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## **Snohomish County Seeks Public Input on Light Rail Subarea Planning**

*Survey available to weigh in on Snohomish County's planning efforts  
for the arrival of light rail.*

**EVERETT, Wash., March 24, 2020** – Snohomish County's Light Rail Communities project is seeking input from members of the public through an online survey to help inform future planning decisions for areas near planned light rail stations in unincorporated Snohomish County. The survey will be available through May 8, 2020 at <https://bit.ly/SubareaPlanningSurvey>.

This survey, the second phase of a multi-year project, is focused on gathering information to inform decisions for a subarea plan. This survey is an early first step in engaging the public as a part of that process, gathering information about how people interact with different parts of the subarea, and determining what is important to our residents when considering future plans.

The first phase of the project was centered around gathering public input on planned light rail station locations. The result of that two year process culminated in the Snohomish County Council passing a resolution indicating a publicly-favored option. Find more information about that work and a video stream of the presentation to council on the project webpage at <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/4068/Light-Rail-Communities>.

“In the midst of our response to COVID-19, we still must continue our planning efforts for light rail,” said Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers. “This is a real opportunity for the county to leverage major transit and transportation investments to benefit the communities of southwest Snohomish County. We want to hear from the public and make sure our decisions are fully informed by them.”

Final decisions on the actual station location and alignment will be made by the Sound Transit Board, but the county's project will help inform a Subarea Plan and future transportation planning. It will also inform the county's Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan (GMACP) and regional planning efforts.

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 into Everett via Paine Field. In the ST3 plan, two stations will be located in unincorporated Snohomish County at 164th St (Ash Way Station) and 128th St (Mariner Station) near their respective intersection with I-5.

**About Snohomish County Planning and Development Services**

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