

# Capitol Hill Station North Link Light Rail Fact Sheet



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The Capitol Hill Station will be built underneath Nagle Place with entrances on Broadway Avenue near the corners of John Street and E. Denny Way. During preliminary engineering, Sound Transit will also examine whether one additional station entrance should be located on the west side of Broadway. This station will serve one of the most densely populated neighborhoods in Seattle, the Broadway business district as well as Seattle Central Community College, Group Health Medical Center and other nearby employers. It will provide service for residents, employees, students and visitors (see map on reverse side).

## KEY FEATURES

- 2030 Daily boardings: 12,000 at Capitol Hill Station
- The station is approximately 90 feet below ground
- Two entrances: elevators, escalators and stairs will be provided at each entrance
- Vents and emergency entrance/exit points likely incorporated into elevator structures



South station entrance near E. Denny Way (above)

North station entrance near John Street (below)



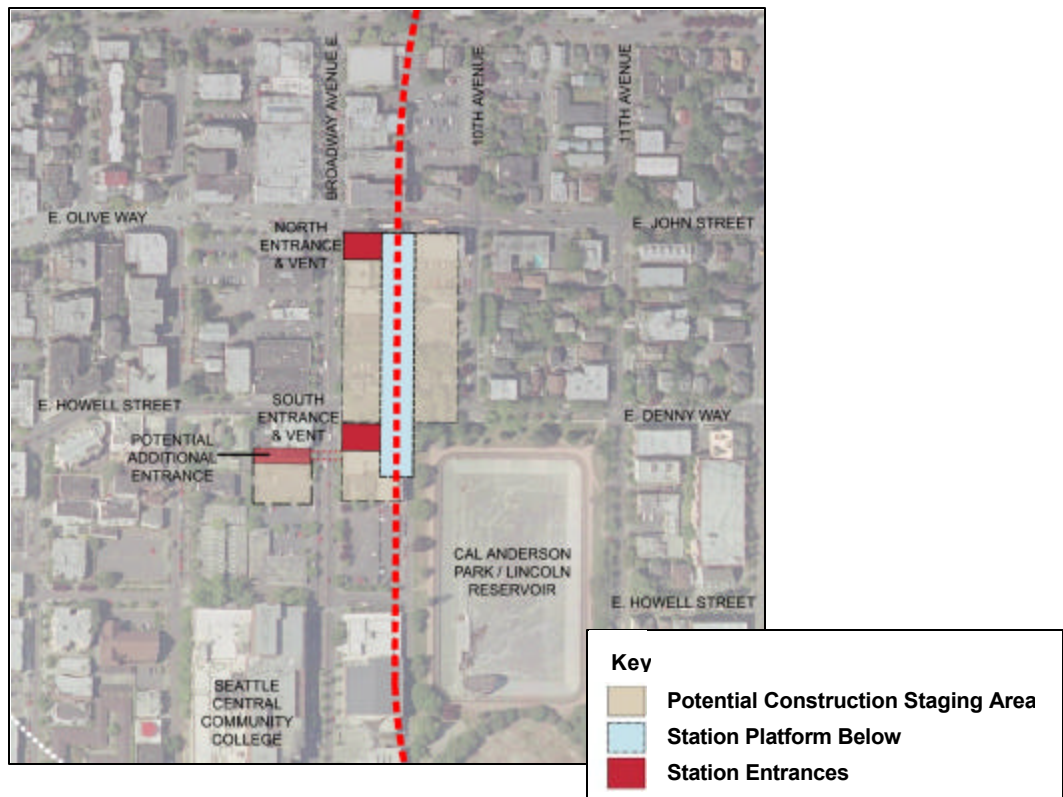
North Link map

## ABOVE GROUND FACILITIES

- Two entrances with plazas on east side of Broadway
- Potential third entrance on west side of Broadway
- Ticketing machines
- Covered bike storage
- Two vents

## ISSUES TO CONSIDER DURING PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

- Station entrance locations and functional design
- Redevelopment opportunities
- Pedestrian, bus and bike access
- Construction staging areas



## POTENTIAL CROSSOVER

If North Link is built in phases with Capitol Hill as an interim end point until continuing north, additional construction area would be needed south of the station for crossover tracks to reverse trains.

## NEXT STEPS

North Link is only one part of Sound Transit's effort to plan for the region's transportation future. With Puget Sound expected to grow by 1.2 million people over the next 20 years, getting around is going to be more challenging than ever. That is why the Board of Directors has asked the agency to undertake two major initiatives: (1) detailed studies on the preferred North Link route and stations, and (2) a region-wide planning effort to look at ways to meet future growth and transportation demands. Sound Transit will use this work to evaluate options, priorities and costs, as well as ways to fund these key investments in our regional mass transit system.

The North Link studies are underway now. These studies will provide the critical information needed for a thorough understanding of the costs and challenges associated with the project. Sound Transit will continue hosting open houses in October and early 2005 to obtain public feedback on station design issues. Sound Transit is also completing North Link's Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) and proceeding with engineering on the preferred route so it will be eligible for federal funding. The FSEIS will be completed in spring 2005, and approval of a detailed route and cost estimates is expected in mid-2005.

At the same time, Sound Transit has kicked off its effort to plan for potential future expansions to our existing regional mass transit system. The first step is updating the Long Range Plan for our regional system and undertaking the necessary environmental studies. The agency will also work with the public to finalize the Long Range Plan and set priorities for the next steps in the expansion of our regional mass transit system.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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