

MEETING NOTES

Date: 2/26/2026

SOUND TRANSIT CROSSLAKE CONNECTIONS UPDATES

Project Overview

- Crosslake Connection opening next month; final piece of ST2 before transition to ST3.
- Full voter-approved system includes upcoming ST3 expansions of Link light rail and Stride BRT.
- 2 Line: ~10 miles, 10 stations, ~8,600 daily riders now; combined 1 & 2 Lines may reach 200,000 riders/day after opening.

System Features

- Total once complete: 34 miles, 25 stations, transfer to 1 Line at Chinatown–International District.
- New stations: Mercer Island, Judkins Park.
- Service hours:
 - Mon–Sat 5am–1am
 - Sun 6am–12am
 - 10-minute headways
- Travel time: 23 minutes from Downtown Bellevue to International District/Chinatown.
- All stations fully ADA accessible.

Station Access & Bike/Micromobility

- Judkins Park: close to Jimi Hendrix Park, Rainier Ave, and I-90 access; strong bike-trail connectivity.
- Mercer Island: near existing Park & Ride in I-90 median.
- Bike amenities include bike hooks onboard trains, storage lockers (BikeLink), bike rooms, and micromobility parking.
- Bike capacities:
 - Mercer Island: 50 rack spaces, 24 lockers, room for 32 bikes.
 - Judkins Park: 36 racks, 4 lockers, room for 20 bikes.

Fare & Payment Updates

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- Ways to pay: ticket machines, Transit GO app, ORCA, contactless phone payments, cash/credit/debit.
- Contactless payment accepted via Apple/Google/Samsung Wallet or virtual card.
- Standard fares:
 - Link/ST Express: \$3
 - T Line: \$2
 - Sounder: \$3.25–\$5.75
- Free 2-hour transfer window; only pay difference when transferring to a higher fare mode.
- Reduced fare programs: Free Youth Transit Pass, RRF for seniors/disabled riders, ORCA LIFT, Subsidized Annual Pass.
- Enrollment locations include Metro’s Jackson St office and weekly Redmond Library pop-ups.

Safety & Support Contacts

- General safety: stay behind yellow line, remove headphones, look both ways, cross tracks at 90° on bikes.
- Security Operations (call/text): 206-398-5268
- Passenger Care (M-F 8–6): 888-889-6363
- ST Police Non-Emergency: 206-903-7676
- After-hours: 206-296-3311

Key Questions

- Trip-planning tools won’t show 2 Line until set to afternoon of June 28 or later.
- Concern for communities lacking tap-to-pay: ORCA remains best option; reduced fare programs encouraged.

NORTHWEST NEIGHBORS NETWORK – ALISON PENCE

Mission: support seniors and adults with disabilities through volunteer-based services.

Volunteer Services

- Transportation for local errands and practical trips (limited downtown Seattle service).

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- Light household chores, yard work (1–1.5 hours typical).
- Tech help for devices and setup.
- Social programs: bi-monthly lunches, food outings, game days (mahjong), Zoom chats, book and movie clubs, walking groups.

Transportation & Appointment Support

- Volunteers can wait during appointments or return later.
- Some volunteers help post-appointment at home, including short-term supervision after sedation depending on circumstances.
- Volunteers can help carry and put away groceries.

Needs

- Volunteer recruitment is the biggest gap—especially volunteer drivers.
- Contact for volunteers: Marilyn (via organization).

INTRODUCTION TO THE DOWNTOWN BOTHELL WORKGROUP PROJECT

Goals: Transform downtown Bothell into:

- A civic and cultural center
- A strong, diverse economic hub
- A livable, walkable, bikeable, transit-connected town center
- An environmentally sustainable district

Community Input Opportunities

- Downtown Discovery Walks: March 19, 6–7:30pm, Bothell City Hall.
- Feedback welcome from anyone who lives, works, or travels through Bothell.
- Feedback can also be sent to NKCMC Coordinator Ysabel Yu at yyu@hopelink.org.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

KCMC Storymapping Project

- Led by Lyn McCarthy.
- Interactive map collecting stories from people experiencing transportation barriers.

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- Stories will help humanize data and guide advocacy for equitable transportation.
- Links shared to one-pager, multilingual project overview, and story-submission QR code.

Rural Transportation Advocacy Workshop

- March 14, 10am–2pm at North Bend City Hall.
- Hosted by Transportation Choices Coalition.
- Free and open to the public; registration link shared.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 23rd, 10:30am-12:00pm via Zoom

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