

East Link Updates

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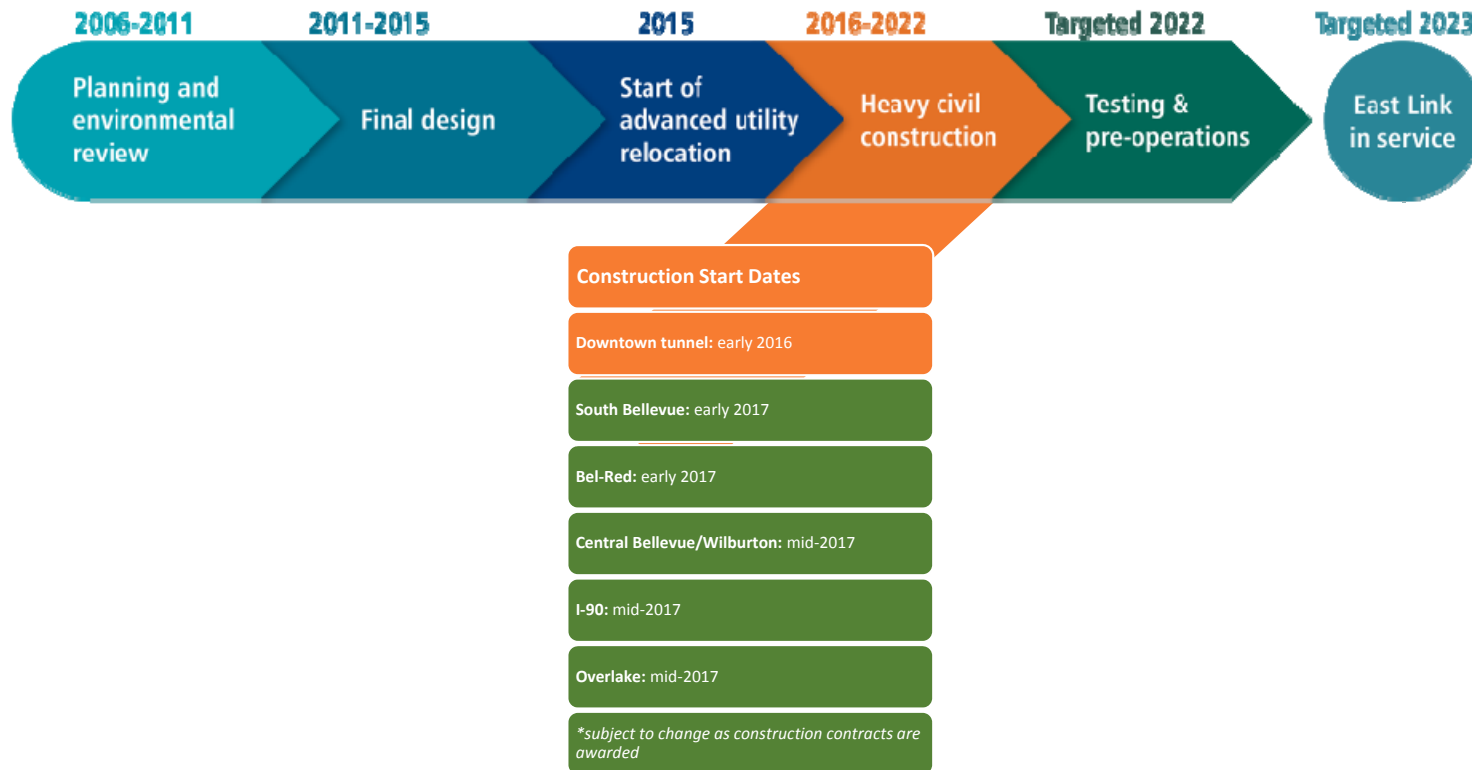
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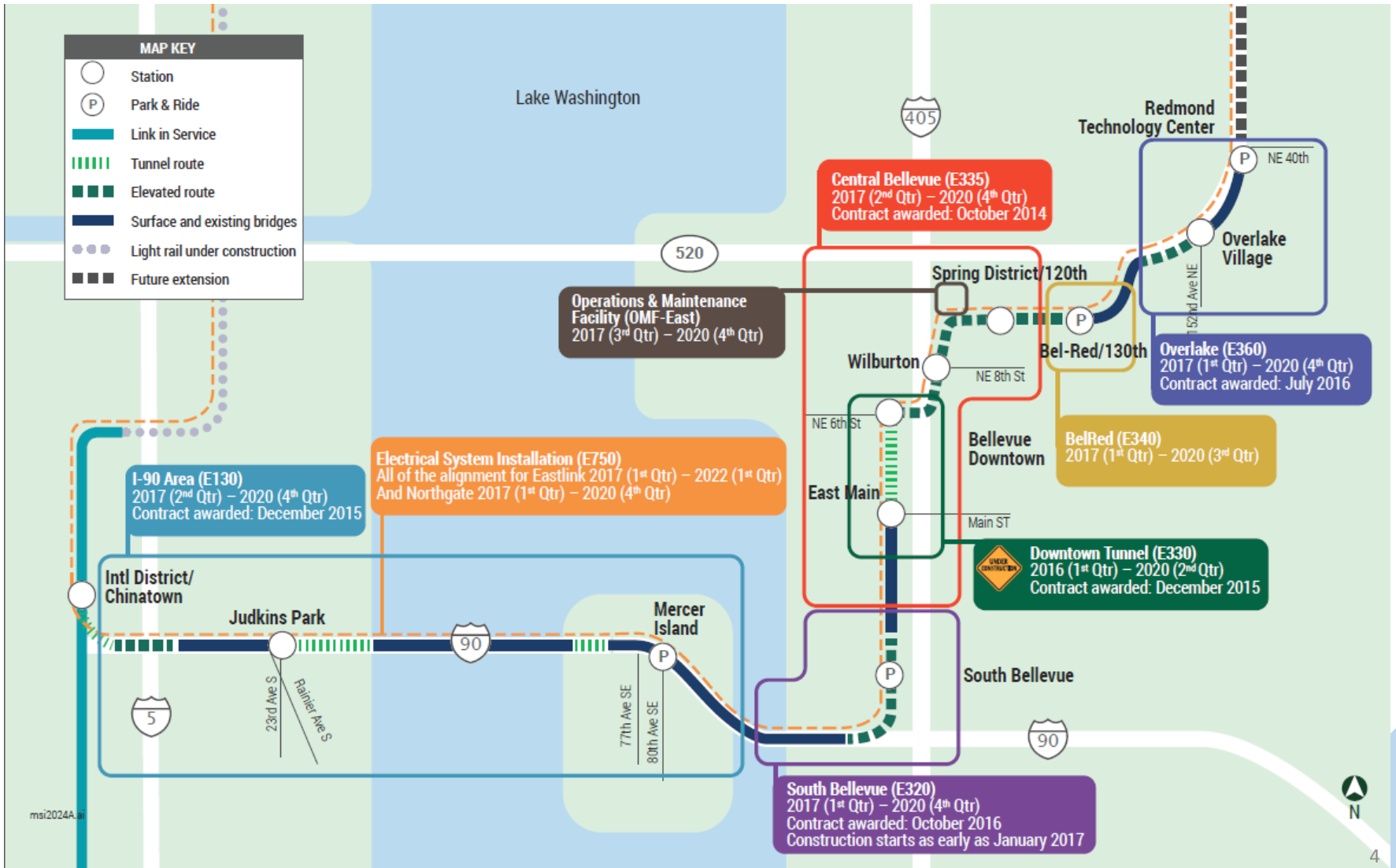
- Project Schedule
- MOU Commitments
 - Construction Noise
 - Maintenance of Traffic
 - South Bellevue Park and Ride
 - Permitting
 - Coordinated projects
 - Outreach
- Operations & Maintenance Facility - East



East Link Timeline



Project Schedule



Construction Noise

- Temporary Sound Wall complete
- Noise packages offered
- Monitoring equipment installed
- Tunnel excavation begins soon



- Crews working extended weekday hours + weekends
- Complaint protocol
- Early installation of noise walls where feasible

Maintenance of Traffic

- City's right-of-way use permitting
- Use of contract milestones and penalties
- Minimize disruption
- Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee
- City-led outreach
- Collaboration between ST, Contractors and City
- Coordination with other agencies, private developments, and City projects
- On-going coordination, monitoring, and adjustments

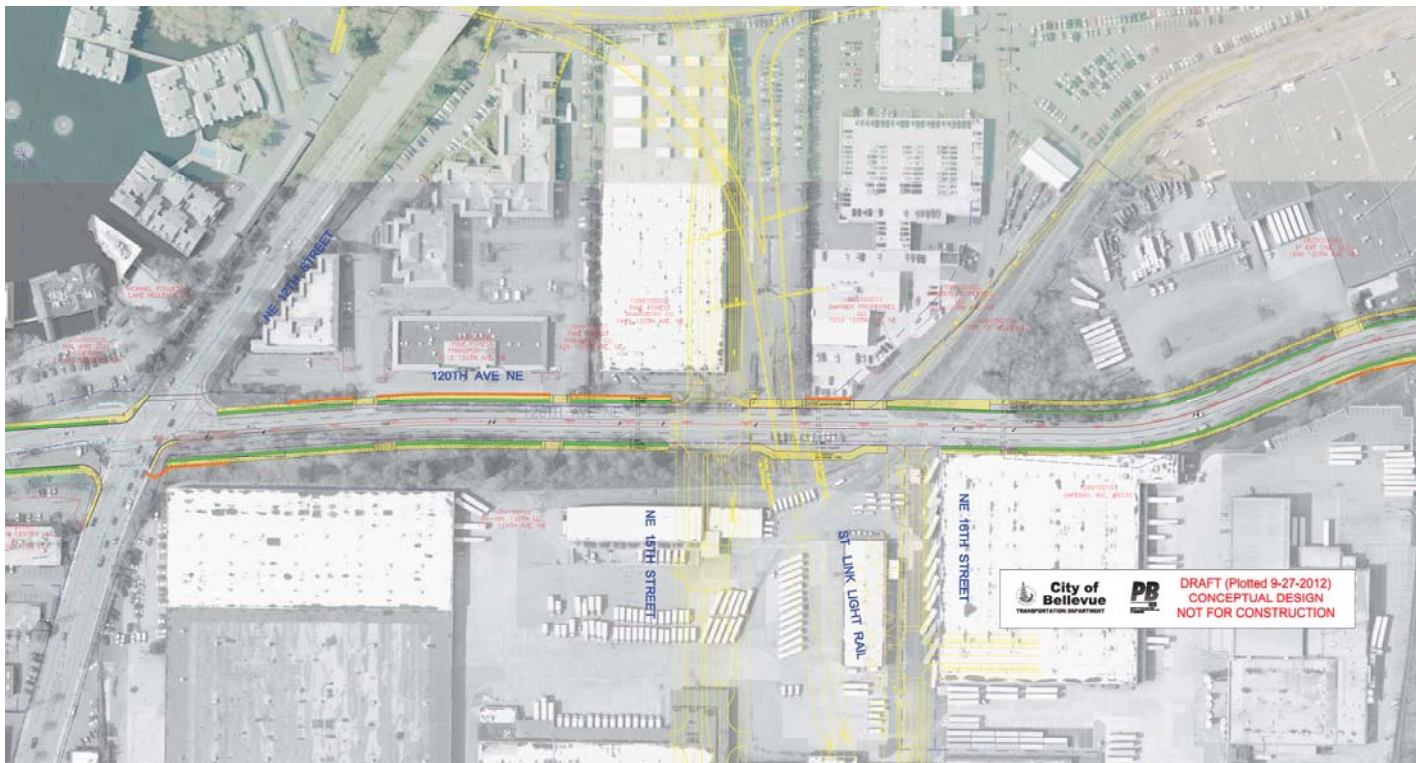


South Bellevue Park & Ride

- Current public message “Park-and-Ride to close; construction schedule coming soon”
- Alternate commuter park-and-ride lots opened Nov. 2016
 - Interactive map on Sound Transit website
- City supplementing Sound Transit’s communications



Coordinated Projects: 120th Avenue NE



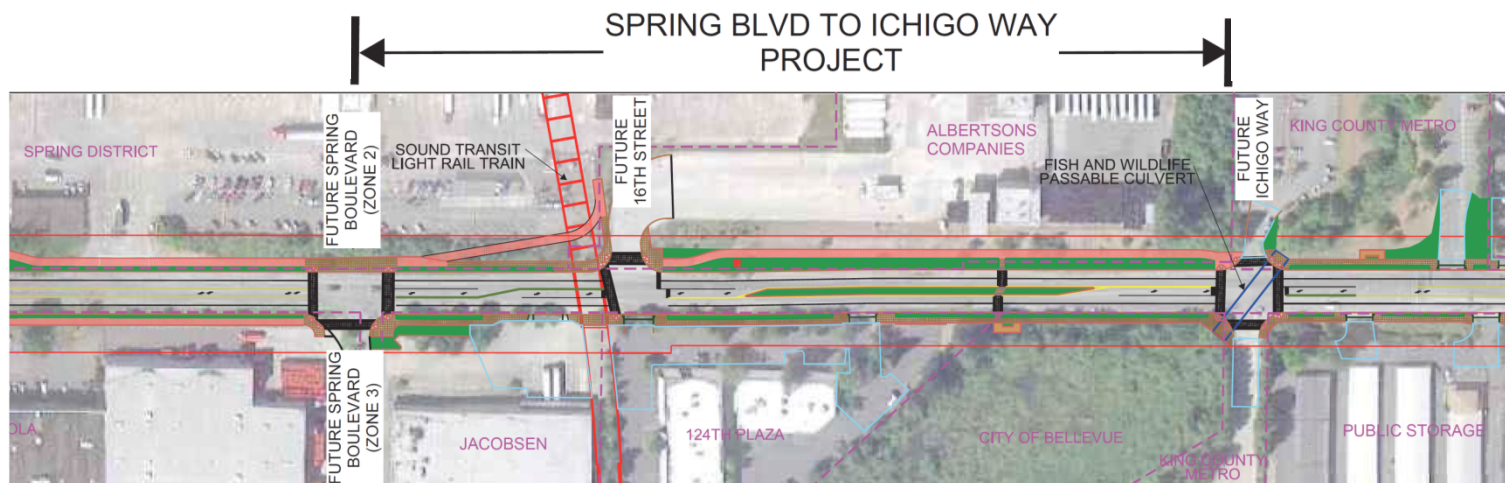
Teledesic Demolition

- Bid award May 16, 2016
- Notice to proceed/started construction June 2, 2016
- Completion date August 8, 2016

NE 12th St. to NE 16th St.

- Notice to proceed/started construction Aug 22, 2016
- Expected completion date Early 2018

Coordinated Projects: 124th Avenue NE

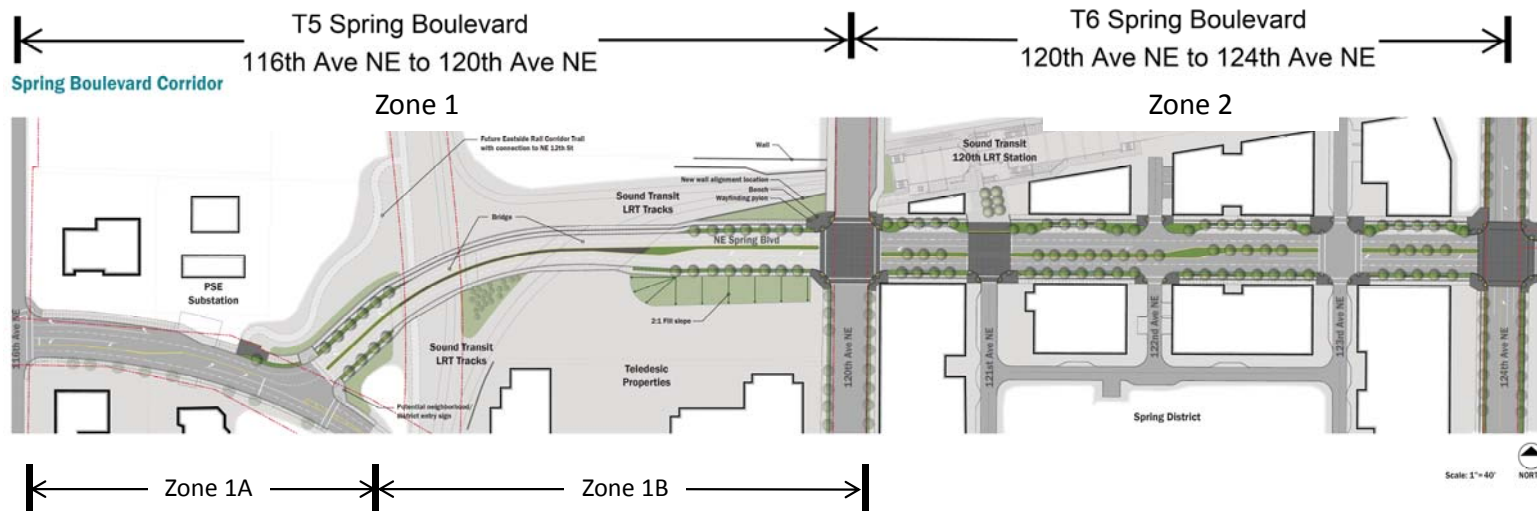


Spring Blvd to Ichigo Way

- Final design complete
- Working on securing property rights
- Expected to start construction mid 2017
- Complete Construction late 2018

Coordinated Projects: Spring Blvd (Zone 1B)

Zone 1B
 - Started construction Aug 29, 2016
 - Expected completion date late Summer 2017



Operations & Maintenance Facility (OMF East)

- Design-build project currently in procurement
- Final proposals due: January 23, 2017
- City representation on the selection committee
- Selection and negotiations: March and April 2017
- Sound Transit Board approval: anticipated May 2017



- Notice to proceed: expected June 2017

Outreach

- Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation
- Outreach and Communications



Draft Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Plan

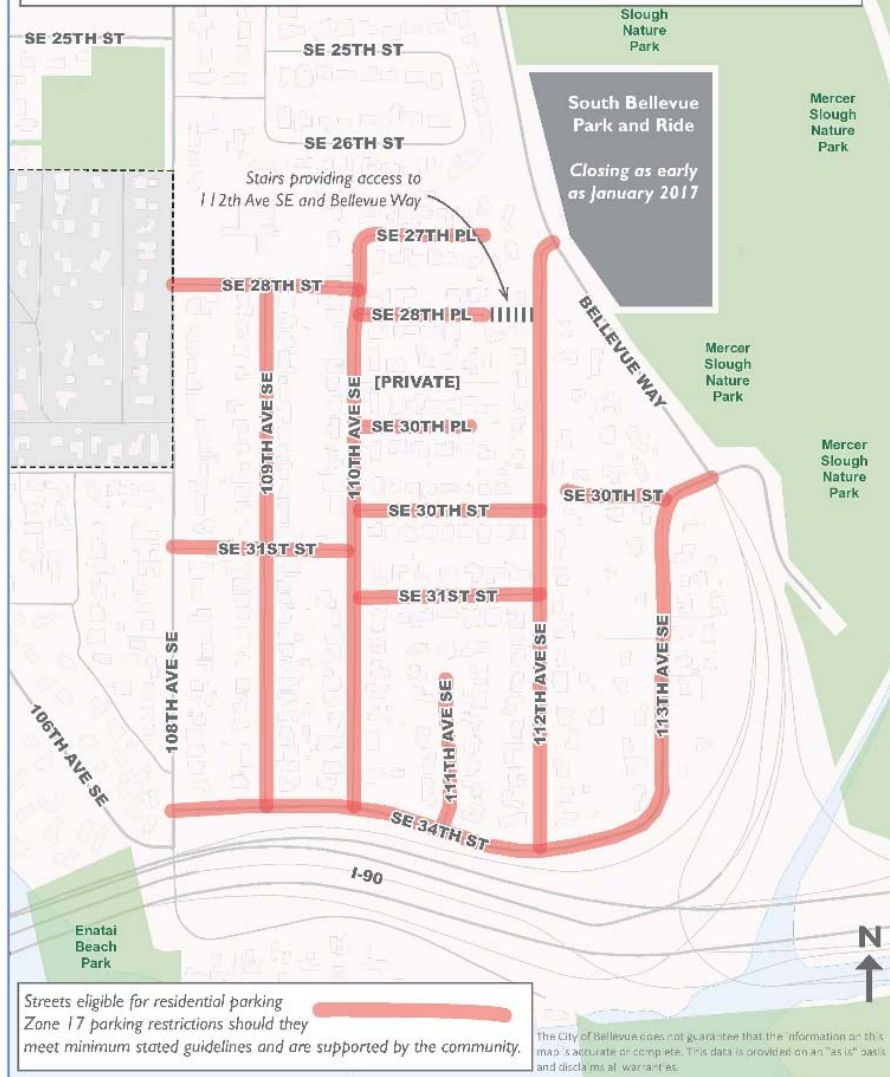
- Goal: lessen the potential for increased traffic in neighborhood areas as a result of East Link construction
- City-led process; includes Sound Transit coordination
- Current focus on South Bellevue
 - Residents of Beaux Arts Village, Bellecrest, Enatai, and Surrey Downs engaged
- Draft plan included turn restrictions (e.g. no left turn 4-7 pm)
 - Initial community feedback indicated need to retain to residential access
- Revision to plan in works: additional data monitoring and incremental implementation

Spillover Parking

- Concern about hide and ride occurring in Enatai:
 - Once South Bellevue Park and Ride closes
 - Given continued operation of Sound Transit 550 along Bellevue Way
- Impacts of hide and ride parking unknown
- Legal framework for residential parking zone (RPZs) in Enatai—usually last step—currently in place
 - RPZ Zone 17 approved by City Council on 11/21/17
 - Still need evidence of hide and ride parking occurring and community support for restrictions
 - Staff will review streets upon closure of Park and Ride
- City process for RPZs to follow for other parking hotspots that arise

Potential Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) #17 in Enatai:

Adjacent to South Bellevue Park and Ride



How do RPZs get created?

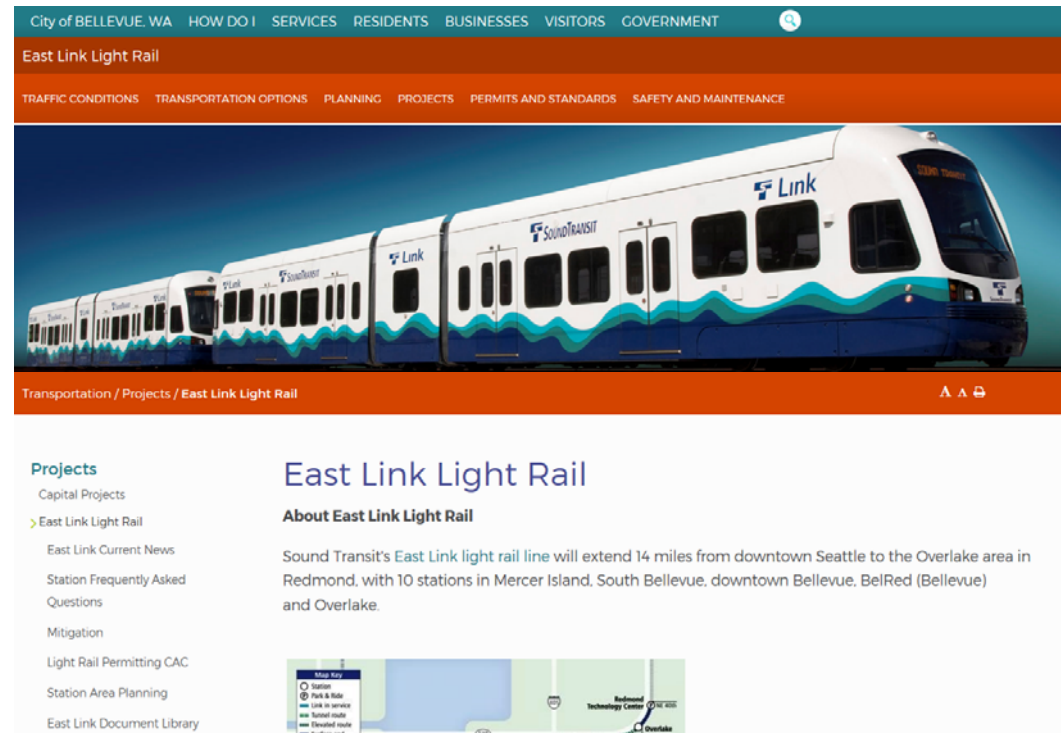
1. Residents submit form to staff identifying problem
2. Staff review concern to determine if it meets stated guidelines
 - 1000' feet of blockface
 - 30% of available parking supply is occupied
 - 50% of those parked cars must be non-resident
3. If guidelines met, community is balloted for support of restrictions
4. If support is met, goes to City Council for approval
5. After passed by Council, residents obtain permits and signs get installed

City-led Outreach & Communications

- City's Outreach Lead supports Sound Transit's Outreach
 - Attend Neighborhood and Stakeholder meetings and events
- Access Bellevue Communications Plan
 - City-led process called for in 2015 Amended Memorandum of Understanding
 - Refining draft plan
 - External communications committee as information exchange network

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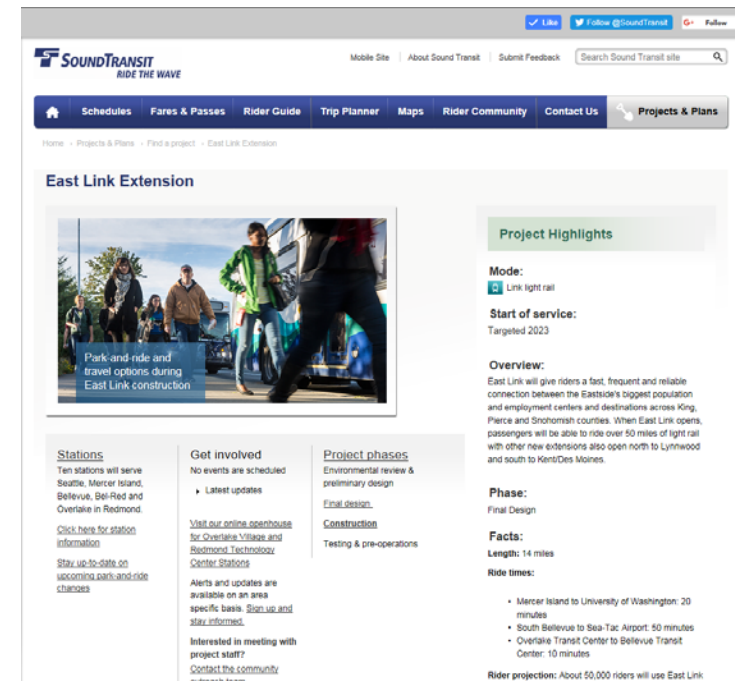
- City website (www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail)
- City East Link listserv (1,600+ subscribers)
- *It's Your City* newsletter (Feb., Jun., Oct.)
- *Neighborhood News* – monthly publication (1,900 subscribers)
- Social Media
 - City Facebook
 - City & Transportation Twitter



City's redesigned website in testing phase; launch expected in 1Qtr 2017

Sound Transit-led Outreach

- Dedicated outreach staff for each segment
- Neighborhood & business briefings
- Key stakeholder contact
- E-Newsletters & project updates (subscriptions)
- Publications
- Flyers for door-to-door distribution
- East Link webpage (www.soundtransit.org/Eastlink)



The screenshot displays the Sound Transit website's 'East Link Extension' project page. The page features a navigation bar with links for Schedules, Fares & Passes, Rider Guide, Trip Planner, Maps, Rider Community, Contact Us, and Projects & Plans. The main content area includes a large image of people at a transit station with the text 'Park-and-ride and travel options during East Link construction'. Below this image are three columns of information: 'Stations' (listing ten stations from Seattle to Overlake), 'Get involved' (with a link to an online openhouse), and 'Project phases' (listing Environmental review, Final design, Construction, and Testing & pre-operations). A 'Project Highlights' sidebar on the right provides key details: Mode (Link light rail), Start of service (Targeted 2023), Overview (describing the route and its benefits), Phase (Final Design), Facts (length of 14 miles), Ride times (e.g., Mercer Island to University of Washington: 20 minutes), and Rider projection (About 50,000 riders will use East Link).

East Link Contact Information



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Questions?