

***West Seattle Link
Extension
& Ballard Link
Extension***

***Seattle City Council
3/18/2025***



West Seattle Link Extension



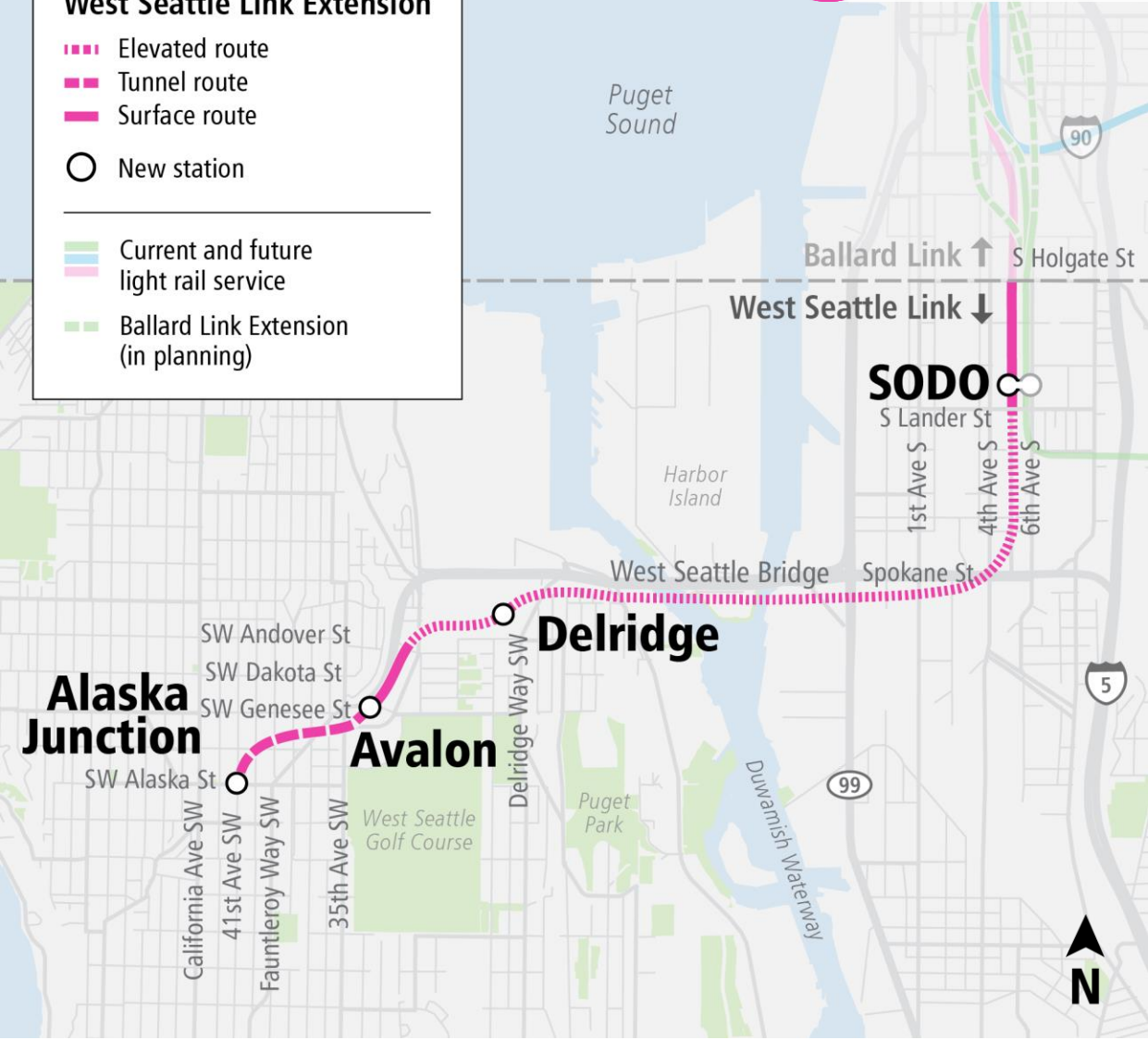
Link light rail

West Seattle Link Extension

- Elevated route
- Tunnel route
- Surface route
- New station

- Current and future light rail service
- Ballard Link Extension (in planning)

3 Line

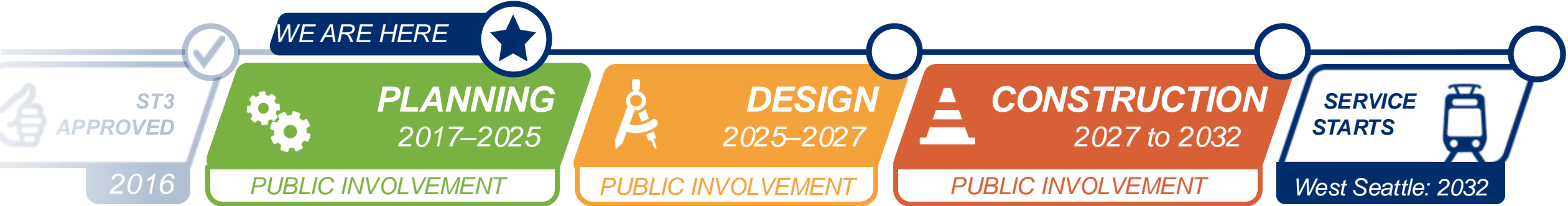


West Seattle Link Extension

- **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 redevelopment near stations, with focus on **affordable housing**.
- **Provides travel alternative** if West Seattle Bridge is congested or closed for repairs.
- **Facilitates future expansion** to south.

West Seattle Link Extension

Project timeline



PLAN



DESIGN



CON

2025–2027

Final route and station design

Station naming

Identify artists for station art

Property acquisition/relocation

Early construction activities

Construction contract procurement

Permitting

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Motion No. M2024-59

Develop a **workplan on the programmatic, financial, and project level measures and opportunities** the agency will pursue to **improve the agency's financial situation** and move WSLE through design **to inform** a financially sound project to be baselined, including **timelines and scale of potential benefits for each measure, and whether each measure is WSLE-specific or applies broadly to future projects.**

Ballard Link Extension

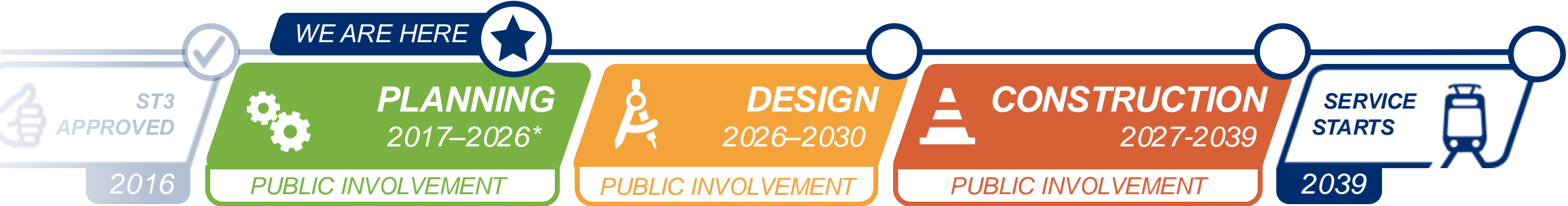


Ballard Link Extension

- ✓ Included in Sound Transit 3 (ST3) voter approved plan.
- ✓ Adds nearly eight miles of light rail service, including a new light rail-only downtown tunnel.
- ✓ Includes nine new stations from Chinatown-International District to Ballard.

Ballard Link Extension (BLE)

Project timeline





ST3
APPROVED

2016



PLANNING



DES

2017–2023

Alternatives development

- ✓ 2018: Early scoping
- ✓ 2019: Scoping
- ✓ 2019: Board identifies preferred alternatives and other alternatives

Environmental review

- ✓ 2022: Publish WSBLE Draft EIS
- ✓ 2023: Board confirms or modifies preferred alternatives



2024–2026

Environmental review

2024: NEPA Scoping

2025: Publish BLE Draft EIS

Public comment period

Board confirms or modifies preferred alternatives

2026: Publish BLE Final EIS

Board selects project to be built

Federal Record of Decision

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Ballard Link Extension alternatives

- Preferred alternative
- Other EIS alternatives



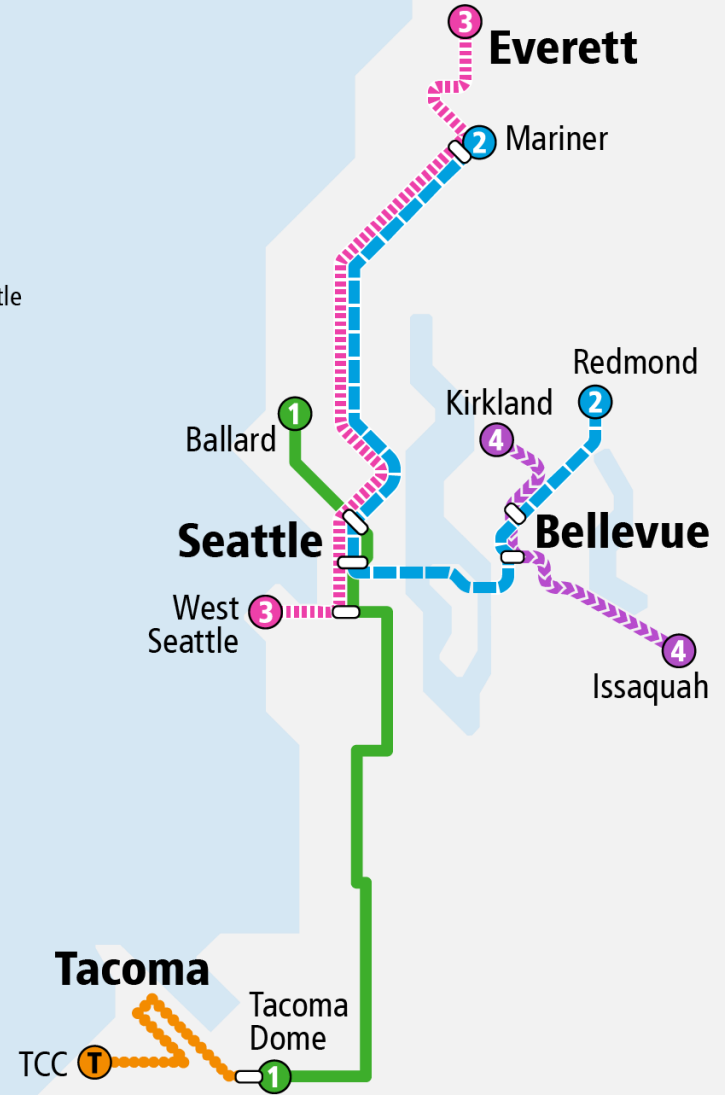
Operating plan: 2032

-  1
Lynnwood–Tacoma
-  2
Lynnwood–Redmond
-  3
West Seattle–SODO
-  T
Tacoma Dome–Hilltop
-  Transfer



Operating plan: 2042

-  1
Ballard–Tacoma
-  2
Mariner–Redmond
-  3
Everett–West Seattle
-  4
Kirkland–Issaquah
-  T
Tacoma Dome–Tacoma Community College
-  Transfer



Thank you.



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