

Eastside Easy Rider
COLLABORATIVE

September 29th 2026
1:00pm – 2:30pm

EERC Welcomes Everyone

The EERC welcomes and values all communities. We value, respect, and honor the identity and experience of all members. We encourage everyone to participate, regardless of ability. We are committed to listening, learning, and improving in this process.

We acknowledge that the work we do takes place on the traditional land of the Duwamish, Muckleshoot, Snoqualmie and other Coast Salish peoples, as the first people of this county. We honor with gratitude the land itself and past, present, and future of these tribes

Agenda

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Time	Topic
1:00 – 1:10	Welcome and announcements
1:10 – 1:30	Circuit: Bellevue Light Rail Shuttle – Konrad Hoernke
1:30 – 1:45	Find a Ride update – Grace Georgitsis
1:45 – 2:10	Sound Transit – Alison van Wandelen
2:10 – 2:20	EERC Workplan update
2:20 – 2:30	Partner Roundtable



Circuit– Bellevue Light Rail Shuttle

Konrad Hoernke- Circuit

How To Ride - Bellevue Lightrail Shuttle

The Bellevue Lightrail Shuttle

Is designed for short trips—perfect for errands, commuting, dining out, and local events.

Reduces Traffic

Reducing cars on the road—especially for short trips that don't need a vehicle.

First Mile / Last Mile

Connecting transit stops, parking areas, downtown districts, and key destinations.

50+ Services Nationwide

Supporting communities across the U.S. with smarter local mobility.

100% Electric

Every ride helps support cleaner air and a more sustainable way to travel.

No App Required

Simply access the Downtown Bellevue 2 Line Station or Bellevue Transit Center!

Mitigates Parking

Giving people a seamless alternative to driving and searching for a spot.

Thanks for riding with Circuit!

We're excited to help you get where you're going!





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LIGHT RAIL
SHUTTLE



Hop On.
Ride Free.

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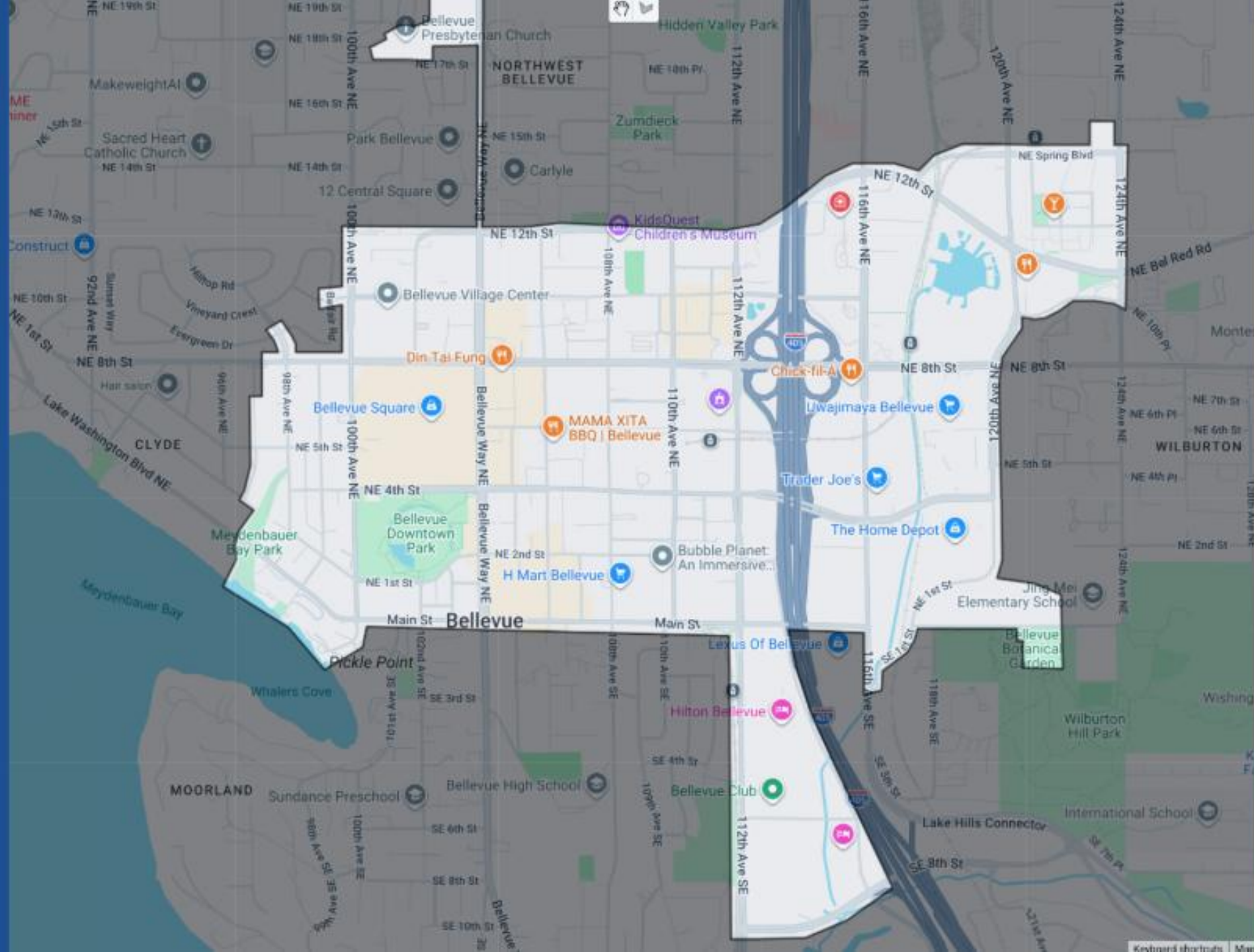
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BELLEVUE RIDES

Hours of Operation

Monday	08:00 AM – 06:00 PM
Tuesday	08:00 AM – 06:00 PM
Wednesday	08:00 AM – 06:00 PM
Thursday	08:00 AM – 06:00 PM
Friday	08:00 AM – 06:00 PM





Find a Ride update

Grace Georgitsis – Hopelink
Find a Ride Program Supervisor

Find a Ride Phase 2

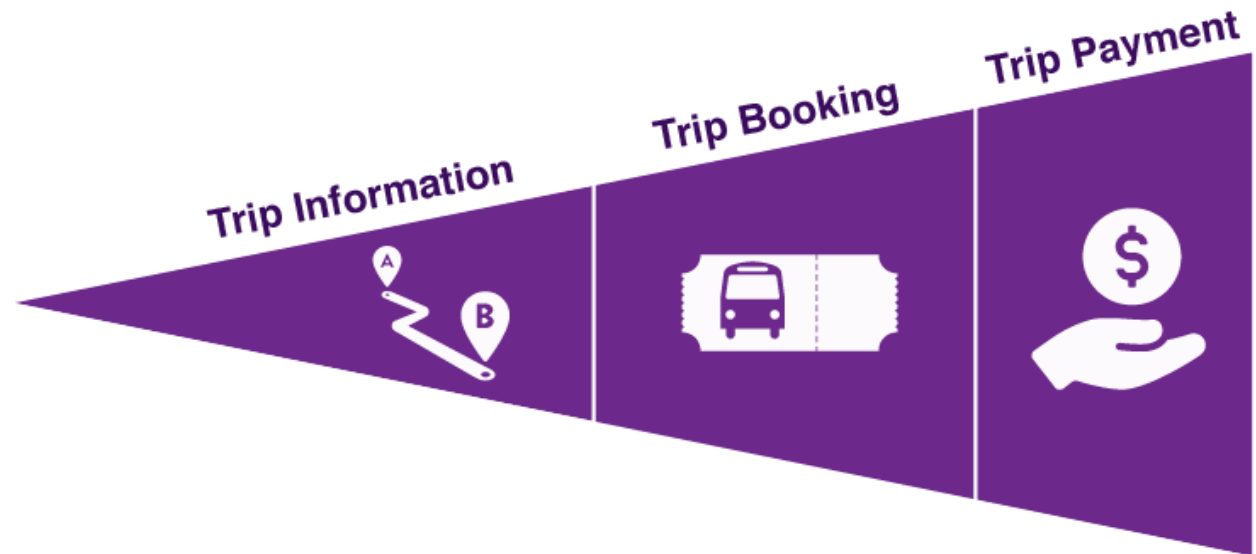


September 16th, 2026

What is Find a Ride?

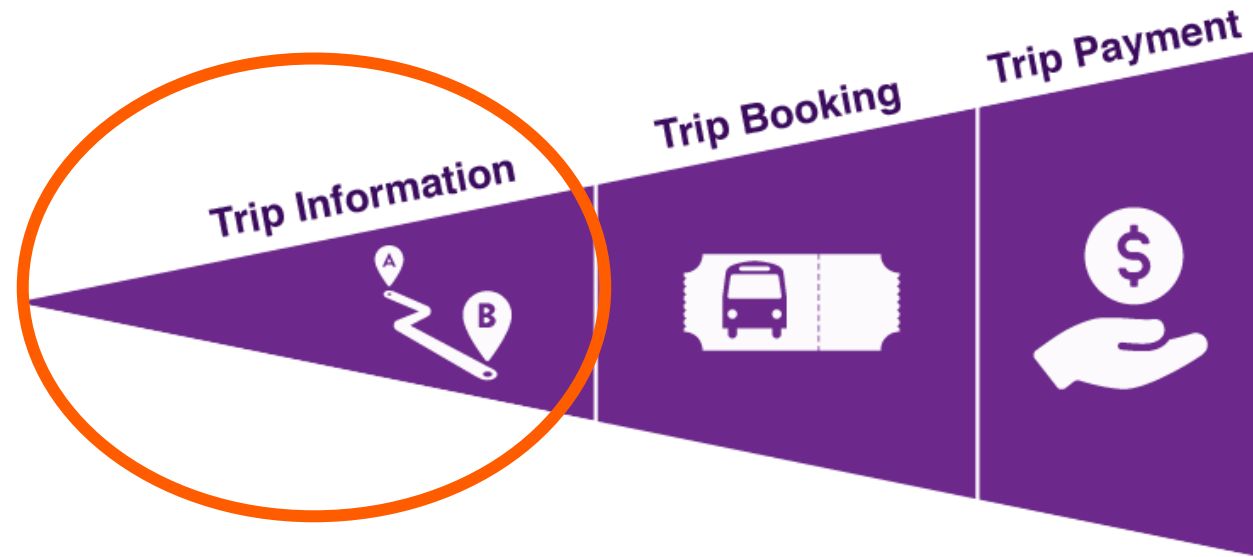
OVERVIEW

Find a Ride is a One Call/One Click program for King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties. We are currently working on building out this system. As of now, Find a Ride provides trip information through FindaRide.org and Tri-county phone support.



Graphic from the Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM) depicting a One Call/One Click (OCOC) system

What can Find a Ride do now?



One Call – Tri-County Phone Support

King County – Hopelink's Transportation Resources Line

Pierce County – Access Pierce

Snohomish County – Volunteers of America Western Washington

One Click – Find a Ride.org

Provider List – List of all of the transportation providers in King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties

Trip Planner – Users can plan a trip that meet their needs using transit, specialized transportation services, or both!

Find a Ride Phase 2

WHAT

A Centralized Application Platform for Transportation Services

On this platform, users will be able to submit one application and get connected with several (or all!) of the transportation options available to them.

WHY

Easier access for residents

Simplifies how residents of King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties reach the transportation resources they need.

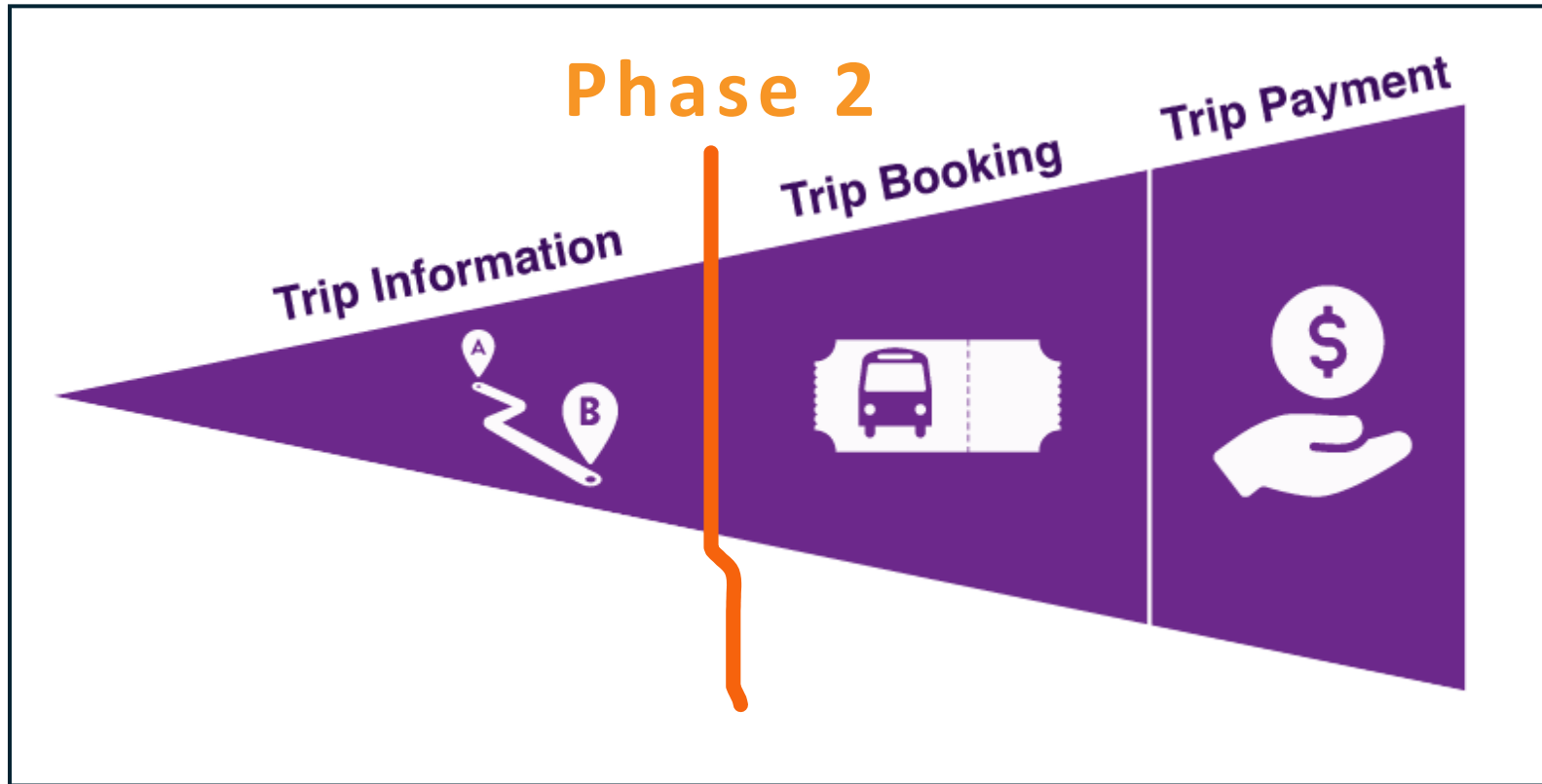
Streamlined for providers

Reduce the administrative burden on staff of collecting rider information during intake and enrollment

A step toward One Call/One Click

Necessary groundwork for a complete One Call/One Click system across the tri-county region.

A Necessary Step Towards a true One Call/One Click



Developing the Phase 2 Pilot

May '26 – Oct '27



Phase 2 Activities: Prototyping and User Testing

The Find a Ride team has completed one round of user testing on the Phase 2 prototype. We are now analyzing the results of this study and will use our findings to create a second version of the prototype. We will then test the second version in the community and use the results of those tests to create a final prototype.

What We Want to Learn

What parts of the prototype are intuitive or unintuitive?

Does the structure and flow align with users' expectations?

What design elements do people like or not like?

Does the language on the prototype make sense to users?

Phase 2 Activities: Application Process Flow

We are currently working with transportation providers, assistors, and funders to determine how the application process on the Phase 2 site will look.

Key Activities

Convened bi-weekly 'intake taskforce' meetings with experts on intake and eligibility

Consolidated online application forms to analyze frequently asked questions

Met with transportation providers to understand their eligibility and application processes

Selecting a group of 'early adopters' to engage in the Phase 2 pilot

Phase 2 Next Steps – Building the Backend

- **Coordinated by Design: *A Regional Summit on Data Security, Privacy, and Interoperability***
 - Friday, October 9th, 2026, from 9:00am to 3:30pm.
 - This summit will explore how systems across the region can more securely store and share data, and how they can better talk to each other, to drive the best outcomes for users and clients.
- **Phase 2 Technical Advisors**
 - We are seeking advisors with expertise in data sharing, privacy, and enterprise systems to join our technical advisors meetings.

Getting Involved

Next Find a Ride Advisory Meeting:

Monday, November 9th, from 1pm to 2pm on Zoom

At this meeting we will recap the Coordinated by Design summit and give a final update on the draft architecture for the back end of Phase 2.

If you are interested in attending this and/or future Find a Ride Advisory Committee meetings, please reach out to me at ggeorgitsis@hopelink.org or by phone at 425-625-6836.

Thank you!

● **Next Meeting:**
Monday, October 12th, 2026
1 PM – 2:45 PM

● **Questions? Reach out to**
Grace Georgitsis at
ggeorgitsis@hopelink.org or
425-625-6836





Sound Transit – Stride update

Alison van Wandelen - Senior Community
Engagement Specialist

Stride Bus Rapid Transit

*Sound Transit – Briefing
Fall 2026*



What we'll cover today:

- Sound Transit & System Expansion Overview
- Stride Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Program Overview
- Construction

Sound Transit and System Expansion Overview

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

***What is Stride Bus Rapid
Transit?***

Stride Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

BRT infrastructure is designed for fast, frequent and reliable service

- Bus service every 10 – 15 minutes, 17+ hours a day
- Stations with near level boarding, off-board fare collection, dynamic rider info
- Roadway improvements to improve reliability, such as dedicated bus only lanes and transit signal priority
- Connections to Link light rail and other transit services



Key Stride BRT Benefits

 Bus Base North: Stride & ST Express up to 120 buses
1st Bus OMF for ST, Zero Emission

S1 Line Bellevue–Burien: 17 miles, 5 stations

ST Express (existing) 57 MIN

Project to be built 38-42 MIN

S2 Line Lynnwood–Bellevue: 20 miles, 7 stations

ST Express (existing) 57 MIN

Project to be built 33-38 MIN

S3 Line Shoreline–Bothell: 9 miles, 13 stations

No improvements 54-59 MIN

Project to be built 35-39 MIN

Fast, frequent and reliable

 First ST Bus Operations & Maintenance Facility

S1 S2 S3
3 New BRT Lines

 WSDOT I-405 Master Plan

 4 transfers to Link

 48 miles
25 Stations



Construction

Construction keys and safety tips!

Avoid distractions:

Keep your eyes on the road and avoid distractions from other passengers and cellphones. Keep eating and drinking to a minimum.

Slow down when traveling through construction areas:

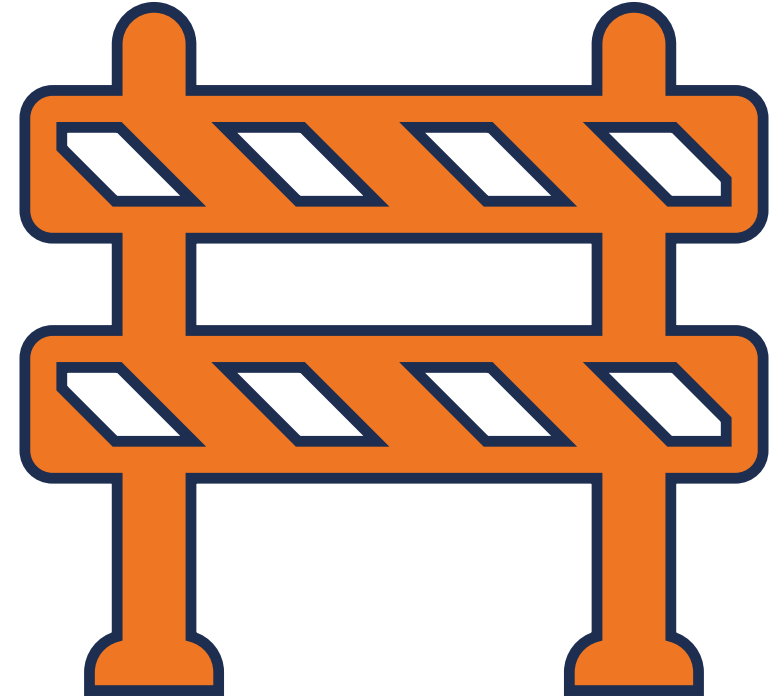
Follow speed limits, signage, and directions from flaggers.

Maintain extra space:

Rear-end crashes are common in work zones, so maintain extra space between your vehicle and the one in front of you at all times.

Plan ahead:

Consider your travel options and add time to your commute so you arrive at your destination on time.



S1 Line (Bellevue to Burien)

Project elements:

- Five new stations along I-405/ SR 518
- New transit center in Renton
- 2 new parking areas in Renton
- Connections to Link light rail at Bellevue Transit Center and Tukwila International Blvd

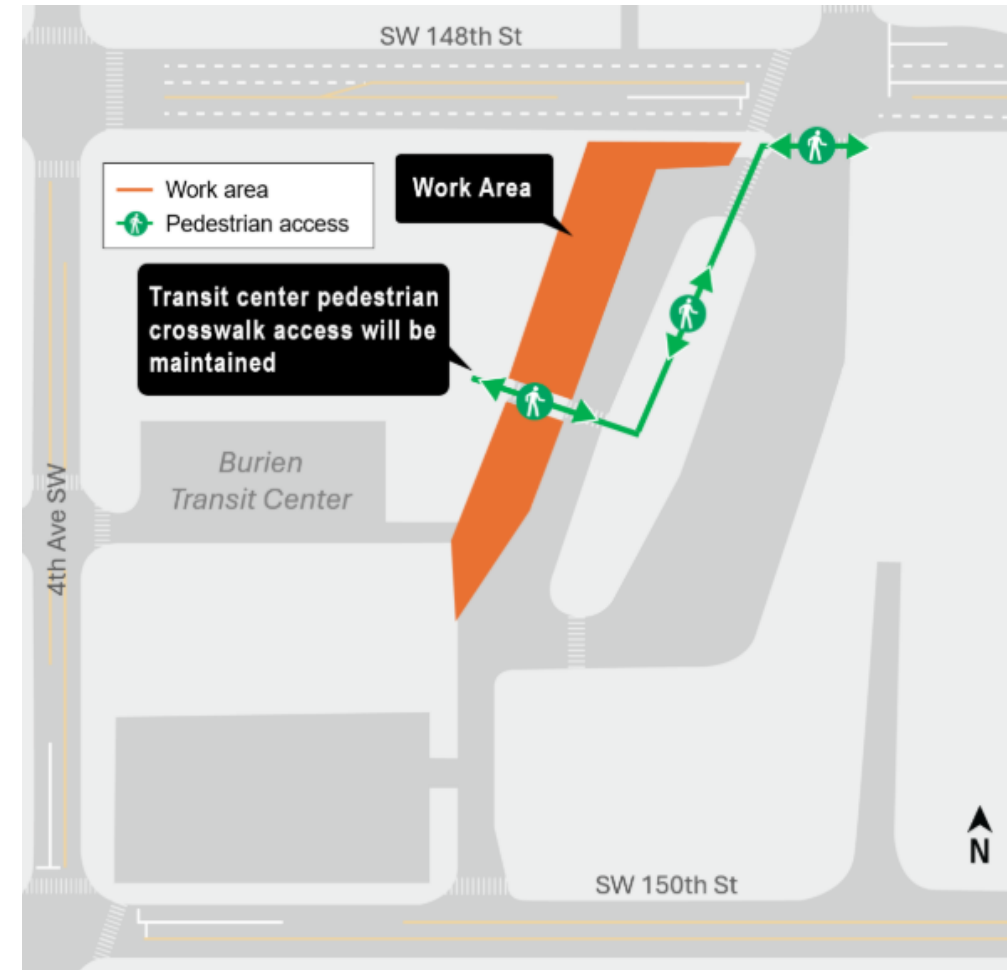
Status: In construction, Open 2028



S1 Sound Transit construction

Burien Transit Center:

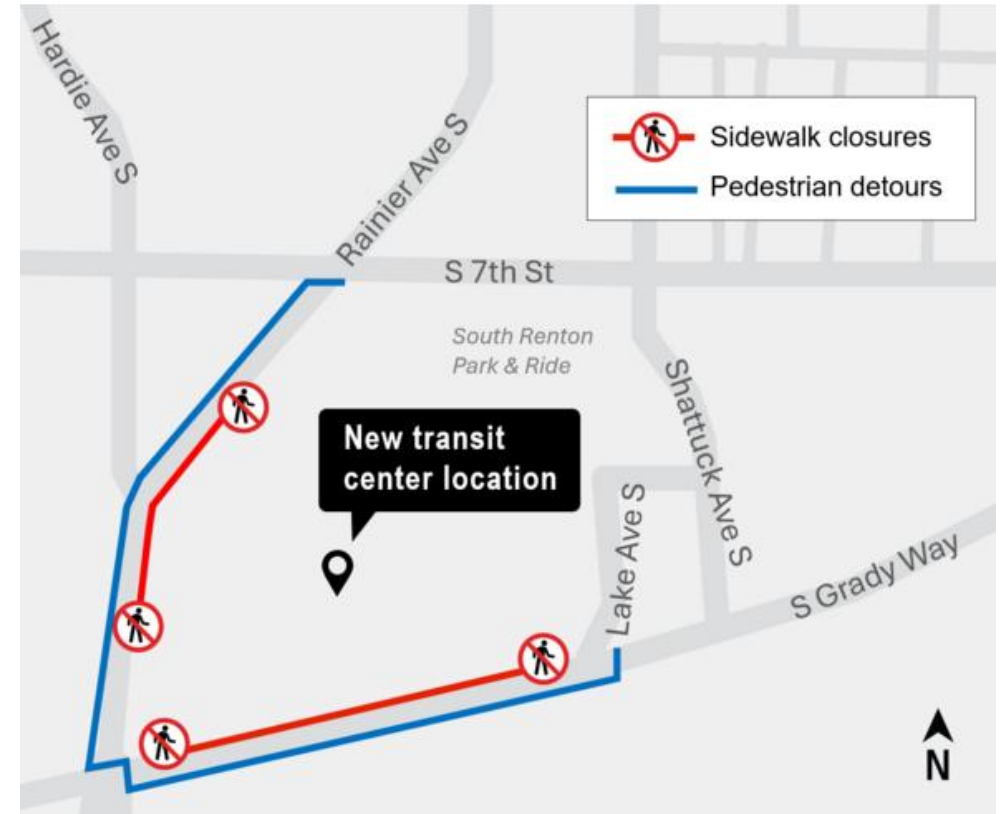
- Construction started: Opens 2028
- Station work: bay 1 demolition, charging pad
- Road work: SW 148th St, Q1/Q2 start date
- Stride station installation: (TBD)



S1 Sound Transit construction

Renton Transit Center:

- Construction: ongoing, opens 2028
- Road work: Grady Way (TBD/soon)
- Stride station installation: (TBD)
- Renton Parking: approved by the board, planning will start soon



S2 Line (Bellevue to Lynnwood)

Project elements:

- Seven new stations along I-405
- Connections to the 2 Line at Bellevue Transit Center
- WSDOT partnership

Status: In construction, Open 2029



S1 and S2 Bellevue Construction

Bellevue Transit Center:

- Bay 12 re-opened
- Eastern half of Transit Center closed
- Switch to work on western half of TC (early November)

Stride layover charging pads:

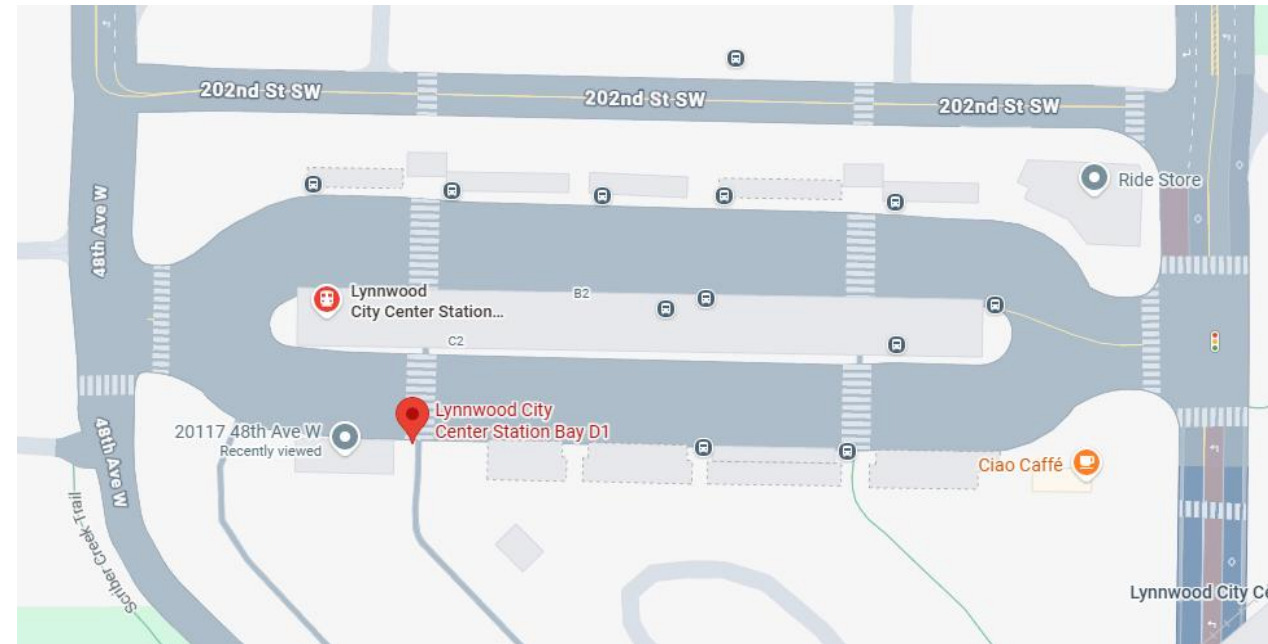
- Work starts Q1 2027



S2 Sound Transit construction

Lynnwood Transit Center:

- Construction starting October 5
- Areas of work:
 - Layover work
 - Charing pad
 - Stride station retrofitting - D1
- Upcoming impacts
 - ADA bus bridge (late Nov.)



S1 and S2 construction

Staying informed:

- Sign up for WSDOT construction alerts – you can even sign up for alerts about the project closest to you!
- Be sure to follow WSDOT on social media for updates (if that's your thing)!

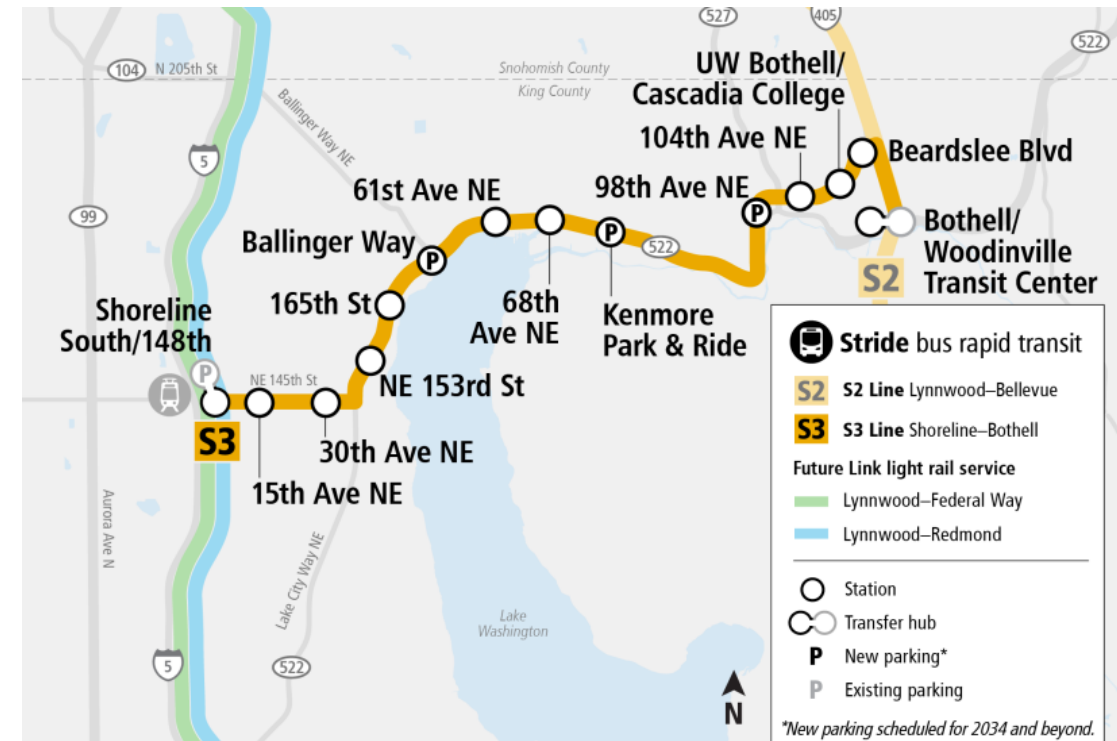
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S3 Line (Shoreline to Bothell)

Project elements:

- 14 new stations along NE 145th St and SR 522
- Connections to the 1 Line at Shoreline South/148th



Status: In construction, Open 2028

S3 construction

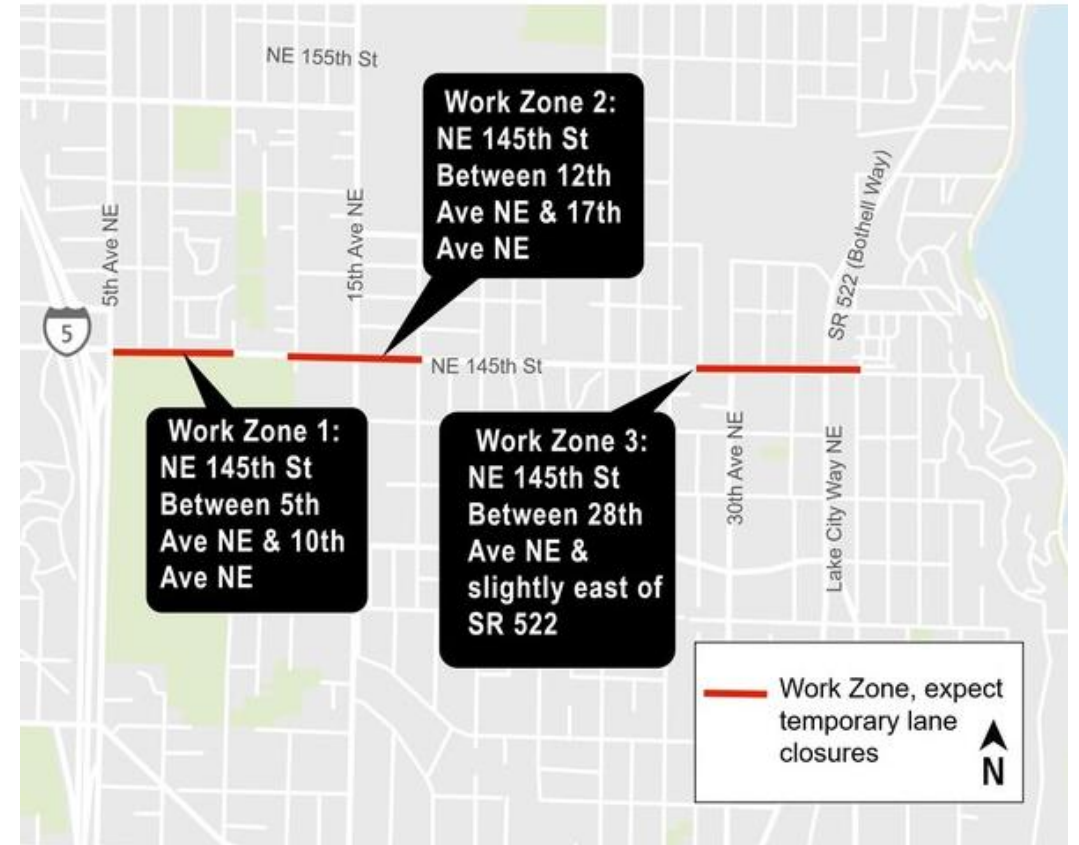
NE 145th Street

Shoreline/Seattle:

- Roadwork started
- Work hours: 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Bus impacts:

- Earliest impact, December 2026
- Most impacts, Spring 2027
- WB & EB 15th, WB & EB 30th, WB 32nd



S3 construction

Kenmore:

- Construction ongoing
- Workhours: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.,
nighttime work
- Multiple closed sidewalks, temp bus stops
- Ongoing lane closures

Station install:

- Starting as soon as Q1 2027



S3 construction

Bothell :

- Work zones: Bothell Way, 98th Ave NE, 104th Ave NE, UW Bothell/Cascadia College
- Work hours: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., nighttime work
- Multiple closed sidewalks, temp bus stops
- Ongoing lane closures

Station install:

- Starting as soon as Q2 2027



Stride S3 Line
Bus rapid transit service from Shoreline to Bothell

Sept. 2026

Drop-in information session for property owners

Have questions about upcoming construction in your area?
Stop by this informal drop-in session to connect directly with the project team.

What you can expect:

- Meet members of the construction team.
- Learn about upcoming work and project timelines.
- Ask questions about construction impacts and access.
- Get updates on project progress.

No presentation. No appointment necessary.
Just drop in at any time during the session.

Can't attend this time?
Contact us at brt@soundtransit.org or 206-556-5277 to schedule a separate meeting or Zoom call at a time that works for you.

Need language assistance?
Interpretation and translation services are available upon request at no cost. Please contact us in advance so we can arrange accommodations and ensure you have full access to the information shared.

We look forward to meeting you and answering your questions!

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800-201-4900 / TTY: 711 | main@soundtransit.org | soundtransit.org

Join us
Oct. 6, 2026 | 4:30–7 p.m.
Bothell Library
18215 98th Ave NE,
Bothell, WA 98011

Learn more and subscribe to project emails:
soundtransit.org/stride

Questions?
Contact Community Engagement:
brt@soundtransit.org
or 206-556-5277

Passenger Care
8 a.m.–6 p.m. Monday–Friday
888-889-6368 / TTY 711

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SOUNDTRANSIT

Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility

Project elements:

- Operations building for servicing and maintaining buses
- Buses will be cleaned, fueled, charged, and maintained
- Located in the Canyon Park Business Center in Bothell



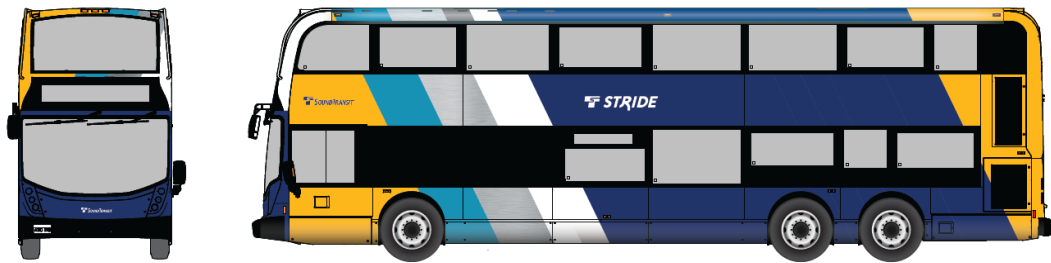
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Stride Fleet and Stations

- All-electric fleet procured
 - First buses arrive Q1/Q2 2027
- State of the art passenger information
- Bicycle accommodations: front racks on the bus & storage at select stations
- Inductive charging infrastructure throughout service lines



S1 & S2 (I-405)



Double-deck electric buses for highway service

S3 (SR 522)



Articulated battery electric buses for shorter arterial route



Questions?

Thank you.



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EERC FY2027 workplan update

Erin Funk– Hopelink
Eastside Mobility Coordinator

“How to Ride Light Rail” project

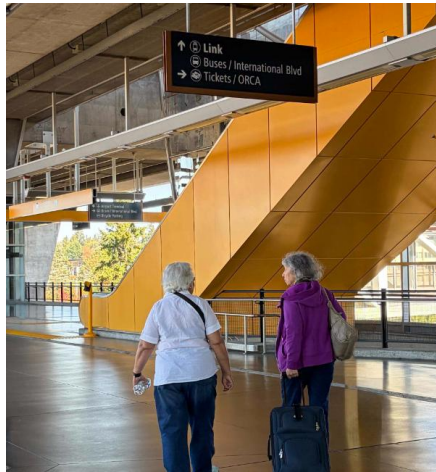
Voice Over: Complete

- Choose Your Way Bellevue – Tommie Lorene
- Kirkland Senior Council – Karen Hartman
- IACS - Parvathi Pi

Video Recording: Complete

Next Steps

- Video editing: Tommie Lorene
- Scouting for senior focused organizations for speaking circuit



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Next Meeting
November 24th (Zoom)
1:00pm - 2:30pm



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