

# ***Sound Transit Update***

*Mercer Island City Council*

*February 3, 2026*



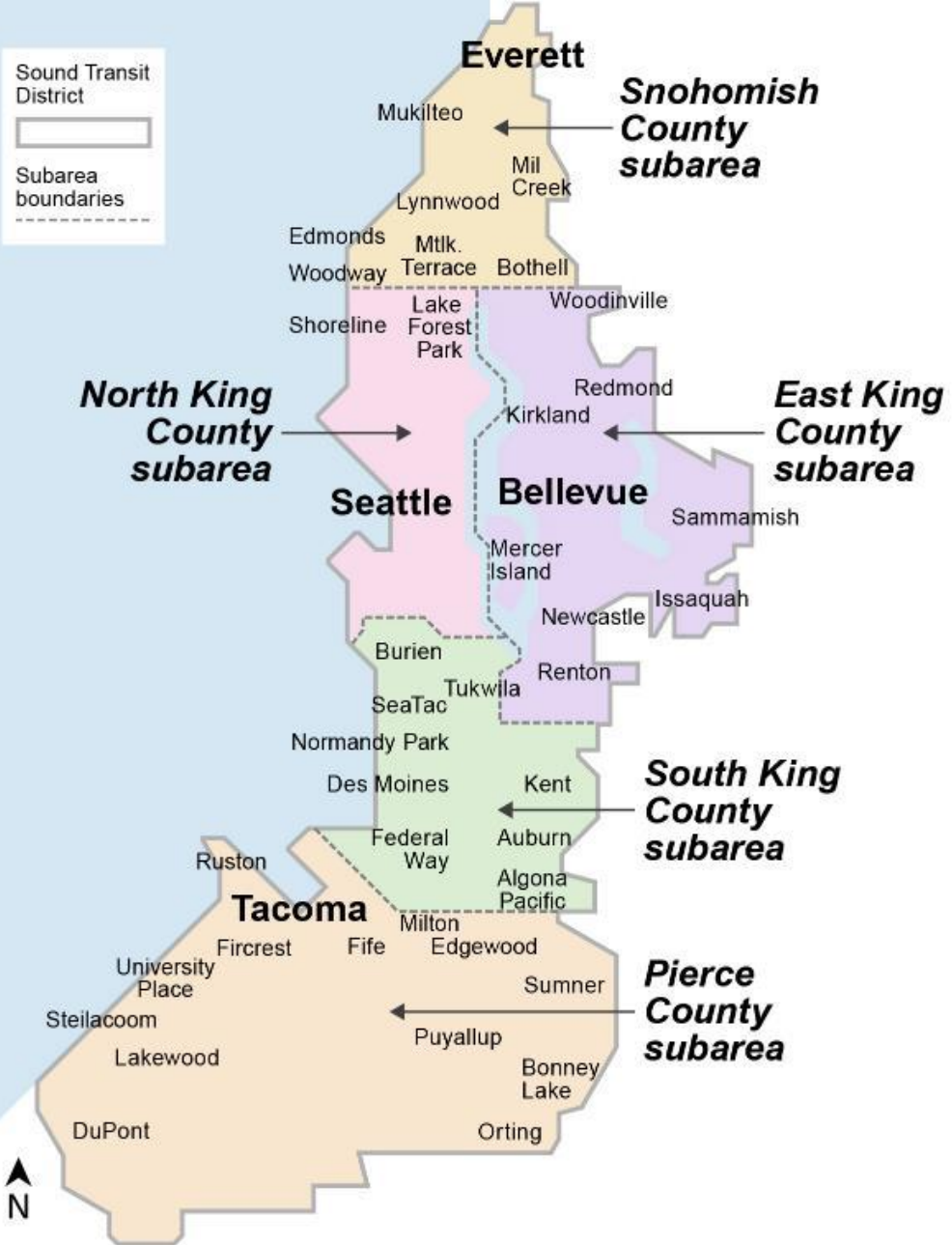
# *What we'll cover today*

- *Sound Transit Overview & Agency Updates*
- *System Expansion & Crosslake Connection*
- *2 Line Operations, Access, and Safety & Security*



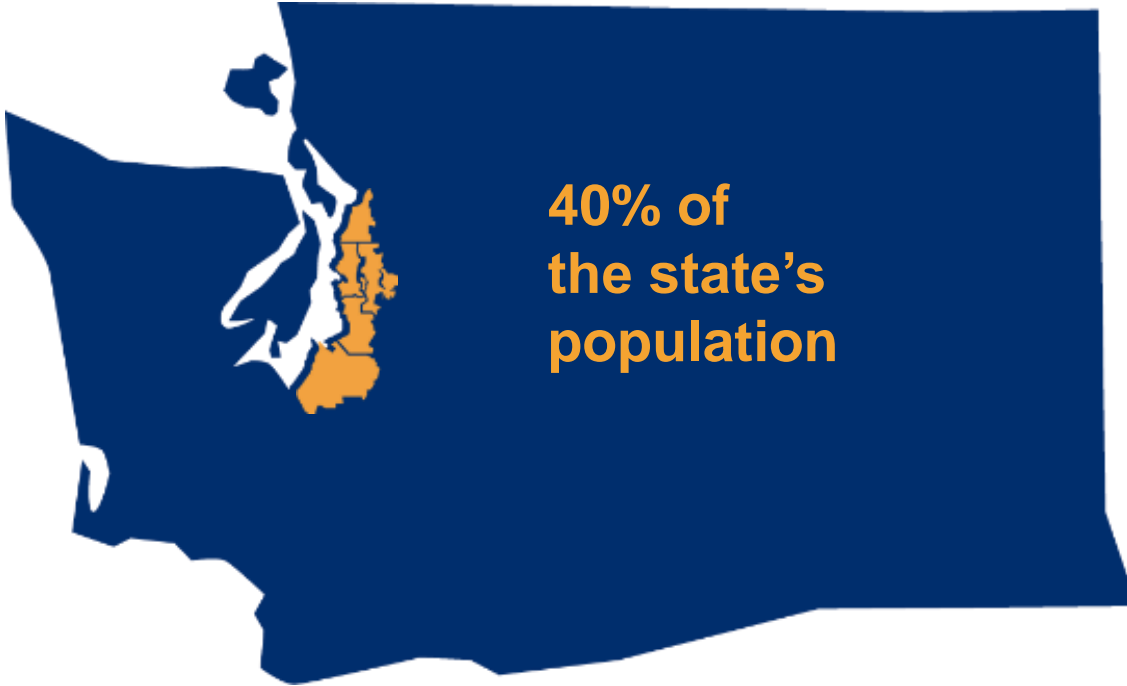
# *Sound Transit Overview & Agency Updates*

Sound Transit District  
 Subarea boundaries



# Sound Transit District

## Serving a region of more than 3 million



# Approved by voters



1996

## Sound Move

**Link** light rail from Westlake to SeaTac/Airport

**Sounder** rail from Everett and Tacoma to Seattle

**ST Express** bus service



2008

## ST2

**Link** to Angle Lake, Bellevue, Redmond, Northgate, Lynnwood, Federal Way

**Sounder** expansion to South Tacoma, Lakewood



2016

## ST3

**Link** to Ballard, West Seattle, Everett, Tacoma, Kirkland, Issaquah, Downtown Redmond

3 lines of **Stride** bus rapid transit service

2 new **Sounder** stations, more capacity, parking and access improvements



# Voter-approved system

## Link light rail 1 2 3 4 T

- Five lines
- 116 miles
- 83 stations

## Sounder trains N S

- Two lines
- 91 miles
- 14 stations

## Stride bus rapid transit S1 S2 S3

- Three lines
- 45 miles on I-405 and SR 522
- Serving 12 cities and connecting to light rail in Shoreline, Lynnwood, Bellevue, and Tukwila

# Recent Link Openings

## ***East Link Starter Line: April 27, 2024***

- 8 stations between South Bellevue and Redmond Technology Station

## ***Lynnwood Link Extension: August 30, 2024***

- Four new 1 Line stations to Snohomish County

## ***Downtown Redmond Link Extension: May 10, 2025***

- Two new stations to Marymoor Village and Downtown Redmond

## ***Federal Way Link Extension: December 6, 2025***

- Three new 1 Line stations to South King County



# *Crosslake Connection*



## 2 Line Connections: East King County

**2** Line

- When fully open, the new 2 Line will run from Lynnwood–Downtown Redmond, serving 26 stations over 34 miles of track
- Opening in **three phases**
  - ✓ South Bellevue–Redmond Technology (2024).
  - ✓ Downtown Redmond extension (2025).
    - Crosslake Connection: Mercer Island Station, Judkins Park Station, connection to 1 Line (2026)
- 12 stations: Seattle (1), Mercer Island (1), Bellevue (6), and Redmond (4)

# Crosslake Connection

- Testing currently underway
- Passenger service date:  
March 28



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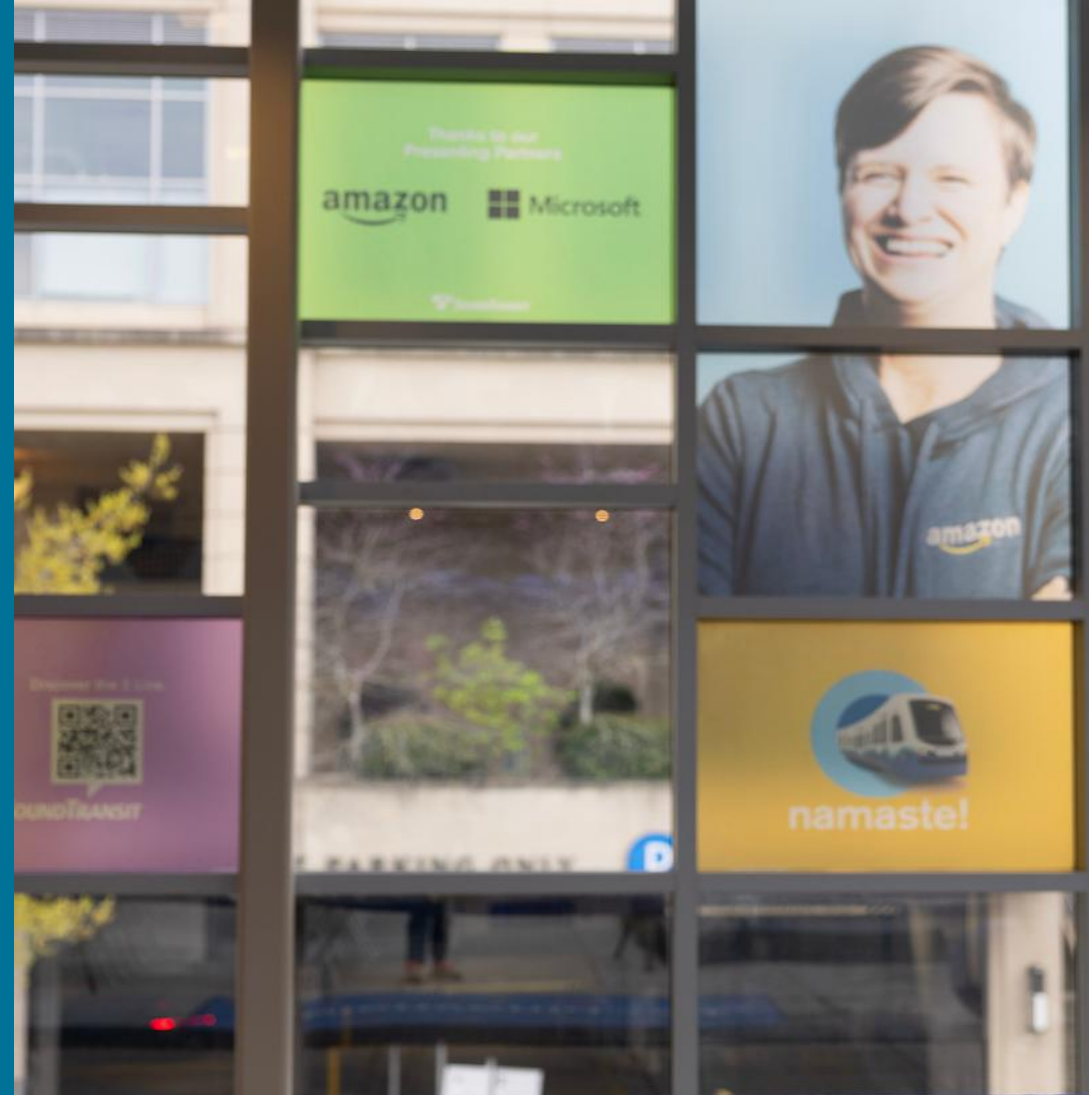
Two new stations. Two lines. One system.

*Opening March 28, 2026*

# Opening Day

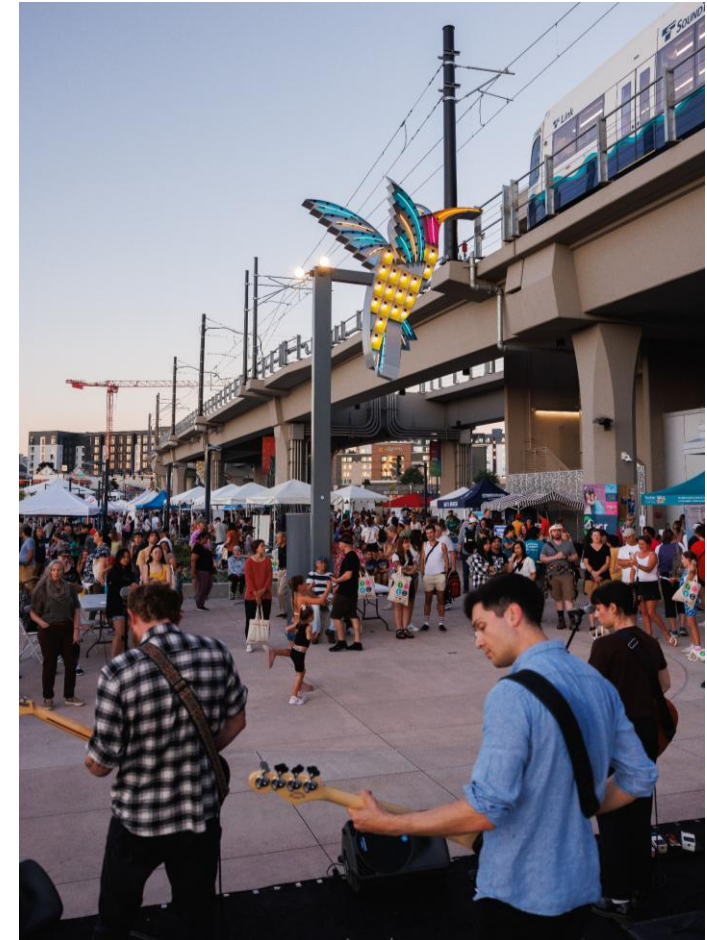
- **March 28<sup>th</sup>** ceremonial ribbon cutting followed by first train
- Sound Transit Ambassadors welcoming new riders at each new station and on-board trains
- Public, community-centric experience at each new station
  - Mercer Island Station will be activated in partnership with the **Mercer Island Chamber of Commerce.**
  - The **City of Mercer Island** will continue to be engaged on opening day plans and festivities.





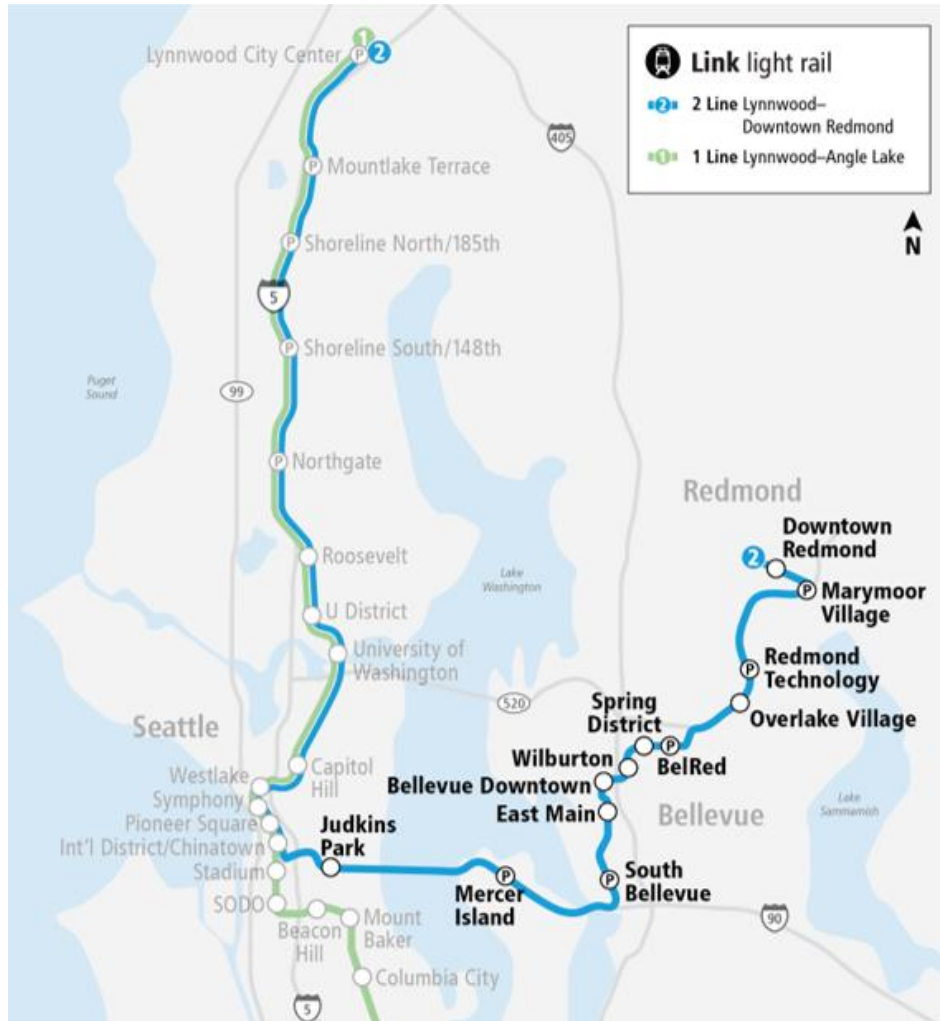


# Recent Link openings



# *2 Line Operations, Access & Security*

# Operating hours and train frequencies



## Starting March 28, 2026:

- 2 Line trains will arrive every 8 min in the peak.
- 1 & 2 Line trains will operate every 4 min in the peak between Lynnwood and International District/Chinatown Station
- Service will run from 5 a.m. to 1am., 7 days a week.
- Approximately 20 min. from Downtown Bellevue to International District/Chinatown Stations
- Sound Transit personnel and security staff at stations and on-board trains
- All stations are ADA accessible

# Parking and Access

## Mercer Island bike parking & non-motorized access

- Standard bike racks with capacity for 50 bikes
- 24 individual BikeLink lockers
- Additional bike room with capacity for 32 bikes inside station

## Sound Transit 2 Line parking facilities on the Eastside

- ~4,000 spaces with convenient access to Link



# Current Link ridership

- Averaging more than 150,000 daily boardings on busiest days
- Regularly see 3 million total monthly boardings



# Safety Investments and Strategies

- Data-driven resource deployment
- De-escalation training and education
- Fast and effective incident response
- Onboard passenger support



*Questions?*

*thank you.*



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