



Memorandum

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TO: Members of the City Council
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TITLE:

Sound Transit Light Rail Briefing - Project Status and Progress

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

This staff report provides an update for the first quarter of 2024 on the status of the East Link and Downtown Redmond Link Extension projects.

☐ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☒ **Receive Information** ☐ **Provide Direction** ☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Comprehensive Plan Policies TR-10 and TR-11; Transportation Master Plan
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
The last update was provided on February 21, 2023

OUTCOMES:

Light rail will be the backbone of Redmond's transit network when it opens in 2024 to Overlake and 2025 to Southeast Redmond and Downtown Redmond. It will provide a frequent and reliable mobility choice that connects Redmond to the region.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
Underway - Construction and traffic updates regarding reroutes and delays are conveyed via standardized communication methods.
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
Sound Transit uses in-person, print, and electronic media to notify the Redmond community about construction activities. The City relays these notifications through its communication channels.
- **Feedback Summary:**
Feedback from public engagement and ballot measures consistently shows strong support for the extension of light rail to Redmond.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

Briefings to Council are a component of work supported by staff positions that are funded by the Light Rail Offer.

Approved in current biennial budget: ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Budget Offer Number:

0000035 Light Rail

Budget Priority:

Vibrant and Connected

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒ **N/A**

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

Interlocal Agreements with Sound Transit

Budget/Funding Constraints:

Funds are only available for purposes described in agreements with Sound Transit

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
6/16/2020	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/15/2020	Business Meeting	Receive Information
11/17/2020	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/2/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
6/1/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/21/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
12/7/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
8/16/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
2/21/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

This is an informational briefing only; no Council action is requested

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Presentation