2021 Agency Outlook Responding to the pandemic and economic recession

Bellevue City Council 2/22/2021



Agenda

- Provide an overview of Bellevue projects under construction and in planning.
- Discuss recession's impact on revenues and project costs, and the 2021 realignment process to adjust project plans and schedules.



Powering progress



Currently under construction

Light rail extensions

- Northgate (3 stations, opening this year).
- Hilltop Tacoma (6 stations, 2022).
- **East Link** (10 stations, 2023).
- Lynnwood (4 stations, 2024).
- Federal Way (3 stations, 2024).



- Downtown Redmond (2 stations, 2024).
 Other
- Operations & Maintenance Facility East (2021).
- **Puyallup Station garage** (2022).



East Link

- Positive construction
 progress
- S. Bellevue garage opening early
- Tie-in & center platform removal to begin in Seattle





I-405 BRT: STRIDE

Project Overview: Lynnwood to Burien

- 37-mile corridor
- 11 BRT stations across 8 cities
- Three new/expanded parking facilities
- One transit center
- Connections to Link light rail in Lynnwood, Bellevue and Tukwila





Realigning expansion plans



Financial changes through 2041

Current 25-year capital program runs 2016-2041

- Revenue: \$6.1 billion lower.
- **Costs:** \$12.3 billion higher in estimated cost increases.
- **Offsets:** \$6.9 billion in new debt, higher grants and other revenue.
- **Overall:** \$11.5 billion affordability gap.



Realignment tools available to Sound Transit

- Cutting costs through reduced project scope, suspending or canceling projects, etc.
- Raising new revenues through issuing higher debt or seeking additional state or federal funding.
- Delaying or phasing projects to spread costs over time and keep total agency debt within current legal limits.



Next steps

Anticipated realignment work through July

February	Discuss realignment approaches.
March	Define approaches for public engagement.
April	Seek public feedback and discuss cost review results.
May	Discuss public feedback and Board priorities.
June	Develop realignment plan(s).
July	Adopt realignment plan(s).







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