

West Seattle Link Extension

Resolutions No. R2026-23

System Expansion Committee

10/8/2026



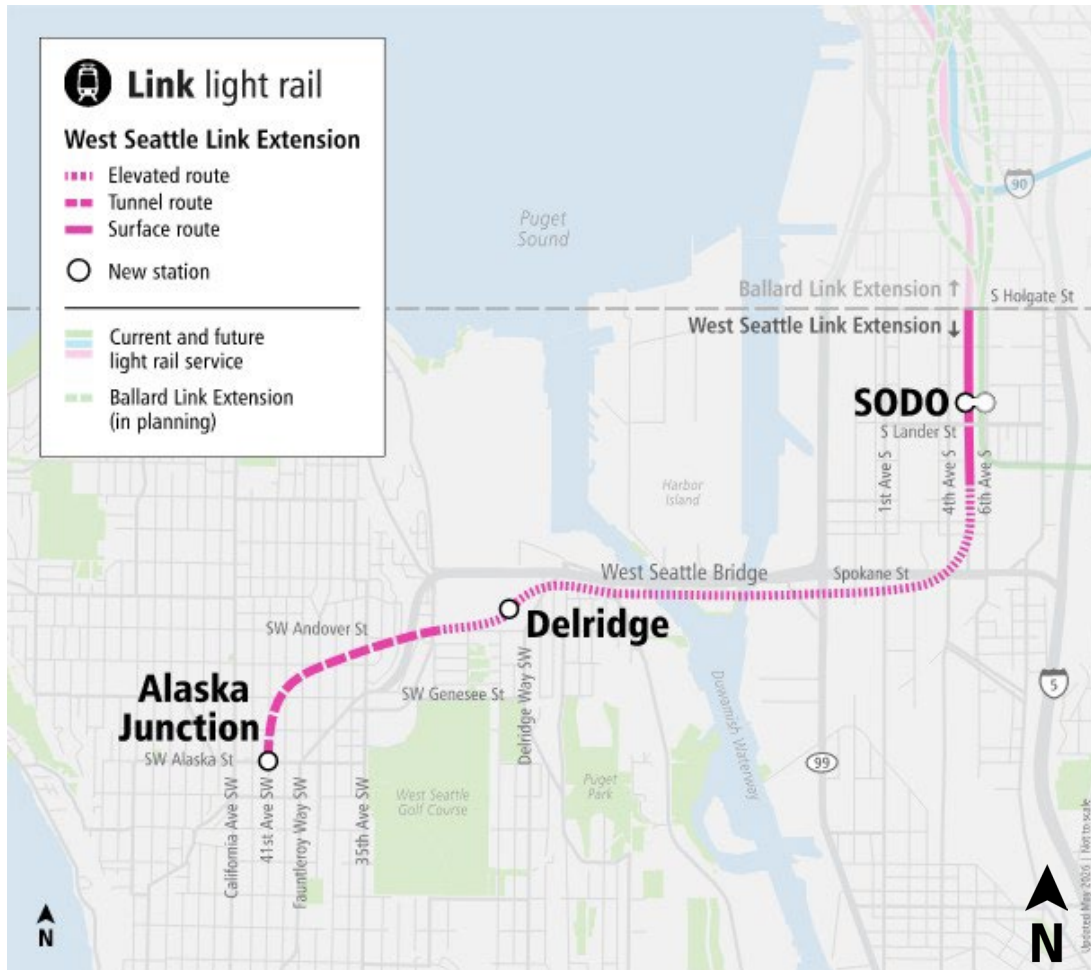
Why we are here

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- Authorization to acquire real property interests for 64 properties for the West Seattle Link Extension project.
- Necessary to begin right-of-way acquisition processes and provide relocation assistance for residents and businesses.

3 Line

West Seattle Link Extension



- **Adds 3.9 miles** of light rail service and **3 stations** with connections in SODO, Delridge, and West Seattle.
- **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.**
- **Facilitates future expansion to south.**
- **Resolution R2026-19** added \$765,000,000 sufficient to cover these acquisitions.

Property owner engagement to date

WE ARE HERE 

Environmental review phase (2017-2025)

GOAL

Broad community and property owner engagement throughout the project area

KEY ACTIVITIES

- **91** community briefings, office hours, and workshops
- **5** Draft EIS public meetings
- **62** fairs, festivals, and tabling events
- **8** email updates shared to over 10,900 subscribers
- **19,500+** online open house visitors
- **3** drop-in sessions following EIS publication
- Direct outreach to potentially affected property owners, including notifications before the Draft and Final EIS
- **589** community inquires responded to

METRICS

5,195

Draft EIS comments received
(on both BLE and WSLE)

297

Property owner meetings

Design refinement and early final design (2025-2026)

GOAL

Focused engagement with potentially affected property owners, businesses and communities

KEY ACTIVITIES

- **53** community briefings
- **26** meetings with residential property owners and tenants
- **25** meetings with commercial property owners and tenants
- **216** general community inquires
- **6** meetings with community groups and BIAs
- **2** public forums with over 400 total attendees
- **8** fairs and festivals attended with 7,000+ community members engaged

METRICS

110

Community meetings and briefings

131

Acquisition/Relocation inquiries responded to

Engagement prior to Board authorization (summer 2026)

GOAL

Individualized support for property owners whose properties are included in the upcoming acquisition package

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Community engagement phone calls and/or emails to each property owner
- Real Property phone call to each property owner
- Updated Notice of Board Action
- Direct engagement with businesses that will be displaced by property acquisition.
- Property acquisition and relocation FAQs included with notice
- Drop-in information sessions held virtually and in-person offered at multiple times of day.

KEY ENGAGEMENT TACTICS

Direct Support

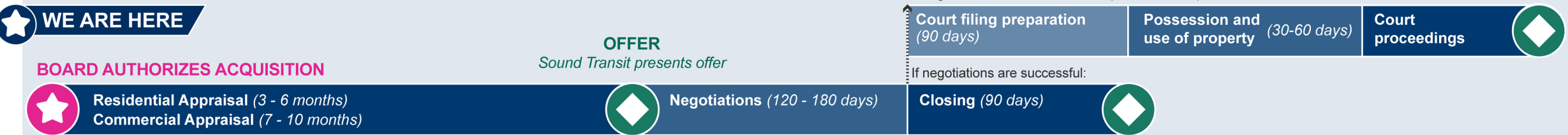
1-on-1 calls to every property owner

Drop-in information sessions

Property owners were invited to virtual and in-person sessions with community engagement and real properties staff.

Property acquisition and relocation process

PROPERTY ACQUISITION



RELOCATION



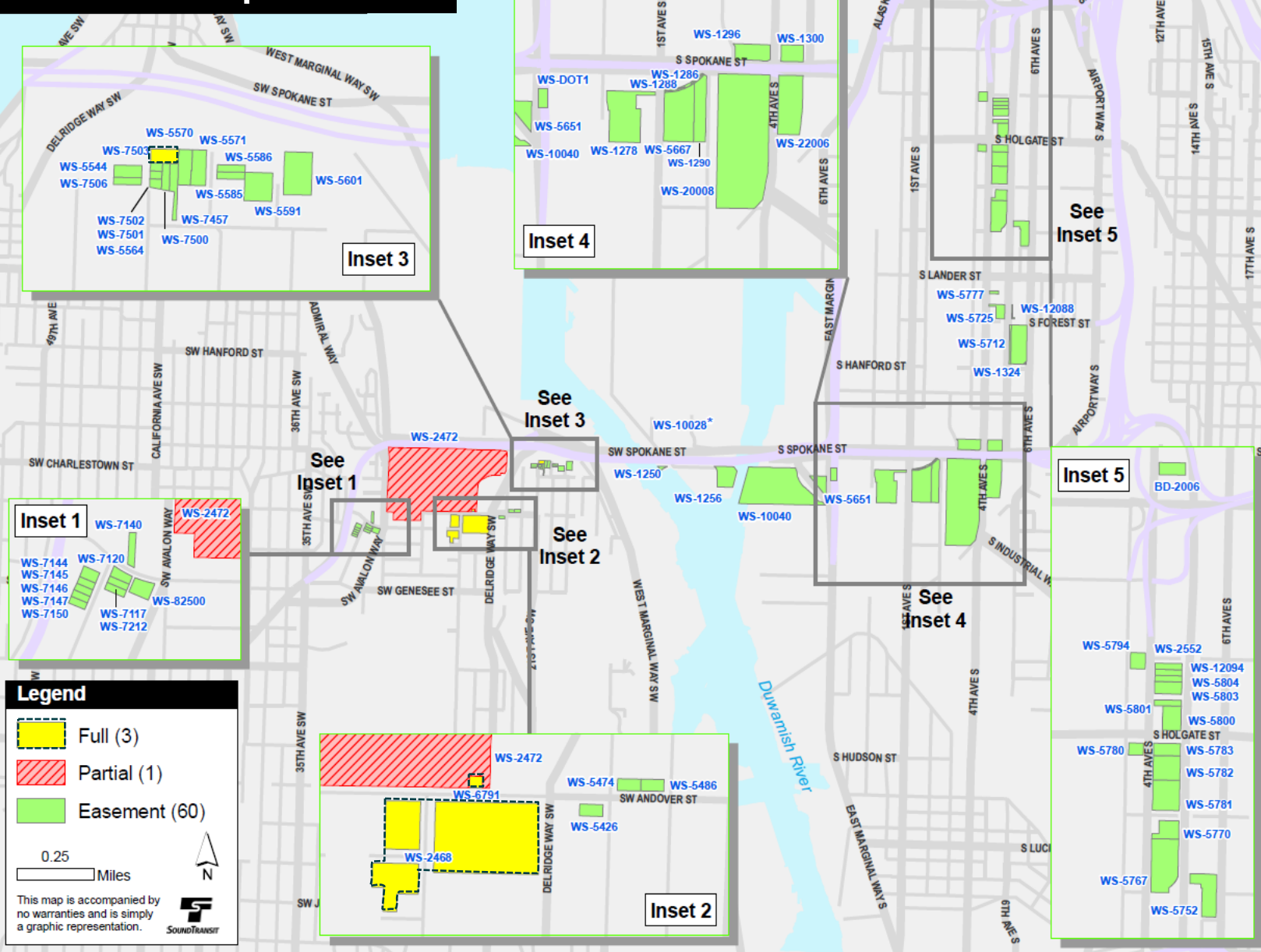
All durations are approximate and dependent on individual acquisition and relocation circumstances

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Seeking authorization for 64 acquisitions, including

- 3 full fee, 1 partial acquisition, 60 easement-only acquisitions
- Subsurface easements primarily under townhomes and single-family homes
- Aerial easements over industrial uses, including lands controlled by the Port, City of Seattle, railroads, King County, etc.

R2026-23 Acquisitions



Next Steps

● October 8

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→ Seeking Do-Pass
Recommendation

● October 22

Board Meeting

→ Potential Final Action

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in Seattle required for the West Seattle Link
Extension project*

Thank you.



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