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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions will provide fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers throughout the region. In addition, the new downtown Seattle light rail tunnel provides capacity for the entire regional system to operate efficiently.

West Seattle benefits

- » 4.7 miles of light rail service from downtown Seattle to West Seattle's Alaska Junction neighborhood.
- » 3 new and 2 expanded light rail stations between the Stadium area and Alaska Junction.
- » Route to run primarily on an elevated guideway with a new rail-only fixed span crossing the Duwamish River.
- » Average projected daily riders by 2040: 32,000–37,000.
- » Open for service in 2030.

Ballard benefits

- » 7.1 miles of light rail service from downtown Seattle to Ballard's Market Street area, including a new downtown Seattle rail-only tunnel.
- » 7 new and 2 expanded light rail stations between International District/Chinatown and Market Street.
- » Route to run through tunneled and elevated sections with a rail-only movable bridge over Salmon Bay.
- » Average projected daily riders by 2040: 47,000–57,000 from Ballard to downtown; 110,000–136,000* via new downtown rail tunnel.
- » Open for service in 2035.

More information

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*The new tunnel is necessary to meet core capacity in downtown and will be constructed with the Ballard to downtown Seattle project. Estimated ridership includes transfers from other lines onto the Ballard–Tacoma line and use of the tunnel between Denny and International District/Chinatown Station. Ballard to downtown ridership estimates include all riders using the segment between South Lake Union and Ballard.



Fast and frequent service to destinations

- » West Seattle to SODO in 10 minutes.
- » Ballard to Westlake in 15 minutes.
- » Trains run every 6 minutes from West Seattle to downtown Seattle, and downtown Seattle to Ballard as the system builds out (2040).