Project Background

The Lynnwood Link Extension is part of the voter-approved Sound Transit 2 Plan to extend mass transit throughout the region. Once completed in 2023, the project will be the northern extension of a light rail system that will provide more than 50 miles of service to the north, south and east of Seattle.

Route and Station Alternatives for Environmental Review

Sound Transit is moving ahead to study in-depth route and station options to extend light rail from Northgate to Lynnwood. Following 3 public scoping meetings in October 2011, 10 community drop-in sessions in March 2012 and additional technical analysis, the Sound Transit Board identified specific route and station alternatives for light rail along I-5 to be studied in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (draft EIS). The Lynnwood Link Extension is now entering the environmental review phase of the project and the project team will be preparing the draft EIS scheduled to be published in mid-2013.

The draft EIS will identify the potential benefits and impacts associated with building the route and stations at the following locations along I-5: NE 130th St., NE 145th St., NE 155th St., NE 185th St., 236th St. SW, 220th St. SW, and the Lynnwood Transit Center. A total of 13 alternatives are being considered across three segments (see map inside).
**Future Northgate Station**

**Target Start of Service**

- At-grade and elevated tracks or a combination of both will be evaluated for each route option.

**Public Involvement and Outreach**

- Conducting field observation and testing in neighborhoods along the I-5 corridor for the project. All work will be done at night and on weekends to minimize disruption.
- Conducting door-to-door surveys to collect input from property owners in the vicinity of the site.
- Conducting area photography and natural resource and land use study.
- Traffic observation and counts.
- Noise monitoring.

**Construction & Testing**

- Field observation and testing begins in mid-2012.

**Final Design**

- Final design is anticipated to be completed in mid-2013.

**Engineering & EIS Scoping**

- Alternatives analysis, conceptual.

**Engineering**

- Potential station locations include:
  - NE 125th St, station at NE 125th St.
  - N 130th St, station on the west side of NE 185th St.
  - In Seattle: station at NE 125th St.
  - In Shoreline: station on the west side of NE 185th St.
  - In Shoreline: routes that travel along the west side of I-5, including NE 125th St. and NE 145th St.
  - Potential station locations also include NE 130th St.

**Planning & Environmental Consideration**

- No longer under consideration:
  - Mountlake Terrace Farmer’s Market – September 7
  - Shoreline Farmer’s Market – August 25
  - Celebrate Shoreline – August 18
  - Tour de Terrace – July 28 & 29
  - Edmonds Summer Market – July 14
  - Edmonds Community College – September 12
  - Meridian Avenue N
  - Aurora Avenue N
  - 155th Avenue NE
  - NE 125th Street
  - NE 145th Street

**Stations**

- Lynnwood Transit Center
- Edmonds Community College Transit Center
- Lynnwood Transit Center
- Edmonds Medical Center
- Edmonds
- Lynnwood
- Mountlake Terrace
- Shoreline Library
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**Field Observation and Testing Begins**

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**What is No Longer Under Consideration**

- Mt. Baker
- Station alternatives
- Services
- Stations
- Planning and environmental considerations
- Route and station alternatives
- Construction

**About the Route and Station Alternatives**

- Draft EIS
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