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To: Parks & Community Services Board

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Subject: East Link Update
(Information only; no Board action requested)

At the April meeting, the Parks & Community Services Board requested an update on the East Link light rail project with specific focus on park impacts and mitigation. Sound Transit's multi-year construction project has begun. There was a ceremonial groundbreaking event on April 22, and more visible construction activity expected in the coming months.

Our presentation for the May meeting will include an overall construction timeline for the project as it extends throughout Bellevue. We will then review the size and extent of impacts and associated mitigation plans for park properties during and after construction. The overall impacts and mitigation remain consistent with information presented to the Board in July 2013 and September 2014. More detail is available now regarding operational impacts and sequencing of how park facilities will be temporarily closed and re-configured as the light rail project moves forward.

Detailed background information on the overall project can be found at these two sites:

www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/East-Link-Extension
www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail.htm

The six East Link stations in Bellevue will be constructed in separate segments:

- **Tunnel:** Half mile of tunnel from Main Street to NE 6th Street. Work to begin 1st quarter 2016; expected to end 2nd Quarter 2020.
- **South Bellevue Segment:** I-90 East Channel Bridge to SE 4th Street on 112th Ave SE. Work to begin 4th Quarter 2016; expected to end 4th Quarter 2020.
- **Central Bellevue Segment:** SE 4th Street on 112th Ave SE to 124th Ave NE. Work to begin 2nd quarter 2017; expected to end 4th Quarter 2020.
- **BelRed Segment:** 124th Ave NE to intersection of NE 20th St and 136th Ave NE. Work to begin first quarter 2017; expected to end 3rd Quarter 2020.
- **Systems and Testing:** construction of the systems (guide wires, electronics, signaling, etc.) will occur as each segment is completed and will be completed in 2021. Testing of East Link will then commence, with revenue service expected to begin late 2022 or early 2023.

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

