



City of Bellevue Sound Transit Light Rail Operations & Maintenance Facility – East Fact Sheet

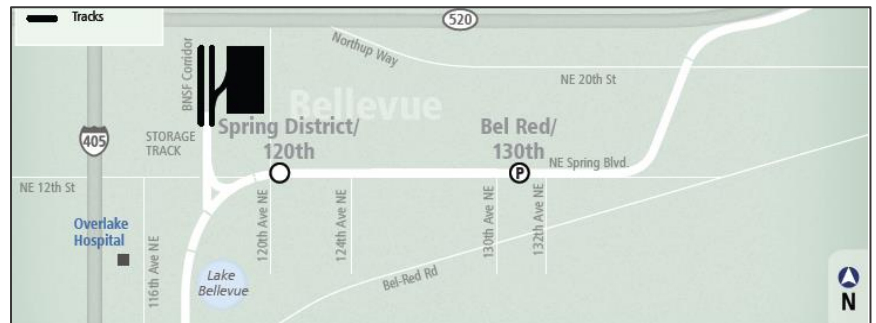
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Sound Transit's Operations and Maintenance Facility East (Bellevue, WA)

Sound Transit's light rail system will grow from 16 to 50 miles by 2023, and the existing light rail fleet will triple in size from 62 to 180 vehicles. The current operations and maintenance facility in Seattle, which can store and maintain 104 light rail vehicles, will reach capacity by 2020. A new facility is necessary to support East Link, Lynnwood Link and Downtown Redmond. A maintenance facility must be near an operating light rail line, be roughly rectangular in shape and up to 25 acres.

In July 2014, the Sound Transit Board of Directors identified the BelRed Corridor as its preferred site for an operations and maintenance facility. This site was evaluated in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) published in September 2015 and is posted on line at www.soundtransit.org/omfe.

The City of Bellevue and Sound Transit agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and an Implementation Agreement ensuring that the two agencies will coordinate and collaborate during the design, permitting, and construction of East Link light rail and the Operations & Maintenance Facility East (OMF East). This collaboration is to ensure that traffic impacts are minimized, neighborhoods and businesses are accessible and informed and business needs and community concerns are addressed. The Implementation Agreement also set the framework for how the agencies will work together ensure the common goals of delivery of the OMF East and providing TOD opportunities, ensuring both support and complement the Bel-Red Subarea Plan visions. To view the MOU and the Implementation Agreement go to transportation.bellevuewa.gov/projects/east-link-light-rail/.



Sound Transit's Operations and Maintenance Facility-East is being built in the BelRed area, near the Spring District/120th East Link light rail station



Schematic of OMF East (aerial view, looking north west)

OMF East supports East Link light rail

The new maintenance facility will support the efficient light rail operations approved and funded by regional voters in 2008. The OMF East will be used to store (overnight), maintain, and dispatch 96 Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) for daily service by providing vehicle storage, preventative maintenance inspections, light maintenance, emergency maintenance, interior vehicle cleaning, and exterior vehicle washing. This facility will operate 24 hours a day, 7-days a week, 365 days a year and accommodate supportive administrative functions for approximately 250 full time employees.



East Link Extension map
www.soundtransit.org/eastlink

Future Transit-Oriented Development

With the Spring District/120th East Link station within walking distance of the OMF East site, both the City and Sound Transit are committed to recapturing the development potential and maximizing redevelopment of the overall facility project site.

In June 2017, Sound Transit selected the design-build team of Hensel Phelps to design and construct the OMF East facility and prepare design concepts for the future transit oriented development (TOD) to be created from surplus property once the OMF East is constructed. The project requires review and approval through City permit processes, including a Master Development Plan (MDP) for the TOD concepts and formal Design Review (DR) for the OMF East facility.



Schematic of the OMF East property, including concepts for Transit Oriented Development (TOD)

TOD is a type of development that is a compact, walkable, mixed-use community centered around high-capacity transit. In this area, bicycle and pedestrian connections to the Eastside Rail Corridor, wetland mitigation, and the daylighting of the West Tributary of Kelsey Creek are also planned. The Bellevue City Council adopted TOD planning principles for the BelRed corridor to ensure the transformation of this vital employment and residential center.

Construction activities for the OMF East could begin by late fall 2017 with building demolition and site grading; and continue through 2020. A timeline for the TOD has not yet been determined. Once the final MDP has been approved by the City, Sound Transit will initiate the process for marketing surplus property for future TOD.

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