



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6853
February 3, 2026
Study Session

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6853: Sound Transit Link 2 Line Update	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Receive report. No action necessary.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Manager
STAFF:	Jessi Bon, City Manager
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	n/a
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	4. Focus efforts and actions to be an environmentally and fiscally sustainable, connected, and diverse community.

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to provide an update on the status of the Sound Transit Link 2 Line.

- Sound Transit representatives will provide the City Council with an informational briefing on the upcoming opening of the Link 2 Line, which will extend light rail service across Lake Washington to Mercer Island and beyond.
- The presentation will include an overview of project milestones leading up to the opening, anticipated service launch timelines, coordination with Mercer Island and regional partners, and plans for community outreach and communications prior to opening day. Sound Transit will also share details about testing and safety activities currently underway, station access and rider information, and interagency coordination efforts.
- This briefing supports the City's continued collaboration with Sound Transit and regional transportation agencies to ensure a smooth and safe integration of light rail service into the Island's transportation network.

BACKGROUND

The Sound Transit 2 Line, part of the regional ST2 expansion plan approved by voters in 2008, will connect Mercer Island to Seattle, Bellevue, and Redmond via the I-90 corridor. Over the past several years, Sound

Transit has completed significant construction, system testing, and safety certification work in preparation for revenue service.

Mercer Island staff continue to coordinate with Sound Transit and other partner agencies—including WSDOT, King County Metro, and the City of Bellevue—on issues related to station area access, parking, traffic circulation, emergency management, and communications.

The City Manager's Office and Police Department have also participated in interagency planning meetings to ensure preparedness for opening day and related public events.

NEXT STEPS

Following the presentation, staff will continue coordinating with Sound Transit as the agency finalizes its opening timeline and launches regional communication campaigns.

Updates will be shared with Council and the community as additional details become available.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive report. No action necessary.