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TO: Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers

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*Transportation*

SUBJECT: Sound Transit's 2 Line Opening Celebration

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The Sound Transit 2 Line, also known as the East Link Extension, will open for service on April 27 with a grand opening celebration at 10:00 a.m. at the Bellevue Downtown Station Plaza (corner of 110th Avenue NE and NE 6th Street).

The public is invited to stay after the ribbon-cutting for a day full of activities. From 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., there will be festivities at each of the new stations hosted by partners such as: Pacific Science Center, Bellevue Downtown Association, Eastrail Partners, Meta, Wright Runstad, BelRed Arts District, Move Redmond, Centro Cultural Mexicano, OneRedmond, and Microsoft.

With eight stations from South Bellevue to Redmond Technology, 2 Line “starter line” trains will run seven days a week from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Link trains will arrive every 10 minutes and all stations are Americans with Disability Act (ADA) accessible. The projected travel time from South Bellevue Station to Redmond Technology Station is about 17 minutes. The remainder of the 2 Line is scheduled to open in 2025, connecting Downtown Redmond and Bellevue to Mercer Island and Seattle.