



WSLE and BLE

*Contract Motions and
Budget Resolution*

System Expansion Committee

06/11/2026



Why we are here

- *WSLE and BLE Program Management Support Services Phase 2 Contract Extension*
- *WSLE Engineering Design Services Phase 2 Contract*
- *WSLE and BLE Budget Amendments*

Cost savings work continues...

Following the Board's directives from Motions Nos. M2024-59 & M2025-36.

Programmatic opportunities: across the portfolio of projects

Project opportunities: unique for specific capital projects

Benefits include: improved passenger experiences, lower operations and maintenance costs, and cost savings

Pre-baselined projects
developing cost savings
opportunities

Conceptual / Preliminary
engineering phase

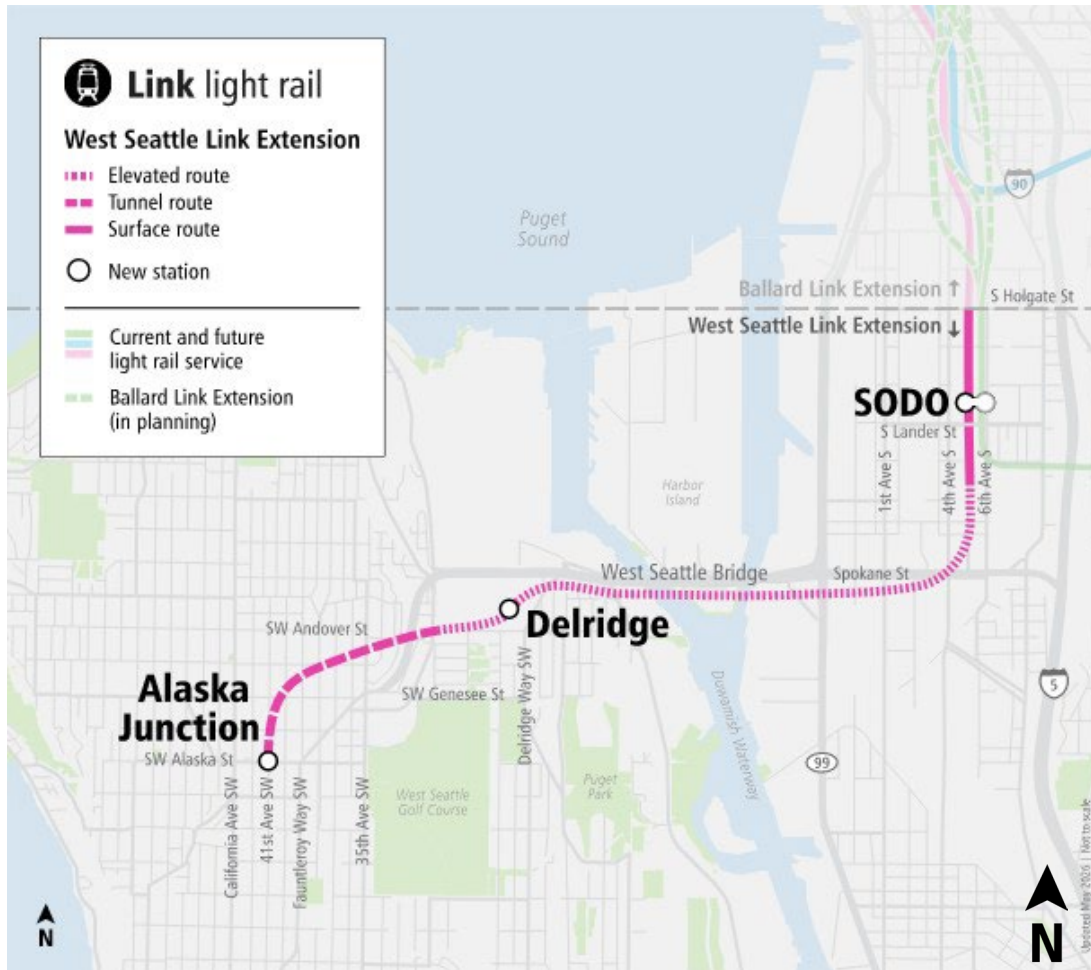
- **Ballard Link Extension**
- Tacoma Dome Link Extension
- Everett Link Extension
- Infill Stations
- Sounder Program
- OMF North

Advanced Design Phase

- OMF South
- **West Seattle Link Extension**

3 Line

West Seattle Link Extension



- **Adds 3.9 miles** of light rail service and **3 stations** with connections in SODO, Delridge, and West Seattle.
- **Direct and indirect job creation.**
- **Reduces transit travel** time from Alaska Junction to Westlake Station by 50% once Ballard Link Extension is complete.
- **Improves transit service frequency, reliability, and capacity.**
- **Facilitates future expansion** to south.



Ballard Link Extension

- Adds nearly **eight miles of light rail service**, including a new light rail-only downtown tunnel.*
- Includes up to **nine new stations** from Chinatown-International District to Ballard.
- Improves regional mobility by **increasing connectivity and capacity** through Downtown Seattle to meet the projected transit demand.
- Provides high-capacity transit stations and **increased options for multi-modal access** necessary for increased residential and/or employment density.

*Updated system plan adopted by ST Board in May 2026 funds completion of planning and design for entire alignment and construction from SODO to Seattle Center

July 2023: This map shows routes and station locations to be studied as part of ongoing environmental review as identified by the Sound Transit Board. Routes and station locations are subject to refinements based on ongoing planning and design activities. The Sound Transit Board identified the preferred alternative for Ballard Link Extension in March and July 2023.

WSLE project cost

(2025\$)



Updated System Expansion plan includes \$5.3B for WSLE

BLE project cost (Full Build)

(2025\$)

Spring 2025



\$20.1B – \$22.6B

Mar 2026



\$17.4B – \$20.5B

*Updated System Expansion
plan includes \$12.6B for BLE*

Motion No. M2026-21

**Contract Extension for Program Management Support
Services (PMSS) Phase 2, Ballard Link Extension and West
Seattle Link Extension Projects**

BLE & WSLE PMSS Phase 2 Contract Extension

Motion No. M2026-21
Contract Extension

**Not to Exceed
\$48.8M ***
for PMSS Phase 2
contract extension
~12 month

*\$44.4M base scope
plus 10% contingency

**Consultant: Connect Seattle Partners
(Mott MacDonald-WSP JV)**

Duration: July 2026 – June 2027

PMSS serving multiple key functions necessary to advance the project:

- **Owners Representative services** to manage work and contracts to ensure compliance with functional and operational goals
- **Staff Augmentation to act as extensions of Sound Transit** at the direction of Sound Transit staff in lead roles such as 3rd party and design management
- **Develop and implement technology** for design management, project controls, and community engagement
- **Support** design, construction, and construction management **procurements**
- Support **cost savings workplan** to significantly **reduce capital delivery costs**

Motion No. M2026-22

**Contract Execution for Engineering Design
Services (EDS) Phase 2, West Seattle Link
Extension Project**

WSLE EDS Phase 2 Contract

Motion No. M2026-22
Contract Modification

**Not to Exceed
\$286.5M ***
for WSLE Engineering
Design Services

*\$238.7M base scope
plus 20% contingency

Consultant: Jacobs Engineering, Inc.

Duration: July 2026 – June 2028

EDS Completing Final Design:

- **Advances the 30% design to next design milestones** – a total of more than 20,000 drawings during Phase 2
- **Support advancement of enabling works construction**
- **Advance permitting work**
- **Supports permitting, agreements, and property acquisitions**
- **Collaborates with contractors** to optimize constructability
- **Prepares design-to-budget cost estimates**

Resolution No. R2026-14

**West Seattle Link Extension and Ballard Link Extension
Budget Amendments**

**BLE Budget
Amendment
\$16,397,707**

**WSLE Budget
Amendment
\$406,872,063**

	WSLE	BLE	TOTAL
PMSS contract extension (CSP)	\$32,383,872	\$16,397,707	\$48,781,580
Design contract extension (Jacobs)	\$286,488,191	\$0	\$286,488,191
Systems Design	\$27,500,000	\$0	\$58,000,000
Permits & Flagging	\$12,000,000		
Sustainability	\$2,500,000		
Unallocated Contingency	\$16,000,000		
COS Construction Services Agreement	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$30,000,000
Other Third Party	\$15,000,000		
Total	\$406,872,063	\$16,397,707	

Thank you.



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