## **CITY OF SEATTLE**

RESOLUTION 32172
A RESOLUTION approving the alignment, station locations, and maintenance base location for Sound Transit's Link light rail lines in The City of Seattle, including the West Seattle Link Extension; and superseding the alignment, station locations, and maintenance base location approved in Resolution 31784.
WHEREAS, since 1996, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority ("Sound Transit")
has been implementing the voter-approved Sound Move, Sound Transit 2 (ST2), and
Sound Transit 3 (ST3) plans for a high-capacity regional transit system for the Central
Puget Sound region; and
WHEREAS, in May 2016 during the development of the ST3 proposal, City Council passed
Resolution 31668, which made alignment recommendations for the West Seattle Link
Extension (WSLE) and Ballard Link Extension (BLE) projects to the Sound Transit
Board, including a new light rail tunnel through Downtown Seattle; and
WHEREAS, the Sound Move and ST2 Plans include the following five electric light-rail lines:
Central Link (downtown Seattle to SeaTac); University Link (downtown Seattle to
University of Washington); Northgate Link Extension (University of Washington to
Northgate); Lynnwood Link Extension (Northgate to Lynnwood); and East Link
(downtown Seattle to Redmond); and the ST3 Plan includes the West Seattle Link
(downtown Seattle to West Seattle) and Ballard Link (downtown Seattle to Ballard), each
of which will provide numerous benefits to Seattle's residents, workers, and visitors, and
will help the City meet its Comprehensive Plan goals for dense, mixed use urban centers
and urban villages connected by high-quality public transit; and

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1	WHEREAS, in December 2017, the City entered into a ST3 Partnership Agreement with Sound
2	Transit (Resolution 31788) to collaborate on project delivery, streamline permitting, and
3	seek ways to reduce project costs, and deliver the project in advance of schedule; and
4	WHEREAS, through a series of resolutions (R99-34, R2001-16, R2005-20, R2006-07, R2011-
5	10, R2012-13, R2015-05, and R2024-22), the Sound Transit Board selected the rail
6	alignment, station locations, and maintenance base location for the projects that are
7	currently under construction, operating, or for which a Record of Decision has been
8	issued in The City of Seattle (City): Central Link; University Link; Northgate Link
9	Extension; East Link; Lynnwood Link; and West Seattle Link; and
10	WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council approved the selected alignment, station locations, and
11	maintenance base location for the Sound Transit Central Link, University Link,
12	Northgate Link Extension, East Link, and Lynnwood Link projects in Resolutions 30128
13	(adopted April 10, 2000), 30993 (adopted September 24, 2007), 31465 (adopted
14	September 16, 2013), and 31784 (adopted December 11, 2017); and
15	WHEREAS, on September 20, 2024, Sound Transit and the Federal Transit Administration of
16	the United States Department of Transportation (FTA) issued a Final Environmental
17	Impact Statement (FEIS) for the West Seattle Link Light Rail Extension Project to satisfy
18	the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and the State Environmental
19	Policy Act; and
20	WHEREAS, after consideration of the FEIS for the West Seattle Link Light Rail Extension
21	Project, on April 29, 2025, the FTA issued a Record of Decision finding that the federal
22	environmental process is complete for the project; and

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1	WHEREAS on February 20, 2025, Mayor Bruce Harrell issued Executive Order 2025-02
2	Supporting and Expediting Sound Transit 3 Investments – including the West Seattle
3	Link Extension and Ballard Link Extension – in the City of Seattle; and
4	WHEREAS, the City reserves and retains its substantive authority under the State Environmental
5	Policy Act to the full extent provided by law; and
6	WHEREAS, the West Seattle Link light rail line approved by the Sound Transit Board extends
7	from a new station at SODO to a new station at Alaska Junction, West Seattle; and
8	WHEREAS, City Council approval of the light rail alignment, station locations, and maintenance
9	base location in the City is required by Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 23.80;
10	NOW, THEREFORE,
11	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE
12	MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:
13	Section 1. Pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code Section 23.80.004, the City approves the
14	alignment of the Sound Transit light rail lines through The City of Seattle, including the location
15	of light rail stations and maintenance base in the City of Seattle, all as generally described in
16	Exhibit A and depicted in Exhibit B to this resolution. This approval does not waive the City's
17	regulatory or permitting authority as to any permits or other approvals for the light rail line that
18	are required by law.
19	Section 2. This resolution supersedes the approval of the alignment, station locations, and
20	maintenance base location for Sound Transit's Link light rail lines as described in Resolution
21	31784.

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1	Adopted by the City Council the <u>15th</u> day of <u>July</u> , 20
2	and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this15th day of
3	, 2025.
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5	President of the City Council
6	The Mayor concurred the 18th day of July, 2025.
7	Bruce Q. Hanell
8	Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor
9	Filed by me this 18th day of July, 2025.
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1	Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk
12	(Seal)
13	Attachments: Exhibit A – General Description of Link Light Rail Alignment, Station Locations, and

#### **Exhibit A:**

## General Description of Light Rail Alignment, Station Locations, and Maintenance Facility Location

### West Seattle Link Extension (SODO Station to West Seattle Junction Station)

Route: At grade structure begins north of the existing SODO Station and travels west of and parallel to the existing Link light rail line in the SODO Busway and continues south under South Lander Street, which would be reconstructed as an overpass of the light rail tracks.

Tracks transition to an elevated guideway and the route continues south from South Forest Street. A connection to the Operations and Maintenance Facility Central would be provided from tracks between South Forest Street and South Spokane Street. The route continues southwest from South Forest Street to cross over to the south side of the West Seattle Bridge. Route runs along the south side of the West Seattle Bridge on a light rail only bridge. West of the Duwamish Waterway crossing, the route crosses the northern edge of Pigeon Point before turning southwest on an elevated guideway that crosses Delridge Way Southwest.

The route continues on an elevated guideway on the west side of Delridge Way Southwest, then west along Southwest Yancy Street before crossing Southwest Avalon Way in the vicinity of Southwest Yancy Street. The route crosses 32nd Avenue Southwest at-grade and continues south along the east side of the West Seattle Bridge connection to Fauntleroy Way Southwest.

The route enters a tunnel at Southwest Genesee Street and 37th Avenue Southwest. It terminates at Southwest Hudson Street, with tail tracks in a north-south orientation under 41st Avenue Southwest.

#### **Stations:**

SODO Station – Immediately west of the existing SODO Station, north of South Lander Street, at-grade

Delridge Station – North of Southwest Andover Street and west of Delridge Way Southwest, elevated

Avalon Station – South of Southwest Genesee Street, beneath 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southwest, lidded retained cut

Alaska Junction Station – Beneath 41st Avenue Southwest and Southwest Alaska Street, tunnel

## Lynnwood Link Extension (NE 145th St to Northgate)

Route: Elevated structure begins north of Northgate Station and continues along the route of Interstate 5 (I-5) as combined retained cut/fill and elevated structure to NE 145th St.

#### Station:

NE  $130^{th}$  Street Station – West side of  $5^{th}$  Ave NE and north of NE  $130^{th}$  Street/Roosevelt Way NE, elevated side platform

## Northgate Link Extension (Northgate to University of Washington)

Route: Elevated structure at Northgate, tunnel begins south of the Maple Leaf Portal at 94th Street.

**Stations:** 

Northgate Station - East side of 1st Avenue NE, spanning NE 103rd Street, elevated (includes tail track)

Roosevelt Station -West side of 12th Avenue NE, north of NE 65th St, tunnel U District Station - Brooklyn Ave NE, south of NE 45th Street, tunnel

## University Link (University of Washington to Pine Street Stub Tunnel)

Route: Tunnel under University of Washington, Montlake Cut, and Capitol Hill Stations:

University of Washington Station - East side of Montlake Boulevard NE, near Husky Stadium, tunnel (includes crossover)

Capitol Hill Station - East side of Broadway E, south of E John Street, tunnel

## <u>Initial Segment (Pine Street Stub Tunnel to S. McClellan Street)</u>

Route: Use existing Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel (DSTT). South of downtown, use E-3

Busway rising to elevated structure turning east along south side of S. Forest Street, and then to tunnel under Beacon Hill.

**Stations:** 

Westlake - Tunnel

University Street - Tunnel Pioneer

Square - Tunnel

International District/Chinatown - Tunnel

Stadium - E-3 Busway at S Royal Brougham Way, at-grade

SODO - E-3 Busway, north of S Lander Street, at-grade

Beacon Hill - Beacon Avenue S at S Lander Street, tunnel

### **Initial Segment (S. McClellan Street to Boeing Access Road)**

Route: Elevated out of Beacon Hill tunnel, then turning south on Martin Luther King, Jr. Way S, at-grade in median

**Stations:** 

Mount Baker - S McClellan Street, elevated Columbia City-S Edmunds Street, at-grade Othello - S Othello Street, at-grade

Rainier Beach - S Henderson Street, at-grade

<u>Maintenance Facility</u> Maintenance Facility site - extends from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue S to Airport Way S, and from S Forest Street to south of S Hinds Street.

# <u>East Link (International District/Chinatown Station to the west edge of Lake Washington along 1-90)</u>

Route: From the International District/Chinatown Station in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel coming up at grade onto the Interstate 90 Express Lanes

Stations:

Judkins Park Station - on 1-90 center roadway east of Rainer Avenue S, at-grade





































































