

Public Safety Community Meeting

Creating a safe and equitable community for all



March 14, 2023



City of Bellevue



Community Crisis Assistance Team (CCAT)



CCAT

- 911 calls for Behavioral Health Issues have **increased by 40% since 2018**.
- City wanted more tools to assist individuals in crisis.
- Specialized Team to respond to individuals experiencing behavioral health issues.
- A CCAT officer spends more time per crisis call.



CCAT Pilot May-Aug 2021

Bellevue Police & Bellevue Fire Partnership

Compassionate Co-Responder Model

- Extended time to respond to calls
- Connection to social service resources
- Follow-up case management

Results

- 80% fewer arrests
- 33% fewer people unnecessarily booked into jail or taken to hospital
- 24% decrease in the use of force
- 82% increase in time on calls



CCAT

CCAT - Five Co-Response Teams

- Five specially trained plain-clothes officers
- Five Mental Health Professionals from Bellevue Fire CARES
- A specially trained police sergeant and Mental Health Professional supervisor

Follow-up

- Case Management from Bellevue Fire CARES



Measuring CCAT's Impact

CCAT's impact on 911 calls

REDUCTIONS

- In use of force
- In arrests
- In jail bookings
- In unnecessary emergency room visits

Impact of Case Management

- Number of individuals referred and enrolled in case management
- Number of contacts with or on behalf of individuals
- Number of cases closed and served

REDUCTION

- In 911 calls





Questions and Comments



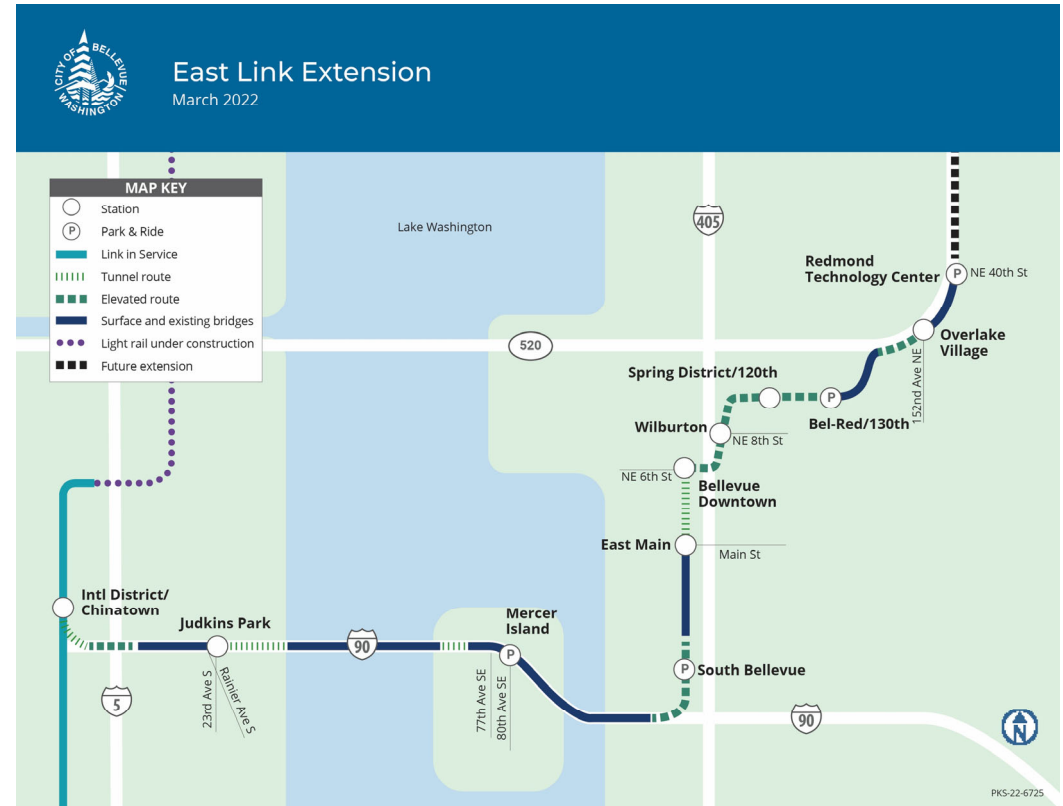


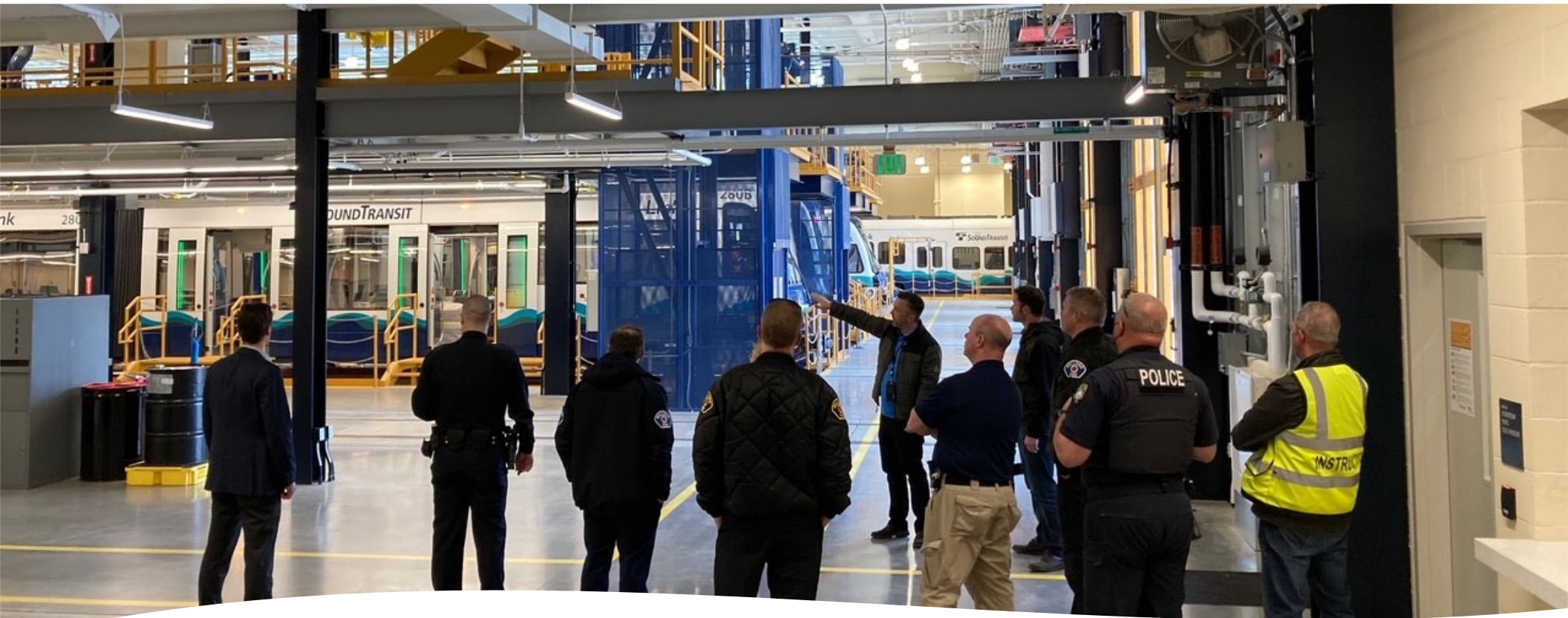
Eastlink Transit Support



Eastlink Light Rail

- Up to 52,000 daily riders in Bellevue
- Regionalizes Bellevue
 - Large events; Mariners, Seahawks, concerts
 - Easy access to & from Bellevue





Expectations

- Increase in calls for service
- Elevated community concern
- Ensure timely response in coordination with partners





Training & Partners

Eastlink Support Officers

- Specially trained for light rail challenges
- Community engagement, safety & security
- High visibility patrols reduce crime & fear of crime

Partnership Liaison

- Sound Transit/King Co. Sheriff's Office
- Congregations for the Homeless
- Bellevue Downtown Assoc.
- Neighborhood Associations
- Bellevue Fire Department





Sound Transit Emergency Response Preparations

- Allowed tunnel and elevated rail access for training
- Provided access and expertise for technician-level “heavy lift” training
- Provided training with regional partners already operating Sound Transit lines
- Provided funding for tunnel rescue training in Switzerland (#1 training in the world)
- Provided funding to attend BART tunnel training in San Francisco
- Firefighter access door mid-tunnel for emergency operations
- Partners in planning for full-scale emergency operations exercises to be conducted annually





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