

South King County Mobility Coalition Meeting

November 13th, 2025



GRATITUDE

The South King County Mobility Coalition 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 Coast Salish and Duwamish peoples, among others, as the first people of this land. We honor with gratitude the land itself as well as the past, present, and future of these tribes.



A view of the Puget Sound from Saltwater State Park in Des Moines.

MEETING AGENDA

10:30am – 11:00am: Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

Grace Georgitsis, South King County Mobility Coordinator

11:00am - 11:15 am: KCMC Storymapping Project

Heather Clark - Senior Manager of Coalitions, Hopelink

11:15am - 11:45 am: Federal Way Link Extension & ST 2026 Service Plan

Arthur Bachus – Systems Engagement Specialist, Sound Transit

11:45am - 12:00pm: Roundtable Discussion and Close

Grace Georgitsis, South King County Mobility Coordinator

INTRODUCTIONS

- If you are comfortable, please share your:
 - Name
 - Pronouns
 - Organization/Affiliation
 - Title
- Icebreaker question:
 - What is your favorite way to get around?



Image of the O'Grady Trail in the Green River Natural Area in Auburn.

If you are new to SKCMC- Welcome!
Please share your name and contact information in the chat to be included in our distribution list!



ANNOUNCEMENTS – In-Person SKCMC Meetings

- SKCMC is planning to re-introduce in-person coalition meetings in 2026
- Meetings will alternate between in-person and virtual
 - Virtual Meetings will maintain the same format
 - In-person meetings will be a space for networking and roundtable discussion
- Please fill out the linked survey to give feedback on suggested times for in-person SKCMC meetings!



Survey Link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/Vi324Npwkq>

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Quarterly Travel Ambassador Trainings



Hopelink Mobility's Sub-regional Coordinators will be providing Quarterly Travel Ambassador Trainings that are **free and open to the public.**

The first SKCMC quarterly training will be **January 29th, 2026, from 3pm to 4pm on Zoom.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Rural Transportation Advocacy Project Updates



Image of the Cedar River in King County, WA

The 2026-2027 RTAP Project will include five main deliverables:

1. An educational and networking event at North Bend City Hall on Saturday, March 14th, 2026
2. An educational and networking event in rural South King County, location and date TBD, in the late summer of 2026
3. A page on the KCMobility website providing information and curriculum from the in-person events
4. Swag for mobility team members to distribute at the events and at outreach
5. Rack cards to be distributed at the events and outreach

Discussion – SKCMC Rural Transportation Advocacy Project

- What support are transportation advocates in rural South King County seeking?
- What barriers to mobility and/or advocacy exist in rural South King County?
- Do SKCMC Partners have any fun ideas for swag that is related to this project?



A view of Mount Ranier from Enumclaw

Have input on Rural Transportation Advocacy in South King County? Know someone who does? Reach out to me at ggeorgitsis@hopelink.org

KCMC Storymapping Project

*Heather Clark – Program Manager of Coalitions,
Hopelink*

Storymapping Project

HEATHER CLARK

About the Project

- From the King County 2023-2026 Action Plan
- In partnership with Disability Mobility Initiative
- Storymap of successes and challenges accessing healthcare in the region
- Stories provided by community members who face the highest barriers meeting their travel needs
- Will be shared with decision-makers to improve available resources and programs

Example of a Storymap

- Disability Mobility Initiative (DMI) created a [storymap](#) to raise awareness about how people without access to cars navigate to essential services in our communities
- In the process, DMI heard numerous stories about transportation barriers for community members needing to access medical appointments and other activities that are known social determinants of health

Desired Outcomes

King County Mobility Coalition members and partners will understand what elements of our mobility landscape are well connected with health and wellness destinations and which are not.

The coalition and our partners will be prepared to advocate effectively for necessary improvements.

The voices and experiences of specialized transportation users will be heard.

What Do We Need From You?



If you know of community members who might want to share their story, let us know



Ideas of organizations to reach out to



Help promote our request for stories among your networks

Federal Way Link Extension & ST 2026 Service Plan

*Arthur Bachus – Systems Engagement Specialist,
Sound Transit*



Sound Transit Updates

South King County Mobility Coalition

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Arthur Bachus

System Engagement Specialist





What we'll cover

System Expansion

Federal Way Link Extension

Fares

Reduced Fares

Safety

2026 Service Plan

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System Expansion



Link light rail

Angle Lake–Federal Way (future service)

Surface

Elevated

Other service

Link 1 Line: Angle Lake–Seattle
(in service)

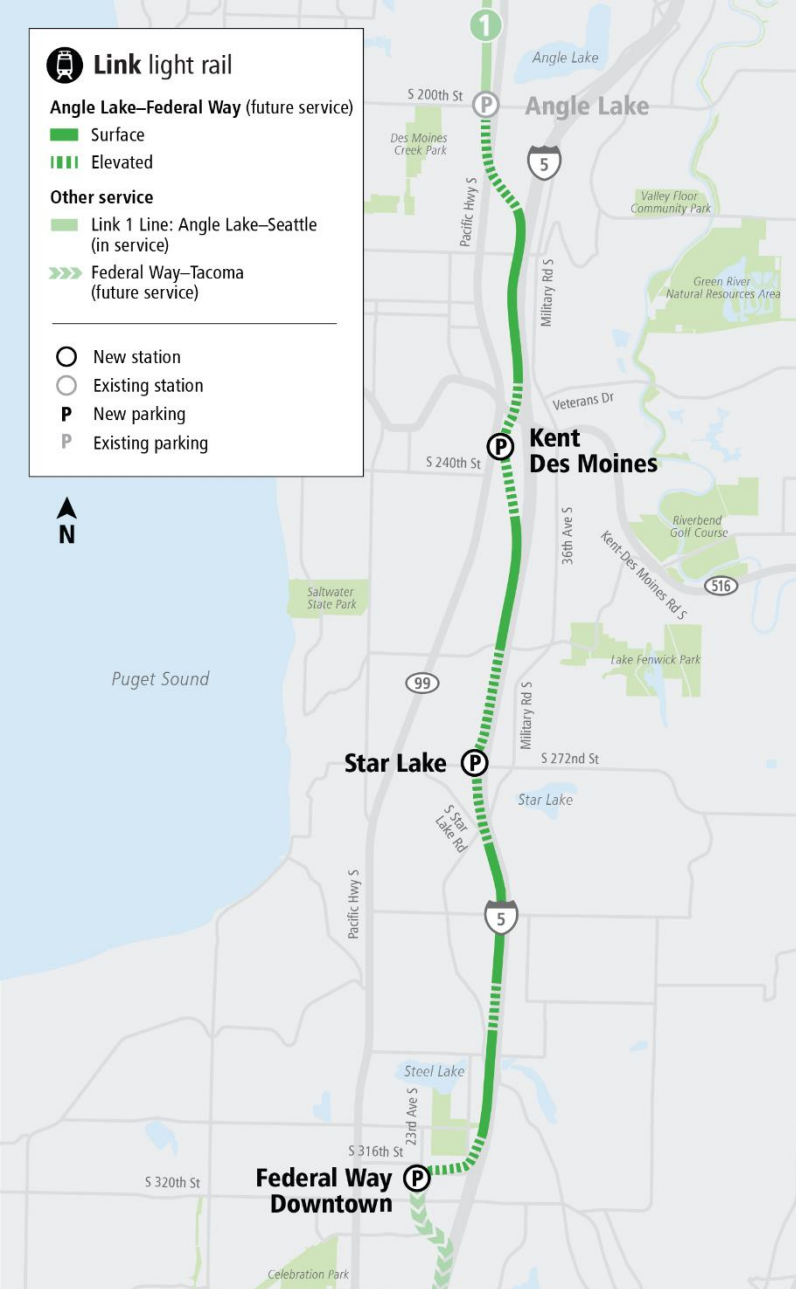
Federal Way–Tacoma
(future service)

○ New station

○ Existing station

P New parking

P Existing parking



Federal Way Downtown

1 Line

Opens December 6, 2025!

- Three new stations
 - Kent Des Moines
 - Star Lake
 - Federal Way Downtown
- Trains every 8-10 minutes
- Transfer to **2 Line** at Int'l District/Chinatown station
- Federal Way to **SEA** Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in 16 minutes
- Federal Way to ID/Chinatown in 45 minutes





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

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Federal Way Link Facts



Kent Des Moines Line Station

- Access to **Highline College**, surrounding neighborhoods and businesses.
- **Three new landscaped streets** to enhance accessibility for walking, rolling, biking, and transit.
- **Two large plaza areas** feature landscaping, seating, and public art.
- A **food truck plaza with areas for sheltered seating** near the **500-space garage**.

Star Lake Station

- Features a **1,100-space garage**, replacing surface parking.
- A **rebuilt section of South 272nd Street** improves vehicle/bus access to the station. Portions of 26th Avenue South and 28th Avenue South feature new sidewalks with landscaping.
- Included a **pedestrian/bicycle path** to the station plaza and connections to the existing freeway bus stop.





Federal Way Downtown Station

1 Line

- Located next to Federal Way bus loop, this elevated station provides **integrated bus and rail service** to serve the surrounding area.
- An expansion of the existing parking garage **increases parking capacity** by 400 spaces.
- A **new street grid** enhances access to the station and supplies an opportunity for future development.

Parking facilities

1 Line

Kent Des Moines

- 500 space parking garage
- Bike racks for up to 20 bikes
- 8 individual BikeLink lockers

Star Lake

- 1,100 space parking garage
- Bike racks for up to 20 bikes
- 8 individual BikeLink lockers

Federal Way Downtown

- 1,192 space garage + new 400 space garage
- Bike racks for up to 20 bikes, plus 40 at Federal Way Transit Center
- 8 individual BikeLink lockers

TOD along the Federal Way Link Extension

- **Kent Des Moines Station:** Mercy Housing will deliver 233 units that serve households earning up to and between 30% and 80% area median income.
- **Federal Way Downtown Station:** Development across four parcels adjacent to the station will include affordable housing and mixed-use project.



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Fares

Multiple ways to pay

Ticket machines

- Adult ORCA cards
- One way, return, or all-day rail tickets
- Pay with cash and credit/debit cards

On your phone

- Transit GO ticket app
- Google Wallet on Android (or wearable iOS devices)

Cash

- ST Express buses accept exact cash



Adult fares

- 1 2** Link 1 and 2 lines: \$3
- N S** Sounder N and S lines: \$3.25 – \$5.75
-  ST Express buses: \$3
- T** Link T Line: \$2



Tap your ORCA card

ORCA card readers are located in all:

- Link stations
- Sounder train platforms
- ST Express buses, next to the driver



Link 1, 2, and T lines, and ST Express buses:

- Tap ORCA card before boarding (flat fare).



Sounder N and S lines:

- Tap ORCA card before and after boarding the train (distance-based fare).



How to reload your ORCA card

Reload your ORCA card at:

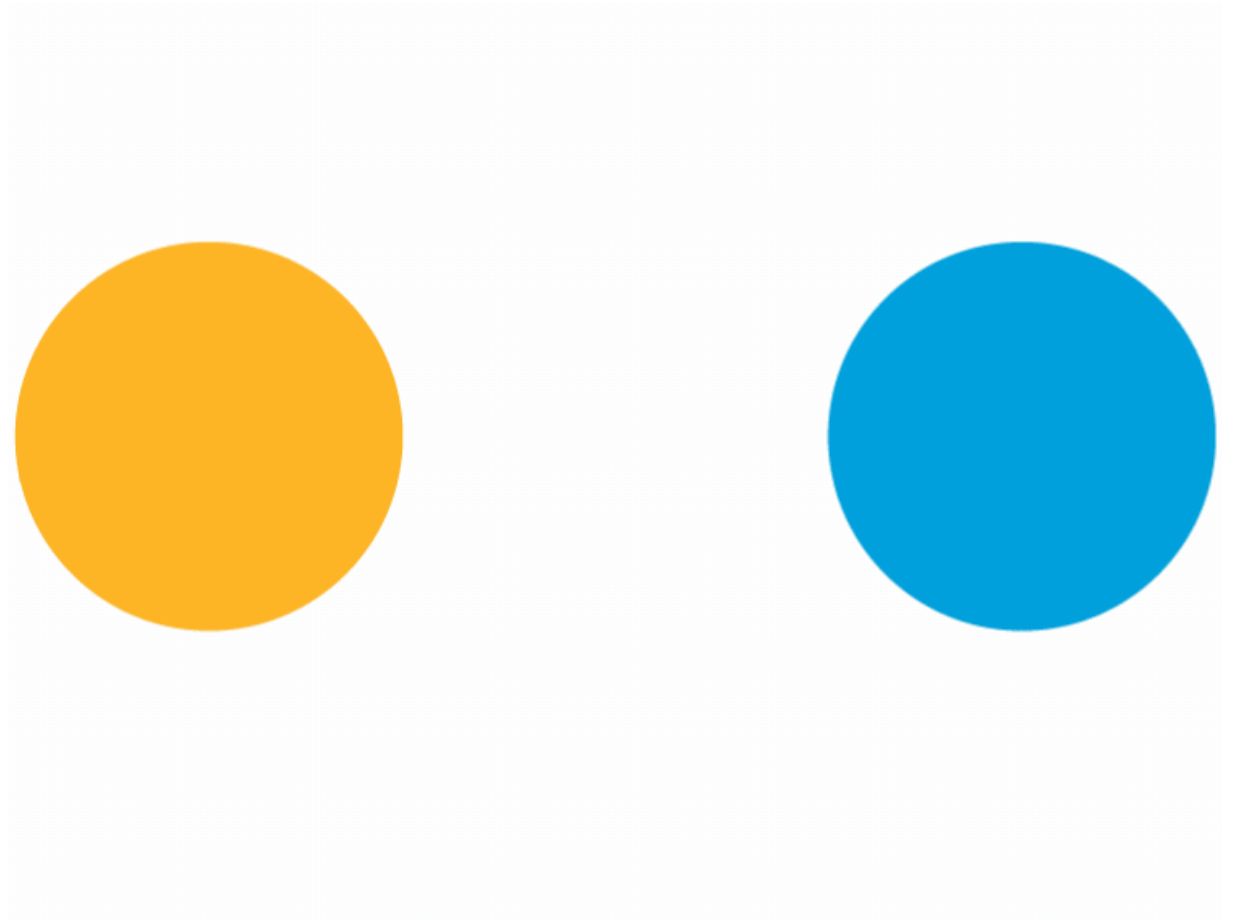
- **myORCA.com**
- **myORCA app**
- Ticket machines
- By phone at **(888) 988-6722**
- ORCA Customer Service office
- QFC, Safeway, Fred Meyer customer service.

Add between \$5 and \$300 on your ORCA e-purse or monthly pass.



Transfer to/from Link light rail with ORCA

- If you transfer within 2 hours, your original fare will be credited toward the next leg of your journey.
- Only pay the difference if the second leg of your trip costs more than the first.
- Most passengers enjoy completely free transfers with their ORCA card!



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Reduced Fares

Free Youth Transit Pass

Youth

Age 18 years and younger

Free

myorca.com

Enroll in person, online, mail, or phone.

Youth not required to have ORCA card



Free
Youth Transit Pass



Reduced fare options

Programs for seniors and riders with disabilities

Seniors	Regional Reduced Fare Permit
Age 65+ years	Customers with eligible disability
\$1 per trip	\$1 per trip
Community Health Access Program: 800-756-5437 Enroll in person, by mail, or online: myorca.com	



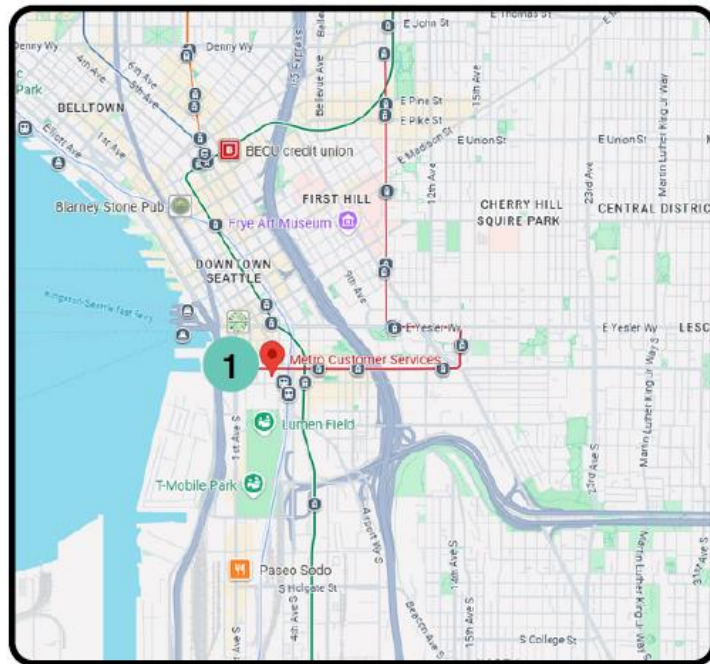
Free and reduced fare options

Programs based on income

ORCA LIFT	Subsidized Annual Pass
Low-income households (200% FPL)	Very low-income households (80% FPL)
\$1 per trip	\$0 per trip
Community Health Access Program: 800-756-5437 Enroll in person or online at myorca.com	



Enroll in-person

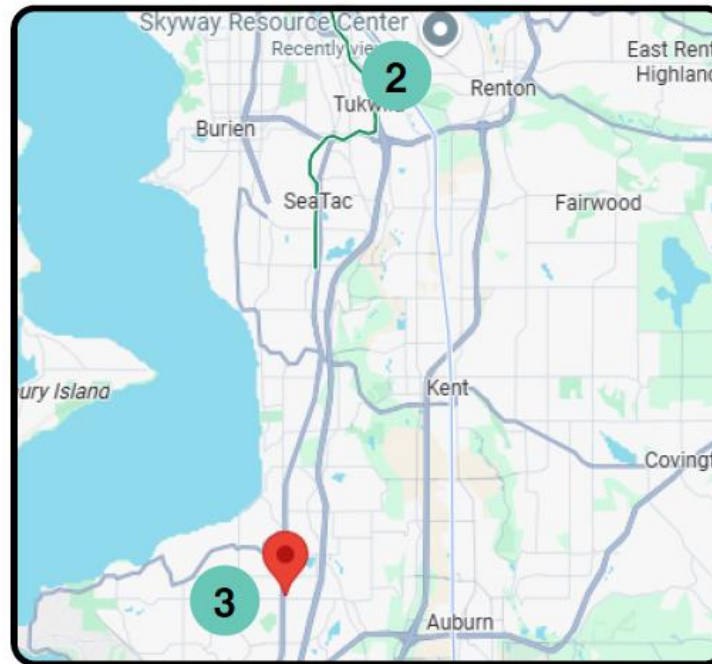


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Metro Seattle Office

201 S Jackson St
Seattle, WA 98104

- 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday-Thursday (closed 1:00 - 2:00 PM)
- 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM, second and third Fridays



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Skyway Resource Center

12610 76th Ave S
Seattle, WA 98178

- 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM,
Monday – Friday

3

Federal Way

1640 S 318th Place #B
Federal Way, 98003

- 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM,
Monday – Thursday (closed
1:00 - 2:00 PM)
- 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, first
and third Saturdays



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Safety

Customer Service

Passenger Care:

888-889-6368

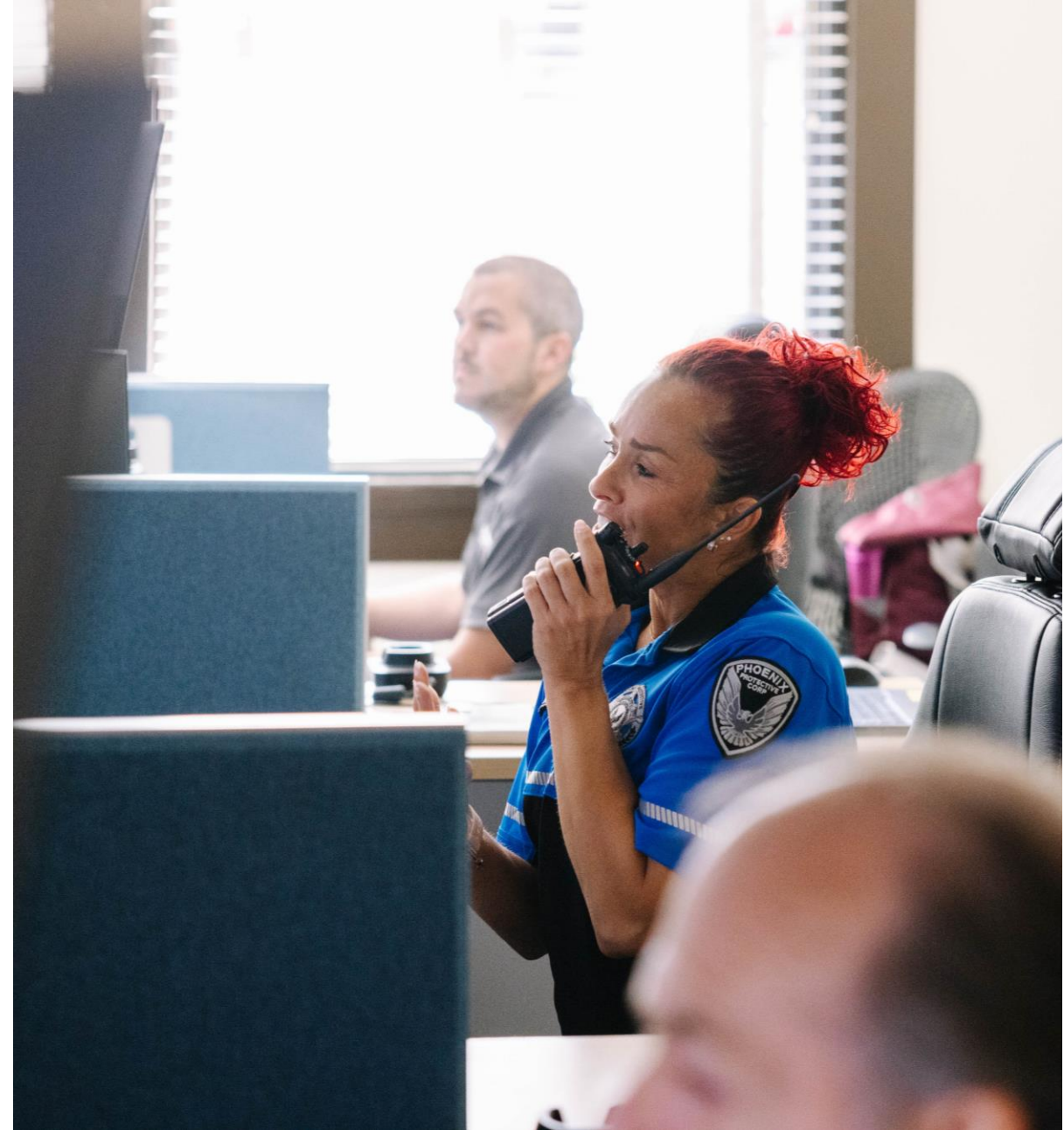
main@soundtransit.org

soundtransit.org/feedback

Hours of operation:

Monday-Friday

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Safety and Security

It's important that we all work together to stay safe.

In an emergency, always call 9-1-1.

Sound Transit Security:

Call or text: **206-398-5268**

Or email: security@soundtransit.org

After-hours: **206-296-3311**



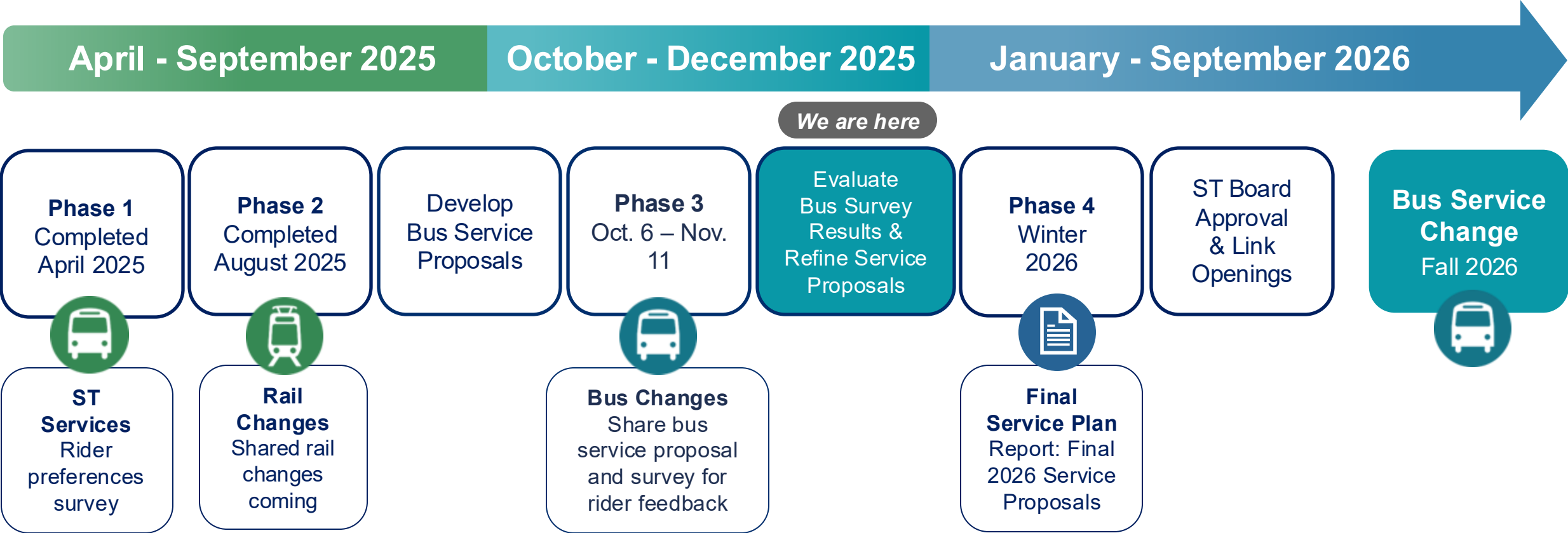
2026 Service Plan

What is the Service Plan?

- By the end of 2026, Link light rail will provide expanded service to areas now served by buses.
- Sound Transit is updating ST Express bus routes to improve connections to Link 1 and 2 Lines.
- The Service Plan considers community input on proposed changes.
- **ST Express service changes begin fall 2026.**



Engagement Timeline



ST Express Survey

October 6 to November 11, 2025

- Shared proposed ST Express service changes
- 4,400+ survey responses!
- Collected rider feedback on the proposed changes
 - 3 open houses
 - 75+ ST staff Ambassadors
 - 5-week multicultural multimedia campaign
 - Survey and website available in 7 languages



Final 2026 Service Plan

Winter 2026

- Report back on what we heard during Phase 3 ST Express Survey
- Submit service change proposals to the Sound Transit Board for approval
- **Approved ST Express service changes implemented in fall 2026**





Thank you!

Arthur Bachus

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ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

What are you working on right now?

Is there anything you would like the group to help promote?

Do you need support for anything you're working on?



A view of Lake Sawyer from Lake Sawyer Regional Park in Black Diamond.



THANK YOU!

NEXT MEETING:

November 13th, 2025
10:30am – 12:00pm