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## **Snohomish County Requesting Public Input on Potential Light Rail Station Locations**

*In-person and online opportunities available to weigh in on Snohomish County's planning efforts for the arrival of light rail*

**EVERETT, Wash., July 9, 2019** – In preparation for the arrival of light rail, Snohomish County is kicking off a series of open houses, both in-person and online, for the public to engage in the [Light Rail Communities](#) project and provide feedback. The public is invited to learn more about the county's light rail planning efforts for unincorporated areas near I-5 and 128th St (Mariner) and I-5 and 164th St (Ash Way). The county has further narrowed down the three potential light rail station locations that were presented in November 2018, to two options for each station area.

"This is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the county to leverage major transit and transportation investments to benefit the future of the surrounding communities in Southwest Snohomish County," said Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive. "We look forward to hearing from the public and learn which potential station locations they prefer as it will help us determine how we will plan for a transit-oriented developed community."

At both the in-person and online open houses, participants will get to view the narrowed down potential station location concepts, including key features such as potential new roads, parking, parks or plazas, pedestrian and bike access and more. In addition, public feedback will be collected through a survey.

### **We want to hear from you!**

The same information will be available at both the online and in-person open houses.

- Online open house: available until July 31 - <https://snocolrc.participate.online>
- In-person open house: July 18 from 5-7 p.m. at Mariner High School, 200 120th St SW, Everett, WA 98204
- In-person open house: July 25 from 5-7 p.m. at Oak Heights Elementary, 15500 18th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA 98087

Final decisions on the actual station location and alignment will be made by the Sound Transit Board. The county's Light Rail Communities project will help inform a Subarea Plan, part of the county's Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan (GMACP), and future transportation planning.

The voter-approved Sound Transit 2 (ST2) and Sound Transit 3 (ST3) will extend light rail from Northgate to Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood and eventually onto Everett via Paine Field. In the ST3 plan, two stations will be located in unincorporated Snohomish County at 164th St (Ash Way) and 128th St (Mariner) near their respective intersection with I-5.

#### **About Snohomish County Planning and Development Services**

The Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services provides development and permit application review, building inspections, long range planning, code enforcement and houses the county Fire Marshal's office. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Planning and Development Services, visit <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/201>.

#### **About Snohomish County Public Works**

The Snohomish County Public Works Department constructs and maintains county roads; controls and manages surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversees the recycling and disposal of solid waste. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Public Works, visit [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks).

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