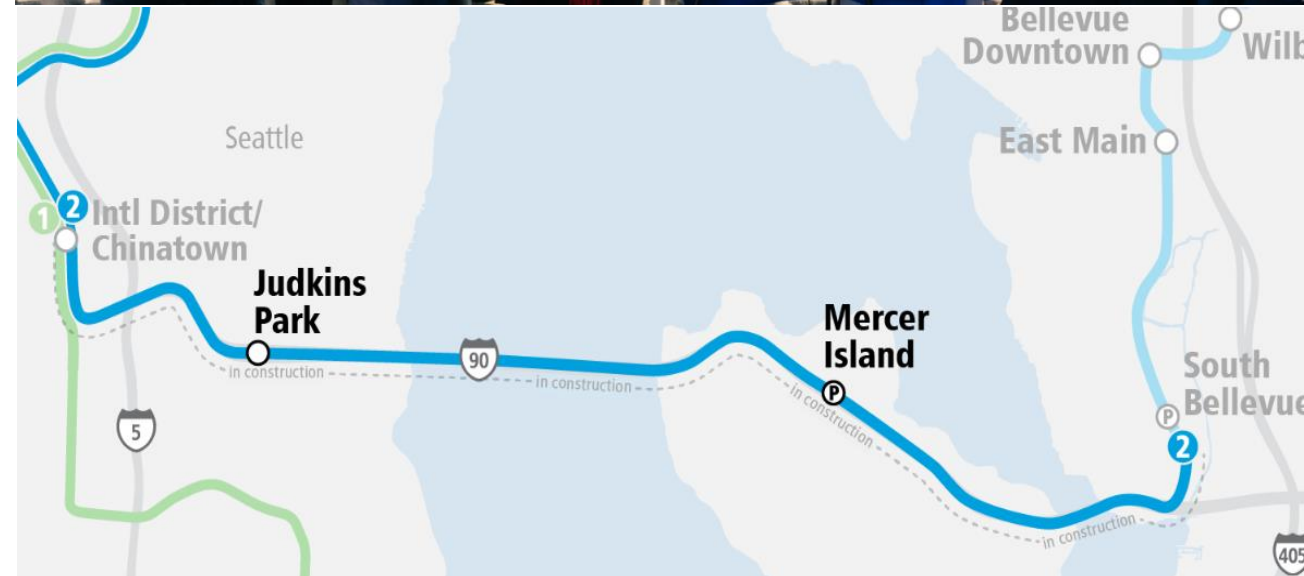
Crosslake Connection

Project Stats:

2 Line

- Adds two new stations to the
 - Mercer Island Station
 - Judkins Park Station
- Crosslake Connection for the East and West sides of Lake Washington
- Testing underway
- **Opening March 28!**
- Transfer to **1** Line at Int'l District/Chinatown Station

for **SEA** Seattle-Tacoma International Airport



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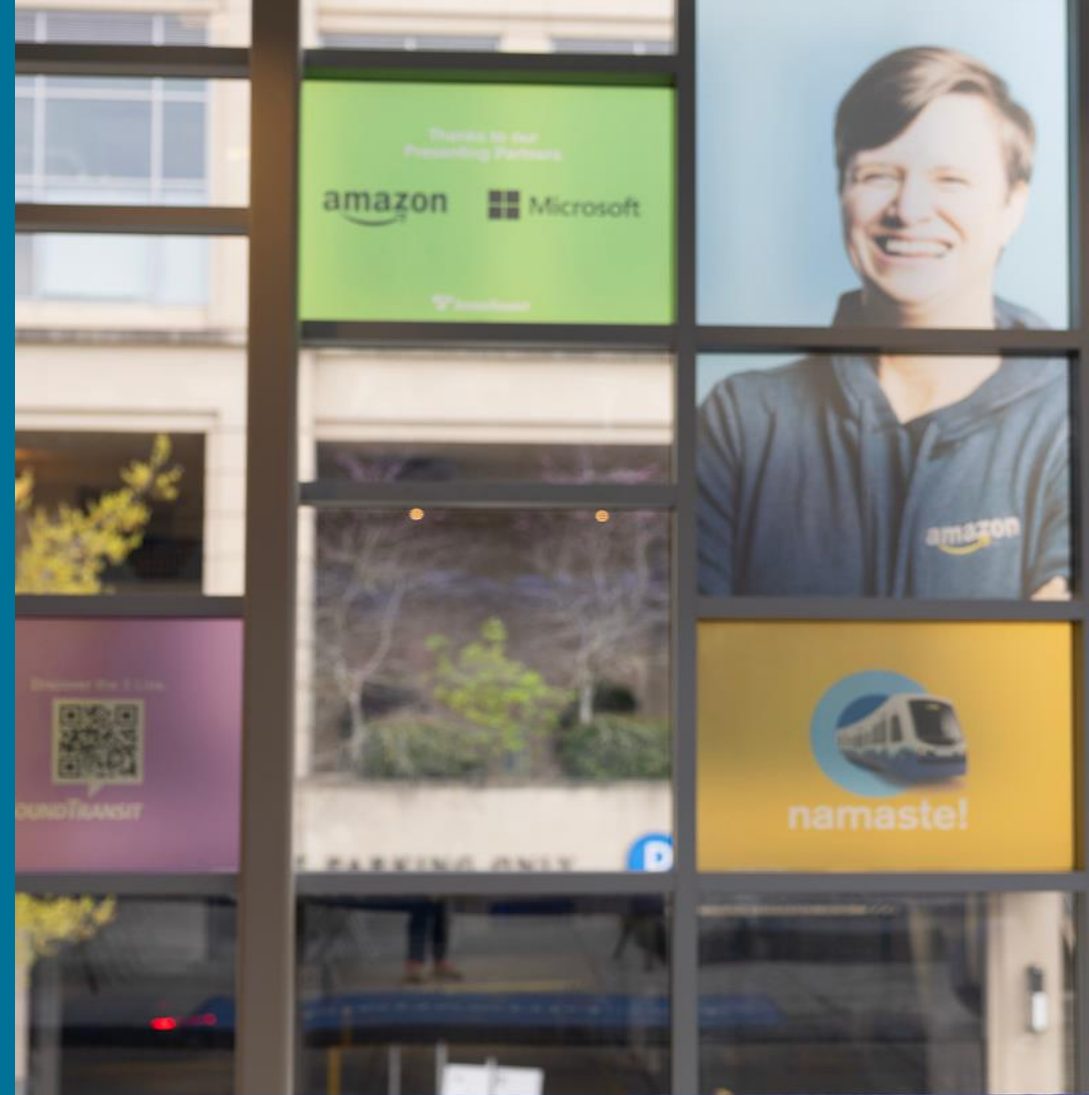
Two new stations. Two lines. One system.

Opening March 28, 2026

What to Expect on Opening Day

- **March 28th** ceremonial ribbon cutting followed by first train
- Sound Transit **Ambassadors** welcoming new riders at each new station and on-board trains
- Public, community-centric experience including **events at each new station**



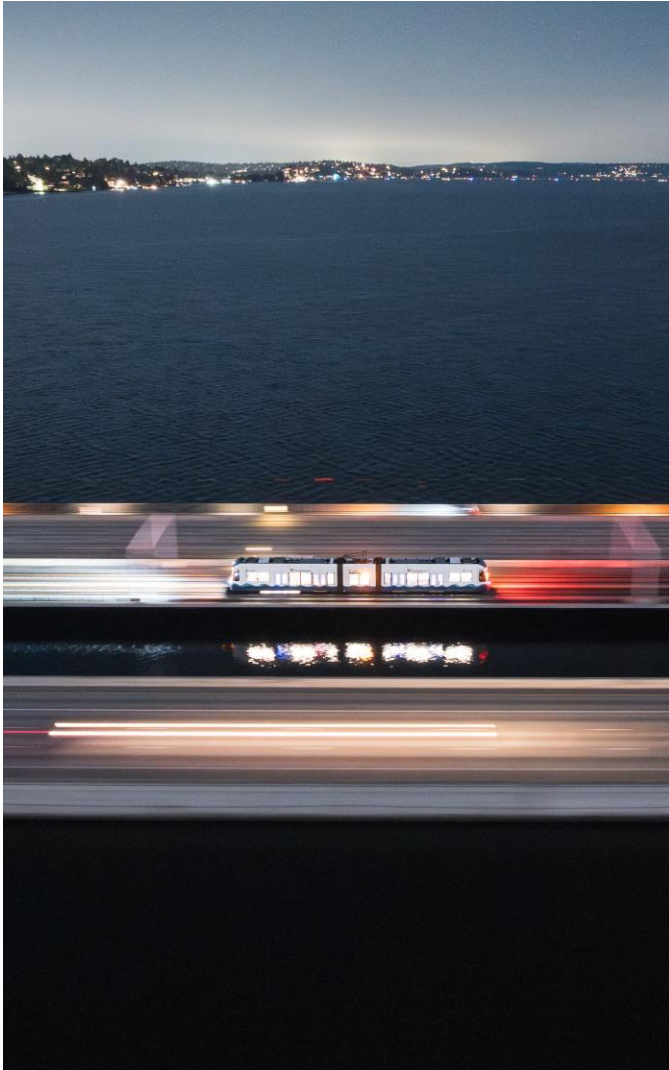


2 Line Opening 2024



***2 Line Operations, Access,
and Safety & Security***

Operating hours and train frequencies



Starting March 28, 2026:

- 2 Line trains will arrive every 8 min.
- Service will run from 5 a.m. to 1am., 7 days a week.
- Approximately 20 min. from Downtown Bellevue to International District
- Sound Transit personnel and security staff at stations and on-board trains
- All stations are ADA accessible



Our System (as of March 2026)

Link light rail 1 2 T

- Three lines
- 44 miles
- 49 stations
- Connecting Lynnwood–Federal Way, Downtown Redmond–South Bellevue, Tacoma Dome–St Joseph

Sounder trains N S

- Two lines
- 83 miles
- 12 stations
- Connecting Everett–Seattle and Lakewood–Seattle

ST Express buses

- 24 express routes on regional freeway corridors

Thank you.

Thank you.



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