

Sound Transit Light Rail Expansion Creating Connected Communities

Sound Transit is building 14 new light rail stations with service to West Seattle in 2030 and Ballard in 2035. The new light rail lines and transit tunnel under Downtown, South Lake Union and Seattle Center/Uptown is the largest transit investment in our city's history.

Let's plan together

- New light rail service to your neighborhood will provide an efficient and reliable option to get you where you need to go.
- New affordable housing and businesses located near stations could build a diverse community with more places to live, work, and shop.
- Reducing our dependence on cars and giving residents real, clean power alternatives for transportation will help us fight back against climate change.
- Racial equity and social justice are the foundation for City decision-making on stations.



The City of Seattle and Sound Transit are working together with communities. Here's how:



City of Seattle ROLE



Mayor Jenny Durkan and Councilmember Debora Juarez sit on the Sound Transit Board that will make final decisions.



Plan housing, businesses, and open spaces to make great neighborhoods around new stations.



Issue permits to Sound Transit to build stations and track.



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Evaluate potential alignment and station locations.

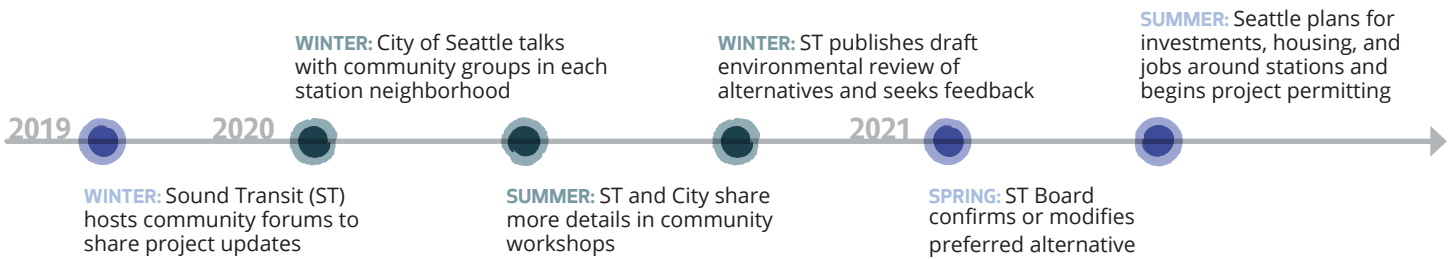


Advance planning, environmental review and design of the light rail system.



Build and operate new light rail system.

Timeline



Additional Funding May be Needed

Building light rail transit lines in dense urban neighborhoods is complex. The City is interested in helping Sound Transit build a light rail system that works for generations to come. There are big decisions to be made on station locations and alignments. Sound Transit and the City will work with the community to consider trade-offs and explore alternatives for an enhanced system.

Coming Up: Planning Around Stations

After Sound Transit identifies the final station locations in 2022, the City of Seattle will work with communities to:

- Plan walking, biking, and bus improvements to help you get to stations.
- Identify opportunities for housing, shopping, and open spaces to create affordable, livable neighborhoods around new stations.
- Establish priorities to inform project permitting.

The City will pay special attention to impacts to communities of color whose neighborhoods often bear the burden of large infrastructure projects.

Stay Engaged

Learn about the City's upcoming community meetings and sign up for updates at seattle.gov/lightrail.

For the latest on Sound Transit updates, visit soundtransit.org/wsblink.

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