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ST2: Next Steps

SCHEDULE	2005				2006			
	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Sound Transit Board adopts final Long-Range Plan			▲					
ST Board narrows East Corridor options			▲					
Subareas develop prioritized lists of projects			▲					
ST delivers preliminary cost estimates			▲					
ST outlines financial scenarios			▲					
ST Board refines project lists			▲					
ST delivers refined cost estimates			▲					
ST Board further refines project lists			▲					
ST Board selects preferred HCT mode for East Corridor			▲					
ST Board issues draft ST2 plan			▲					
Public reviews draft ST2 plan			▲					
Final refinements of costs, funding & scope by ST			▲					
ST Board approves final ST2 plan			▲					
Expert Review Panel review	▲							
Public process and involvement	▲							
Possible ST2 vote								

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It's time to identify the next package of transit and transportation projects for the Central Puget Sound Region. This schedule shows how Sound Transit plans to provide ST2 project, cost and financial scenarios for public review and comment.

Sound Transit Board adopts final Long-Range Plan:

- The LRP represents Sound Transit's goals, policies, and strategies to guide the long-term development of the HCT system. It is based on years of intensive planning, environmental analysis, and public outreach.
- It determines how we will expect to connect communities not only for our existing residents, but also for the additional 1.2 million people who will be here over the next 25 years.
- Projects that go to voters as part of the ST2 package will be derived from the Long Range Plan.

ST delivers preliminary cost estimates:

- The initial cost estimates on the prioritized project lists will be presented to partner jurisdictions and the public.
- These are preliminary cost estimates that will continue to be refined. They are the first run-through of costs, and as Sound Transit refines the project lists, we'll have a better understanding of what each project will cost to build.
- These cost estimates will be delivered as they are available and have been subjected to adequate internal review. All will be available by early December.

ST outlines financial scenarios:

- Sound Transit provides an initial assessment on the financial capacity for each subarea, and optional funding scenarios for the ST2 plan.

ST Board refines project lists:

- With the cost estimates and financial capacity information, the Sound Transit Board will refine the project lists in consultation with the subarea forums and other organizations, stakeholders, etc.

ST delivers refined cost estimates:

- Cost estimates have been further refined at this point based on additional engineering, changes to how the project is scoped or defined, and additional opportunity to review assumptions.
- More information will be known and shared publicly at this time on the cost of individual projects.
- While these are refined cost estimates, they are still subject to change, and will change as additional engineering is done and/or project scopes are further refined.

ST Board further refines project lists:

- With the refined cost estimates, the Sound Transit board may further refine the project lists, with input from the subarea forums and other organizations, stakeholders, etc.

ST Board issues draft ST2 plan:

- Sound Transit will draft a plan based on priorities identified by the subareas and feedback from the public that will ultimately become what voters consider on the ballot, possibly as soon as November, 2006.
- The draft ST2 Plan will include a financial plan.
- The Sound Transit Board will issue the draft plan for public review.

Expert Review Panel review

- This independent expert panel will review ST's methods and assumptions related to cost estimating (capital and operating), ridership forecasting and project evaluation.
- Members are appointed by the Governor, the Legislative Transportation Committee, and the Secretary of Transportation.

Possible ST2 vote:

- Sound Transit is considering placing the ST2 plan and package on the November 2006 ballot.
- It's possible that the ST2 plan will be part of a joint RTID ballot measure.

2005 Major Milestones



PROJECT DELIVERY	1Q			2Q			3Q			4Q		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Eastgate transit ramp construction begins.....			■									
First Central Link light rail segment installed.....				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Everett Station layover track construction begins.....												
Tukwila Freeway Route construction begins on Central Link light rail.....												
Bellevue Transit Center Rider Services Building construction begins.....												
Cedar River pipeline replacement complete for Central Link.....												
Sammamish Park-and-Ride lot construction begins.....												
Totem Lake Freeway Station construction begins.....												
North Link Final SEIS published.....												
Airport Link environmental analysis complete.....												
Central Link's Beacon Hill tunnel boring machine is launched.....												
Downtown Transit Tunnel closes for conversion to light rail/bus operations.....												
Beacon Hill Station shaft for Central Link reaches full depth of 165 feet.....												
Ash Way HOV Access Ramps open.....												
Souder completes Tacoma-to-Lakewood right-of-way acquisition.....												
Permits for Souder North third train certified.....												
First Central Link construction segment completed.....												
First Central Link vehicle tested in Japan.....												
Issaquah Transit Center final design complete.....												
Federal Way Transit Center completed.....												
Federal Way HOV Access Ramps open.....												
SERVICE DELIVERY												
Coach style long-haul transit buses delivered.....												
Kent Station transit hub in full operation.....												
Special needs transportation Web site unveiled (FindARide.org).....												
Second Souder round-trip train begins between Everett and Seattle.....												
Souder passenger information/security system in operation.....												
45 million riders carried system-wide.....												
FUTURE CONNECTIONS												
Long-Range Plan Draft EIS public meetings.....												
Long-Range Plan Final SEIS published.....												
Board adopts Long Range Plan.....												
Regional Smart Card equipment installation begins.....												

■ Completed ▤ Shifted completion date

SECOND QUARTER

In 1996, voters approved Sound Transit's Sound Move regional transit plan. The plan includes a mix of transportation improvements: transit centers, park-and-ride lots, high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane access improvements, ST Express regional buses, Souder commuter trains and Link light rail. That regional network of buses, trains and transit facilities is connecting communities in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties. For more information contact Sound Transit, Union Station, 401 S. Jackson St., Seattle WA 98104 (800) 201-4900 or (888) 713-6030 TTY, www.soundtransit.org

Sound Transit 2005 Milestones

The 2005 milestones are Sound Transit's standards of achievement and a valuable tool for charting the agency's progress.



Project Delivery

Building the mass transit system

Service Delivery

Connecting the region with trains and buses

Future Connections

Expanding the regional mass transit system

- ✓ Eastgate transit ramp construction begins
- First Central Link light rail segment installed
- ✓ Everett Station layover track construction begins
- Tukwila Freeway Route construction begins on Central Link light rail
- ✓ Bellevue Transit Center Rider Services Building construction begins
- ✓ Cedar River pipeline replacement complete for Central Link
- Sammamish Park-and-Ride lot construction begins
- Totem Lake Freeway Station construction begins
- North Link Final SEIS published
- Airport Link environmental analysis complete
- Central Link's Beacon Hill tunnel boring machine is launched

- Downtown Transit Tunnel closes for conversion to light rail/bus operations
- Beacon Hill Station shaft for Central Link reaches full depth of 165 feet
- Ash Way HOV Access Ramps open
- Sounder completes Tacoma-to-Lakewood right-of-way acquisition
- Permits for Sounder North third train certified
- First Central Link construction segment completed
- First Central Link vehicle tested in Japan
- Issaquah Transit Center final design complete
- Federal Way Transit Center completed
- Federal Way HOV Access Ramps open

- ✓ Coach style long-haul transit buses delivered
- ✓ Kent Station transit hub in full operation
- Special needs transportation Web site unveiled (FindARide.org)
- ✓ Second Sounder round-trip train begins between Everett and Seattle
- Sounder passenger information/security system in operation
- 45 million riders carried system-wide

- ✓ Long-Range Plan Draft EIS public meetings
- ✓ Long-Range Plan Final SEIS published
- Board adopts Long Range Plan
- Regional Smart Card equipment installation begins

Top images: Aerial of Central Link's Beacon Hill tunnel shaft construction site; Sounder at the Everett Station; regional system map.

SECOND QUARTER 2005

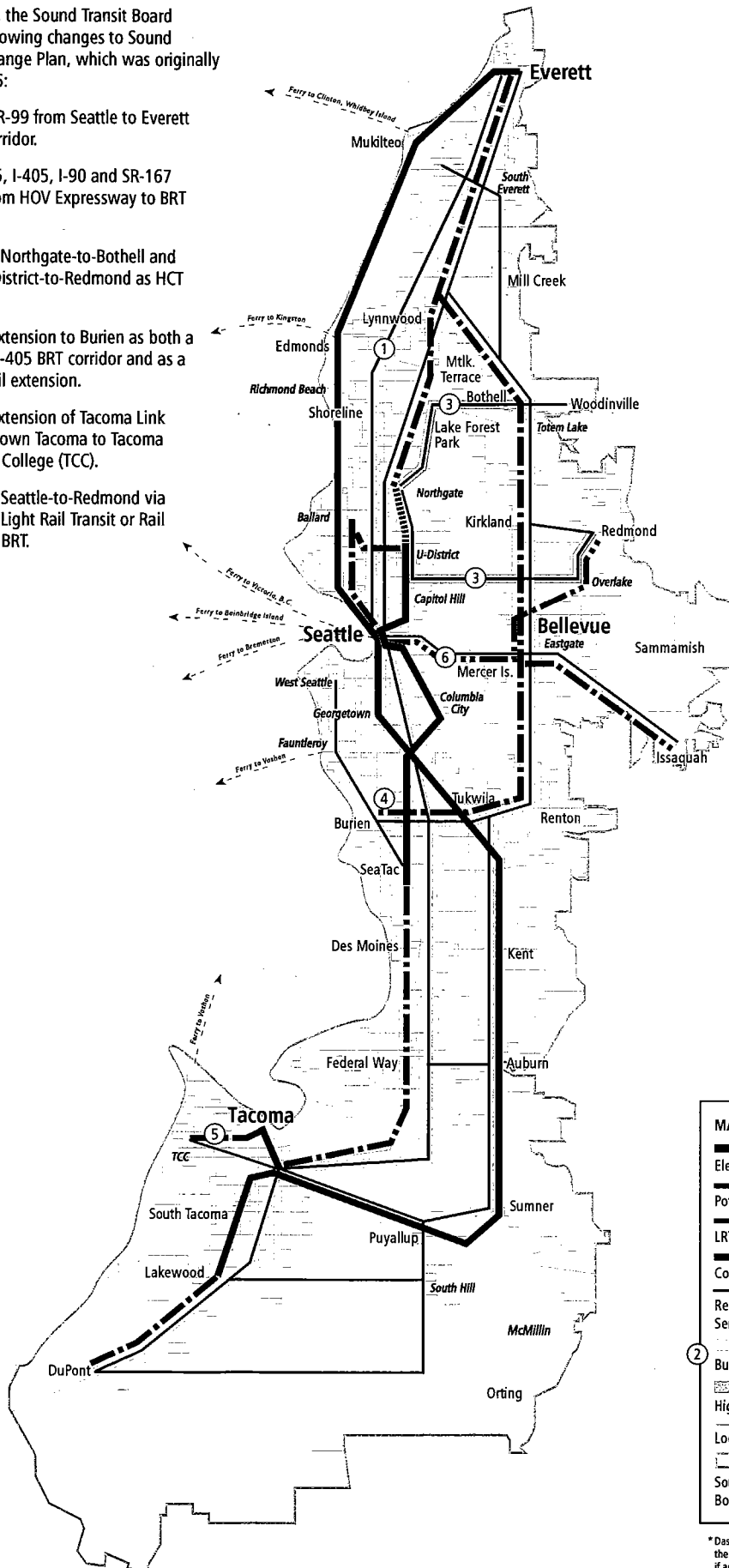


This information is also available on the Sound Transit Web site at: <http://www.soundtransit.org/newsroom/milestones/>. You may sign up for electronic updates of the Milestones by clicking on the "Receive E-mail Updates" icon.

2005 LONG-RANGE PLAN

On July 7, 2005, the Sound Transit Board adopted the following changes to Sound Transit's Long-Range Plan, which was originally adopted in 1996:

- ① Identified SR-99 from Seattle to Everett as a BRT corridor.
- ② Changed I-5, I-405, I-90 and SR-167 corridors from HOV Expressway to BRT corridors.
- ③ Designated Northgate-to-Bothell and University District-to-Redmond as HCT corridors.
- ④ Added an extension to Burien as both a part of the I-405 BRT corridor and as a potential rail extension.
- ⑤ Added an extension of Tacoma Link from downtown Tacoma to Tacoma Community College (TCC).
- ⑥ Designated Seattle-to-Redmond via Bellevue as Light Rail Transit or Rail Convertible BRT.



MAP KEY

- Electric Light-Rail Service*
- Potential Rail Extensions
- LRT or LRT Convertible BRT
- Commuter Rail Service
- Regional Express Bus Service
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- High Capacity Transit (HCT)
- Local Bus Service
- Sound Transit District Boundary

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* Dashed line indicates the portion of the light-rail system that will be built if additional funding is secured. (Authorized in Phase I)