

Sound Transit Light Rail Expansion **Creating Connected Communities**

Sound Transit is building 13 new light rail stations with service to West Seattle in 2032* and Ballard in 2037-2039*. 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.

*For details on the project delivery dates, please refer to Sound Transit's website (<u>bit.ly/3Bq6VYQ</u>)

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 Bruce Harrell 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.



SOUNDTRANSIT ROLE



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

WINTER: City of Seattle talks with community groups in each station neighborhood

WINTER: ST publishes draft environmental review of alternatives and seeks feedback FALL: Seattle plans for investments, housing, and jobs around stations and begins project permitting

2019



2020



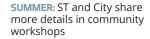
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<u> 2022</u>



SUMMER: ST Board decides on track alignment and station









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 tradeoffs and explore alternatives for an enhanced system.

Coming Up: Planning Around Stations

After Sound Transit identifies the final station locations, 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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