Northgate Link Extension
Regional Bus-Light Rail Integration
Spring 2020
Northgate Link

4.3-mile light rail extension to Northgate

- 5 min. on Link to U District
- 14 min. on Link to Westlake

Project objectives:

- Provide connections to Link before it reaches Snohomish County
- Increase travel options for riders
- Improve transit reliability and efficiency by avoiding congestion
- Coordinate service to create a seamless network
Phase 1: Initial ideas for public comment, Nov.- Dec. 2019

Community Transit
- Redirect all 800 series routes from University of Washington to Northgate Station
- More frequent service, later trips
- Keep 400 series routes to downtown Seattle

Sound Transit
- Redirect all 510 series routes from downtown Seattle to Northgate Station
- More frequent service
Public outreach and engagement

- Online open house: 1,400 completed surveys
- In-person outreach at transit centers and park-and-ride lots; 2,800+ riders
- Email and text rider alerts, targeted social media and in-language advertisements
Would you be more likely to take a direct bus or transfer to light rail?

**UW riders**
- Always bus directly to destination, 16%
- Always bus to light rail at Northgate, 23%
- Whichever is most reliable, 22%
- Whichever is potentially fastest, 38%

**Downtown Seattle riders**
- Always bus directly to destination, 26%
- Always bus to light rail at Northgate, 14%
- Whichever is most reliable, 19%
- Whichever is potentially fastest, 41%
Feedback themes

• Willingness to change commute, including a transfer, to achieve improved speed and reliability
• Questions about transferring at Northgate Station
• Public safety and access distances to light rail stations are important to riders
• Curiosity about potential access time from freeway to Northgate Station
What changes?
What stays the same?

NEW
- Community Transit 800 series buses connect to Link light rail at Northgate
- Sound Transit 511, 512, 513 connect to Link light rail at Northgate

SAME ROUTE
- Community Transit 400 series buses provide direct service to downtown Seattle
- Sound Transit 510 provides direct service from Everett to downtown Seattle
Phase 2 Proposal: Spring 2020
Community Transit 800 series
Routes connecting to Link at Northgate

- Add trips to increase frequency and span:
  - *Approx. 6 morning trips south
  - *Approx. 26 afternoon/evening trips north
- Streamline service from Lynnwood TC in proportion with ST service levels there (ST routes 511/513 offer service every 6 min. at peak to/from Northgate):
  - Replace Route 855 with added trips on Route 821
  - Route 810 would not serve Lynnwood TC
- 15-min. frequency for p.m. peak on each route

*schedule has not yet been finalized
Phase 2 Proposal: Spring 2020

Sound Transit routes 511, 512, 513

Routes connecting to Link at Northgate

• Route 511 will operate directional, peak service between Northgate, Mountlake Terrace PR, Lynnwood TC, Ash Way PR
• Route 513 will operate bidirectional, peak service along the Route 511 pattern, plus Eastmont PR and Seaway TC
• Between Ash Way PR and Northgate, routes 511/513 will offer 6-min. frequency
• Route 512 will have significant midday and weekend frequency improvements
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Direct bus service to downtown Seattle

**Sound Transit Route 510**
- Weekday peak service to/from Everett Station
- Add connection at Mountlake Terrace PR
- No significant changes to current level of service

**Community Transit 400 series**
- 13 weekday commuter routes
- No changes to current level of service
Route 810

- Midday & evening service
- Add *approx. 10 trips

Route 860

- Add *approx. 8 trips
- 15-min p.m. frequency

*schedule has not yet been finalized
Route 821

- Serves Lynnwood TC
- Add *approx. 17 trips
- 15-min p.m. frequency

Route 855

- Lynnwood TC to UW
- Route replaced by added trips on Route 821 and 6-min peak ST service from Lynnwood TC

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Route 871

- Add approx. 7 trips
- 15-min p.m. frequency

Route 880

- Add approx. 8 trips
- 15-min p.m. frequency

*schedule has not yet been finalized
**Route 511**

- Add *approx. 19 trips

**Route 513**

- Bidirectional
- Add *approx. 26 trips

**Ash Way/LTC**

- 6-min. combined peak frequency between 511/513

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512
- Midday and evening service on weekdays, all-day weekend service
- 10-min frequency on weekdays, add *approx. 59 trips
- Add *approx. 71 trips on Saturday
- Add *approx. 30 trips on Sunday

510
- Keep direct bus service between Everett Station and downtown Seattle
- Add connection at Mountlake Terrace PR

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Phase 2: Planned outreach

April 6 – June 4
- Online open house, survey, digital alerts and social media
- In-person outreach being evaluated as per COVID-19 public health considerations
- Community Transit public hearing: June 4
- Sound Transit public hearing: July 2
- Request for Community Transit Board approval: July 2
- Request for Sound Transit Board approval: July 2