

# North Link Connections Mobility Project – Seattle Transit Advisory Board

**Metro Transit Department & Seattle  
Department of Transportation**  
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# Introduction

## What is the North Link Connections Mobility Project?

- Respond to changing mobility needs and integration with 3 new Link light rail stations opening in 2021
- Metro's largest service restructure since March 2016 U-Link extension
- Partnership with ST, SDOT, UW, Community Transit, and other partners

# Project Goals

## What are we trying to do through this effort?

- Improve mobility for historically underserved populations, centering on people of color
- Equitably inform, engage, and empower current and potential customers traveling in the project area
- Deliver integrated service that responds to Link expansion and meets customer needs

# Sound Transit Integration

## Sound Transit Northgate Link Extension

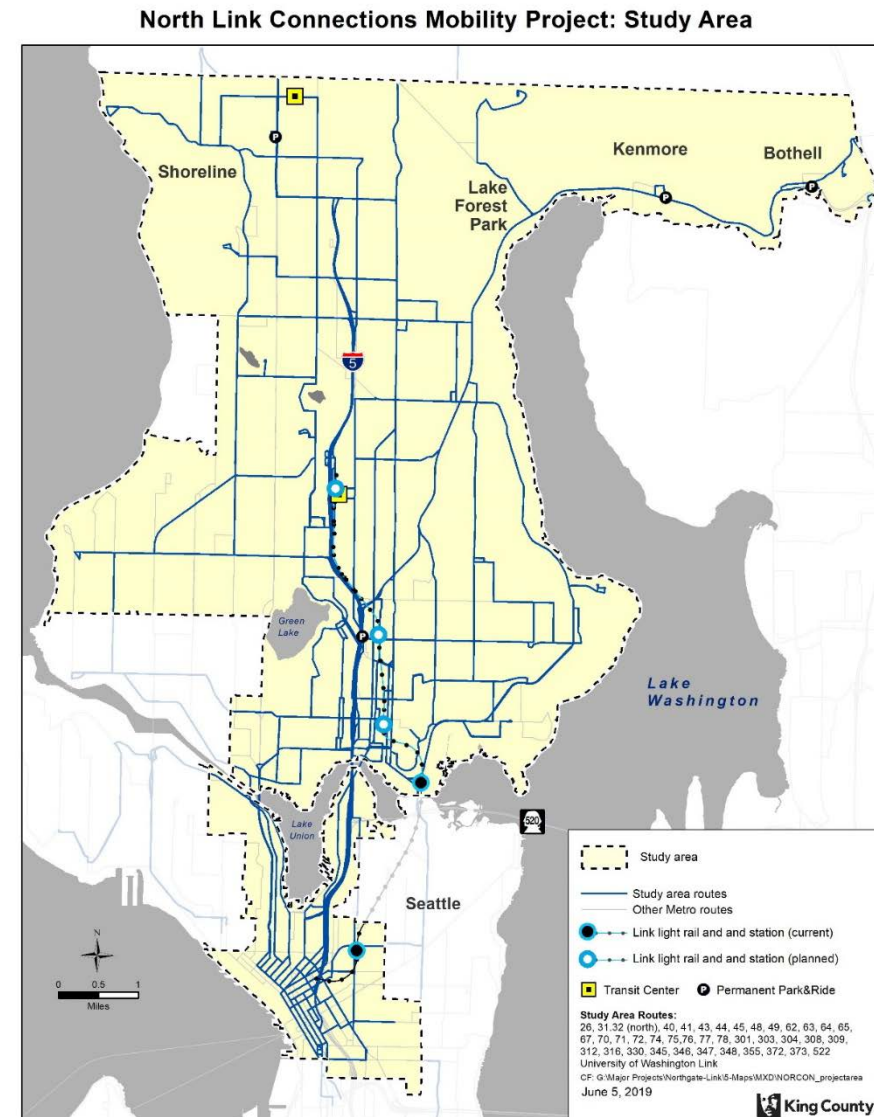
- **Open:** 2021
- **Length:** 4.3 miles; 3 stations
- **Service:** Every 4-6 minutes during peak hours.
- **Projected travel times:**
  - Northgate to University of Washington - 7 minutes
  - U District to Westlake - 8 minutes



# Project Scope

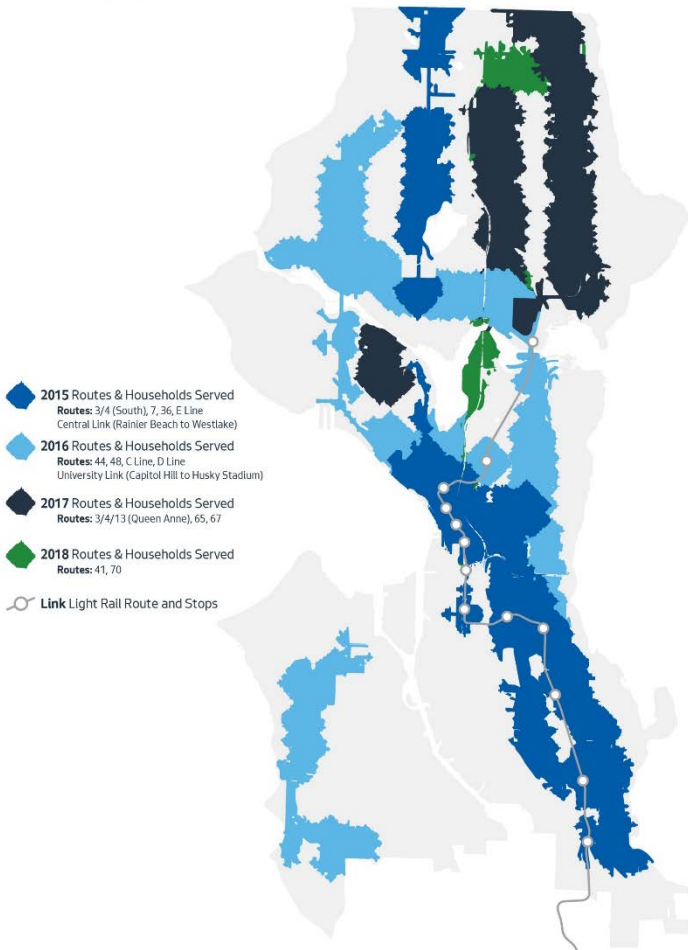
## Where would service change or be impacted?

- Focused on:
  - Seattle, Shoreline, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Bothell
- Over 30 Routes
- Community Connections project areas
  - New areas and solutions identified during outreach



# SDOT Goals & Objectives

- **Making recommendations for service changes** on Seattle-defined routes with a focus on equity
- **Delivering capital projects** to benefit speed and reliability (traffic signals, channelization, etc.) as well as enhance the rider experience and safe operations.
- **Making operational improvements** with addition/change in bus operations and access to transit (i.e. pedestrian crosswalks)
- **Aligning transit planning** with City of Seattle projects, programs and RSJI
- **Partnering on outreach** efforts with the three transit agencies
- **Supplying data** and information to inform decision making
- **Emphasizing a fair approach** to meeting the needs of each of the three transit agencies (Sound Transit, King County Metro, Community Transit and SDOT)



Service Planning

Subject Matter Experts

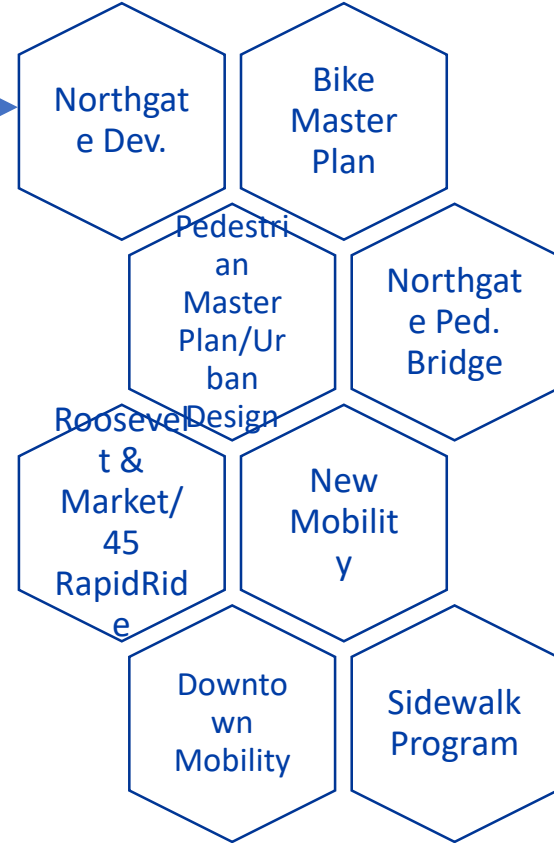
Community Access and Parking

Communications

Layover

Traffic Operations

Capital



# Equity Impact Review (EIR)

## EQUITY IMPACT REVIEW PROCESS





# Community Engagement Overview

**PHASE 1** June–July 2019

**Community Needs & Priorities,  
Mobility Board workshopping**

**PHASE 2** September–December 2019

**Iterative, Community-Driven  
Concept Design**

**PHASE 3** March–April 2020

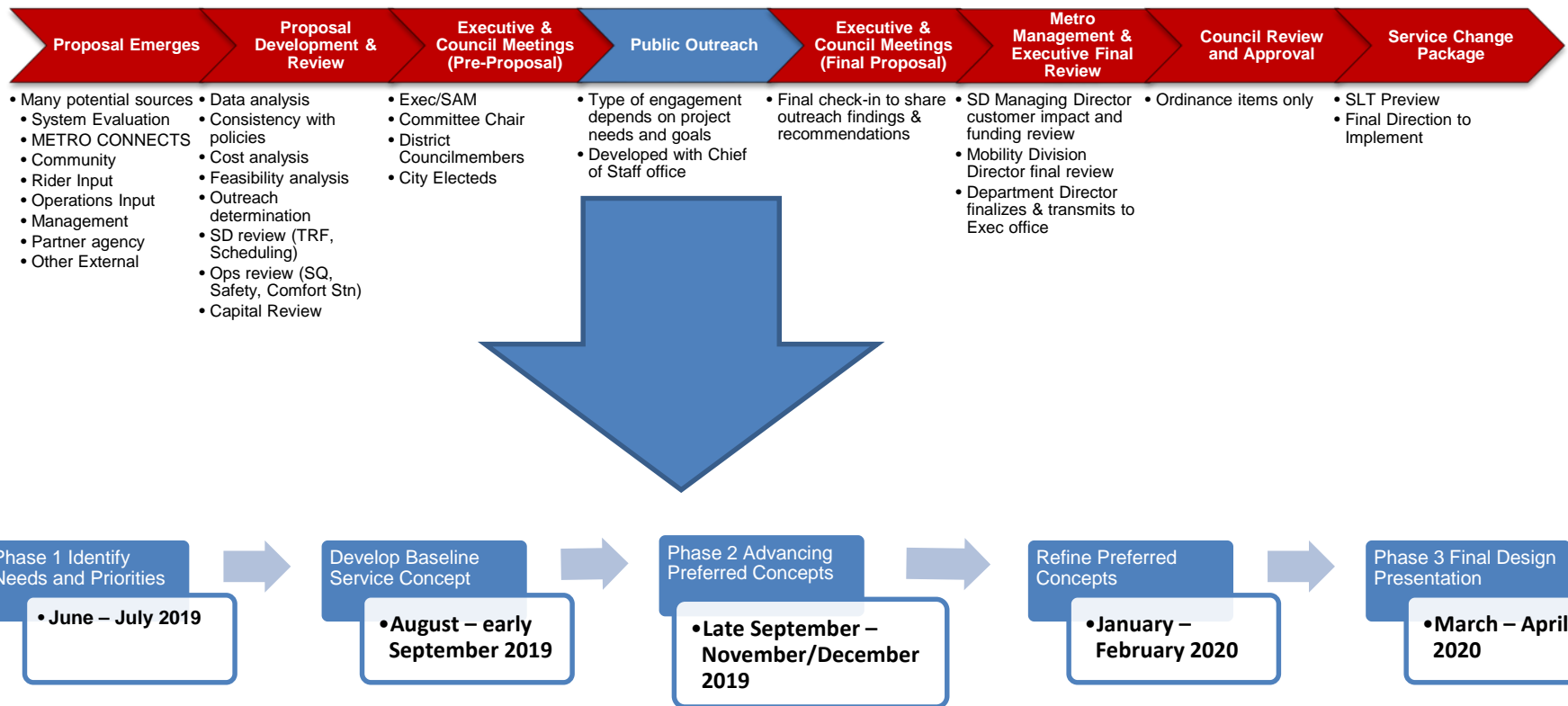
**Final trade-off decisions,  
Prepare proposal**

June 2020–March 2021 and beyond

**Continue being present in  
community**

# Timeline

## What's the PROCESS? / How do we get there?



# Deliverables

## Here's what we're producing for the plan

- Equity Impact Review
  - Includes existing conditions and equity baselining
  - Analyses of multiple network scenarios at different project phases
  - Summary of feedback of priority populations and how it informed decisions
  - Final report to King County Council
- Service Alternatives Summaries – Phases 2 & 3, and Final Preferred
- Service Change legislation
- March 2021 Service Change Package
- Then we make it happen!

# Next Steps & More Information

## What's happening now?

- Preparing for a public launch of Phase 1 of the project

## How do I know this is a real project?

- Because we are telling the public July 1!



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