

# Joint Transportation Committee East Link Extension Briefing December 11, 2014



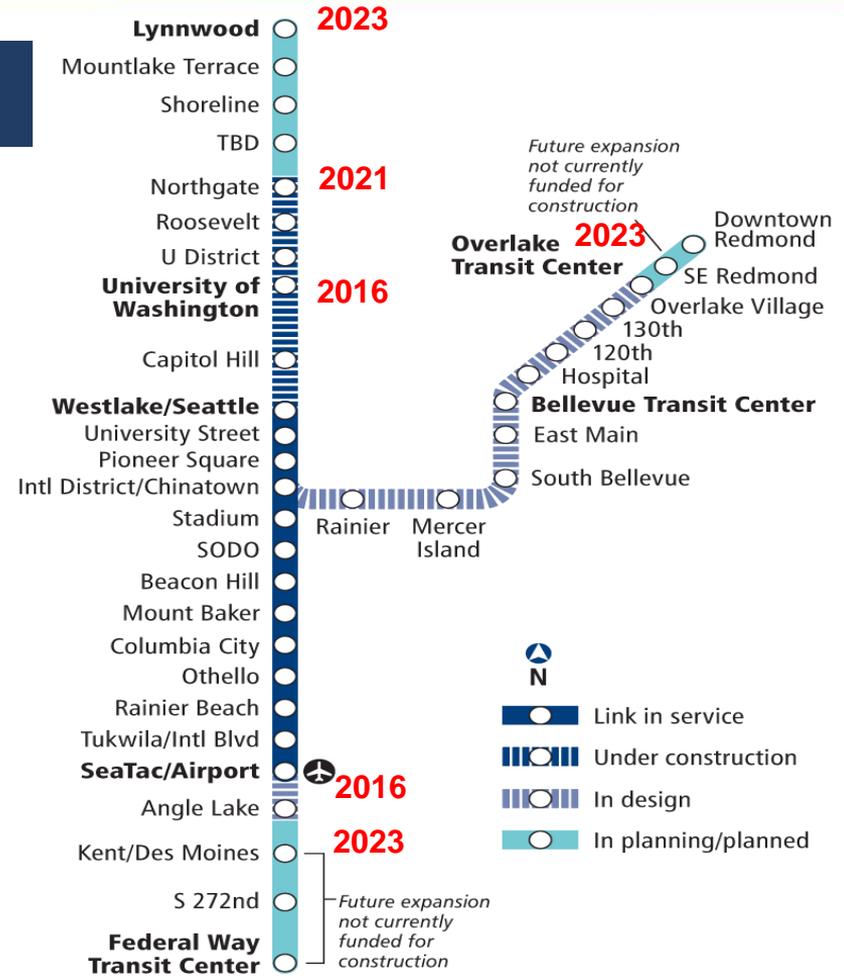
# East Link Extension Project Update

## Today's Agenda

- East Link Overview
- Schedule
- Independent Review Team (IRT) issues
- Long-Range Plan

# Link light rail expansion

- 16 miles of light rail with 13 stations currently in service
- 50+ mile system



# East Link overview

**Length:** 14 miles

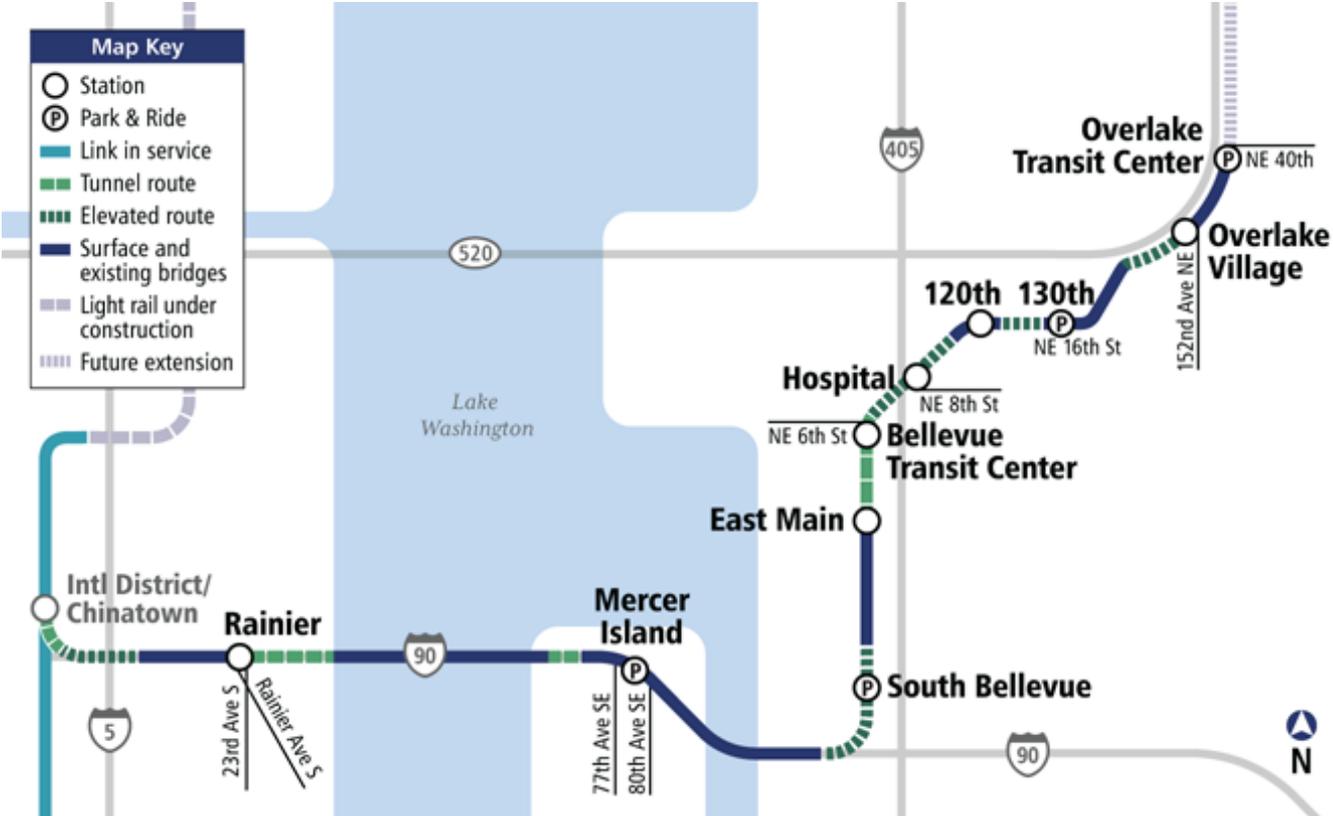
**Ride times:**

- Mercer Island to UW: 20 min.
- S. Bellevue to Airport: 50 min.
- Overlake Transit Center to Bellevue Transit Center: 10 min.

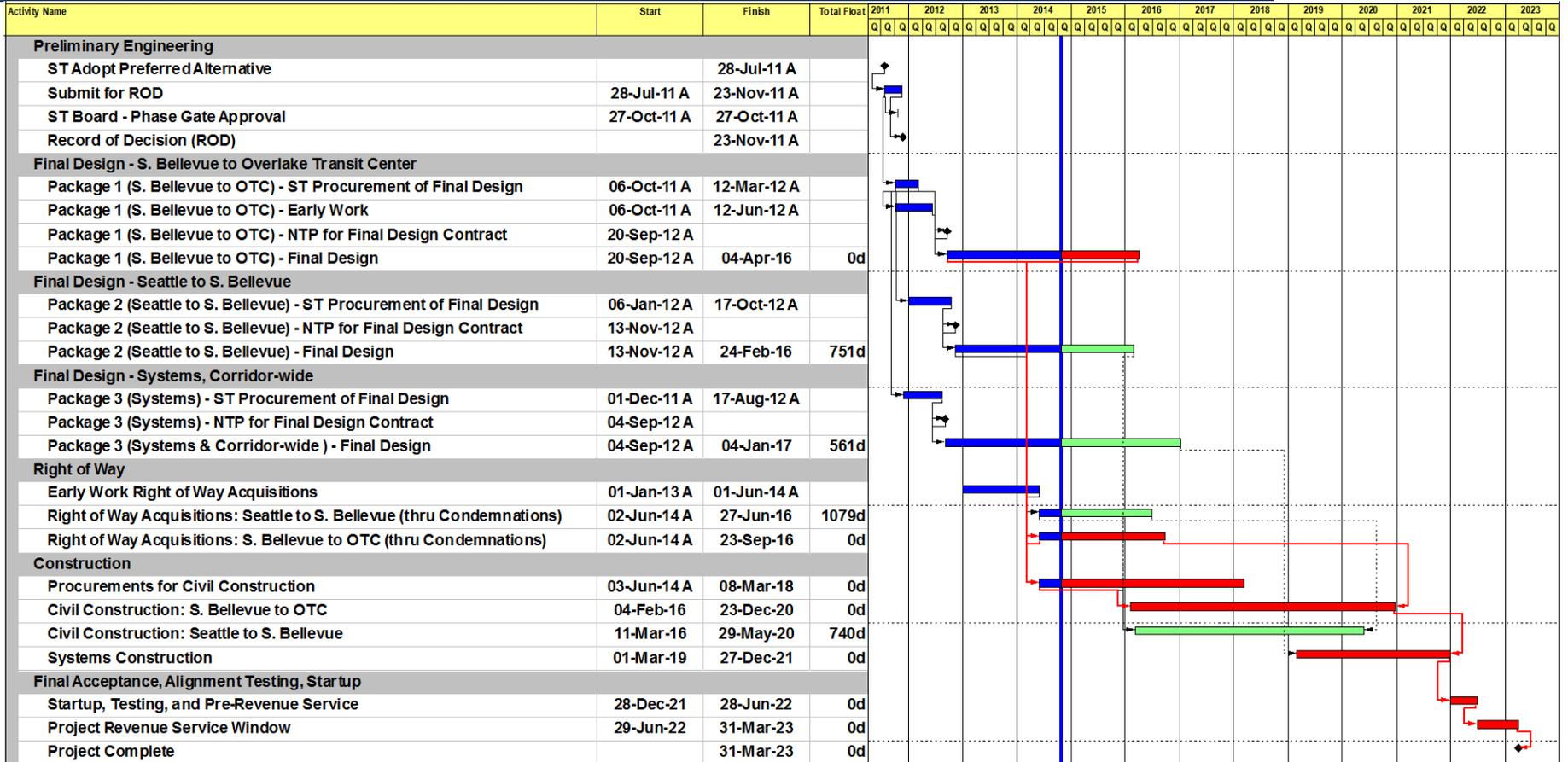
**Rider projection:** 50,000 daily by 2030

**Budget:** \$2.8 billion (2010 \$)

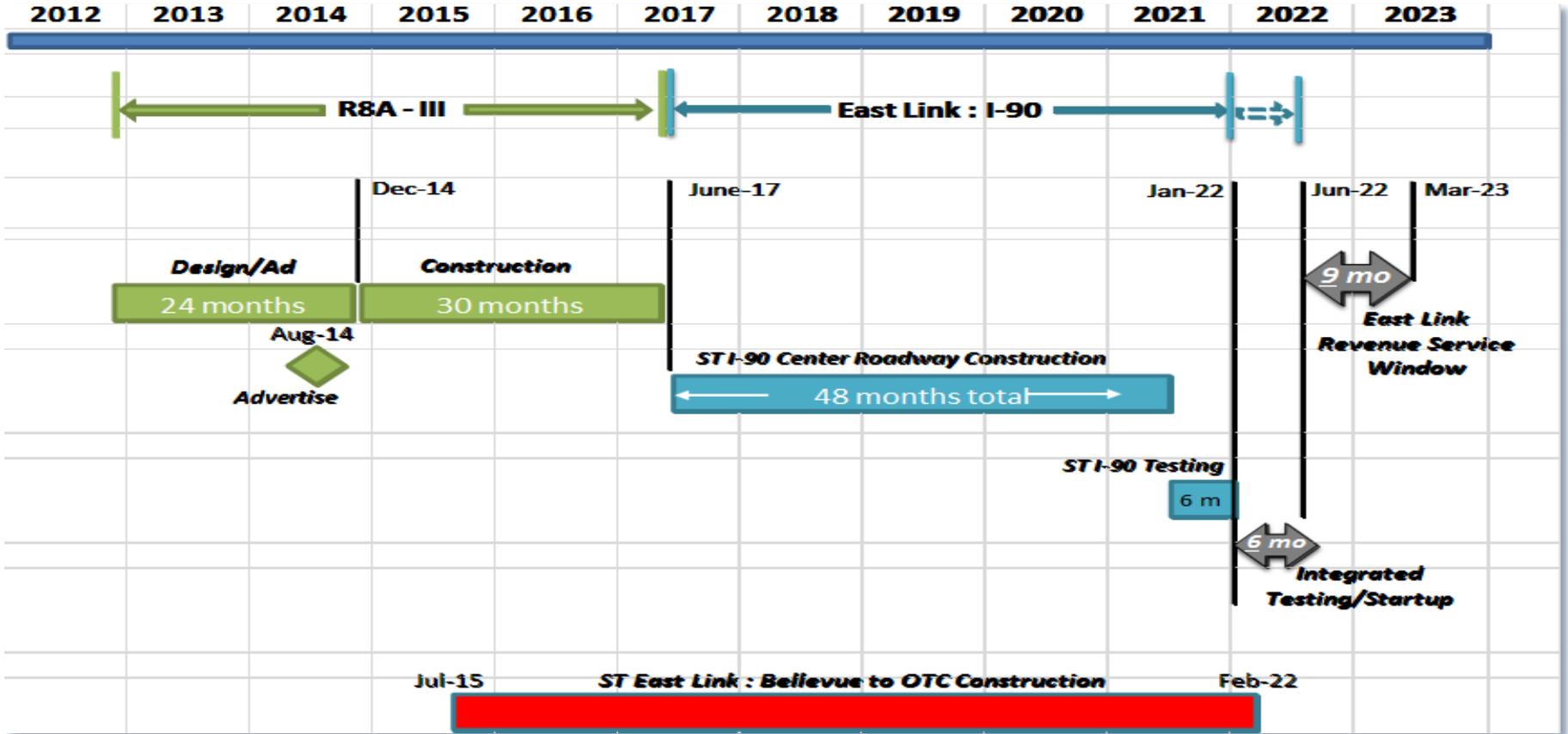
**Start of Service:** Targeted 2023



# East Link Master Schedule



# Summary Level Master Schedule



## Timeline

- HMH Floating Bridge designed with rail transit loading 1980s
- Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel 1991
- Testing of the bridge for LRT began in 2001
- JTC formed 2005
- Independent Review Team final report 2008

IRT Identified 23 issues related to the impact of proposed LRT on the HMH Floating Bridge.

IRT Panel concluded “that all issues associated with the installation of LRT on the HMH Floating Bridge and approach spans can be addressed or mitigated, provided IRT resolutions and recommendations are incorporated.”

# IRT Issues

- IRT Identified 23 issues
- Sound Transit has closed 14 Issues
- WSDOT has concurred with 10 Issues
- Nine issues are in process and anticipated to be resolved during final design



# I-90 Track Bridge Video



# Stray Current Mitigation



# Working for the future



How will a million new neighbors change our region?

# New taxing authority; next steps for regional transit planning

## **Current Sound Transit Taxes:**

- Sales & Use Tax, MVET, Rental Car Tax

## **Requesting additional sources:**

- Sales & Use Tax, MVET, Property Tax



# Questions?

