

# **West Seattle to Ballard Link Extension: West Seattle to SODO Seattle, Washington New Starts Project Development Information Prepared July 2022**

The Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) plans to extend the Link light rail system for 4.7 miles from the existing SODO Link station to West Seattle, including three new stations at Delridge, Avalon, and the Alaska Junction. The project is expected to cost \$3.2 billion, but Sound Transit has not yet identified a New Starts share amount.

The purpose of the Project is to bring improved mobility to a sector of the city that is historically more isolated and with fewer mobility options. The Project is also intended to improve regional mobility by increasing connectivity and systemwide capacity, connect regional centers consistent with adopted regional planning goals, and expand mobility for the corridor and the region's residents, which include transit-dependent people, low-income populations, and communities of color.

A preliminary locally preferred alternative (LPA) was selected in May 2019 and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement was published in January 2022. Sound Transit plans on adopting the LPA into the fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan in late 2023 and completing the environmental review process with the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Record of Decision in late 2023. Sound Transit anticipates entering New Starts Engineering in early 2025 and receiving a Full Funding Grant Agreement FFGA in late 2026. Sound Transit expects to begin revenue service in late 2032.

# West Seattle-Ballard Link Extension: West Seattle-SODO

**Legend**

**West Seattle-Ballard Link Extension**

- West Seattle to SODO
- SODO to Ballard
- Other Link alignment (existing and future)
- College / University
- Employment center
- PSRC Regional Growth Center

0 0.25 0.5 Miles

Map date: 2/16/2022

Data sources: Sound Transit GIS, King County GIS, Puget Sound Regional Council.

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