



MEMORANDUM

Date: December 21, 2011
To: Parks & Community Services Board
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Subject: East Link Light Rail Update

At the January meeting, the Board will be given a status report on light rail planning within Bellevue. In November, the City and Sound Transit reached an agreement identifying one preferred route alignment extending from the I-90 East Channel Bridge, through downtown and the Bel-Red subarea on its way to the Overlake area of Redmond. This is a significant milestone for the project, yet there is much work expected in the coming years to refine this alignment and attempt to achieve cost saving goals across the entire project.

The presentation will begin with an orientation on the location of the current preferred alignment and station locations, a summary of the agreement reached between the City and Sound Transit and a preview of the major work items expected in the 2012-2014 time period. This will be followed by a more in-depth look at the alignment's impact to existing park resources including Mercer Slough Nature Park, the F.W. Winters House and Surrey Downs Park. Attention will also be given to future park and trail facilities planned within the Bel-Red subarea. A significant amount of time will be reserved to answer questions from the Board.

Background information on the project can be found on the following web sites:

<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail.htm>

<http://projects.soundtransit.org/Projects-Home/East-Link-Project.xml>

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Camron at cparker@bellevuewa.gov or (425) 452-2032.

