

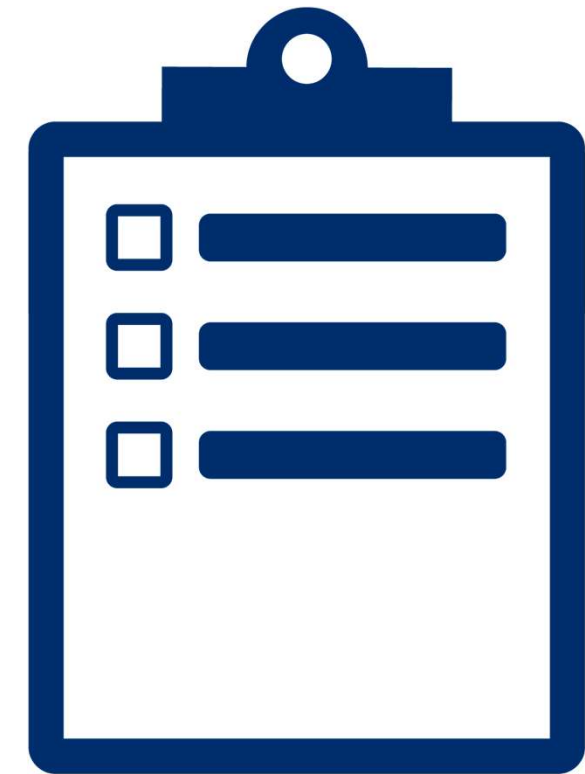
# *Everett Link Extension*



*Draft EIS Public Meeting  
Presentation  
Fall 2026*

# *Agenda*

- Welcome and introductions
- About Everett Link Extension
- Environmental review
- What is an EIS
- How to share your comments
- Navigating the Draft EIS
- Q&A
- Formal hearing



# *Why we're here today*

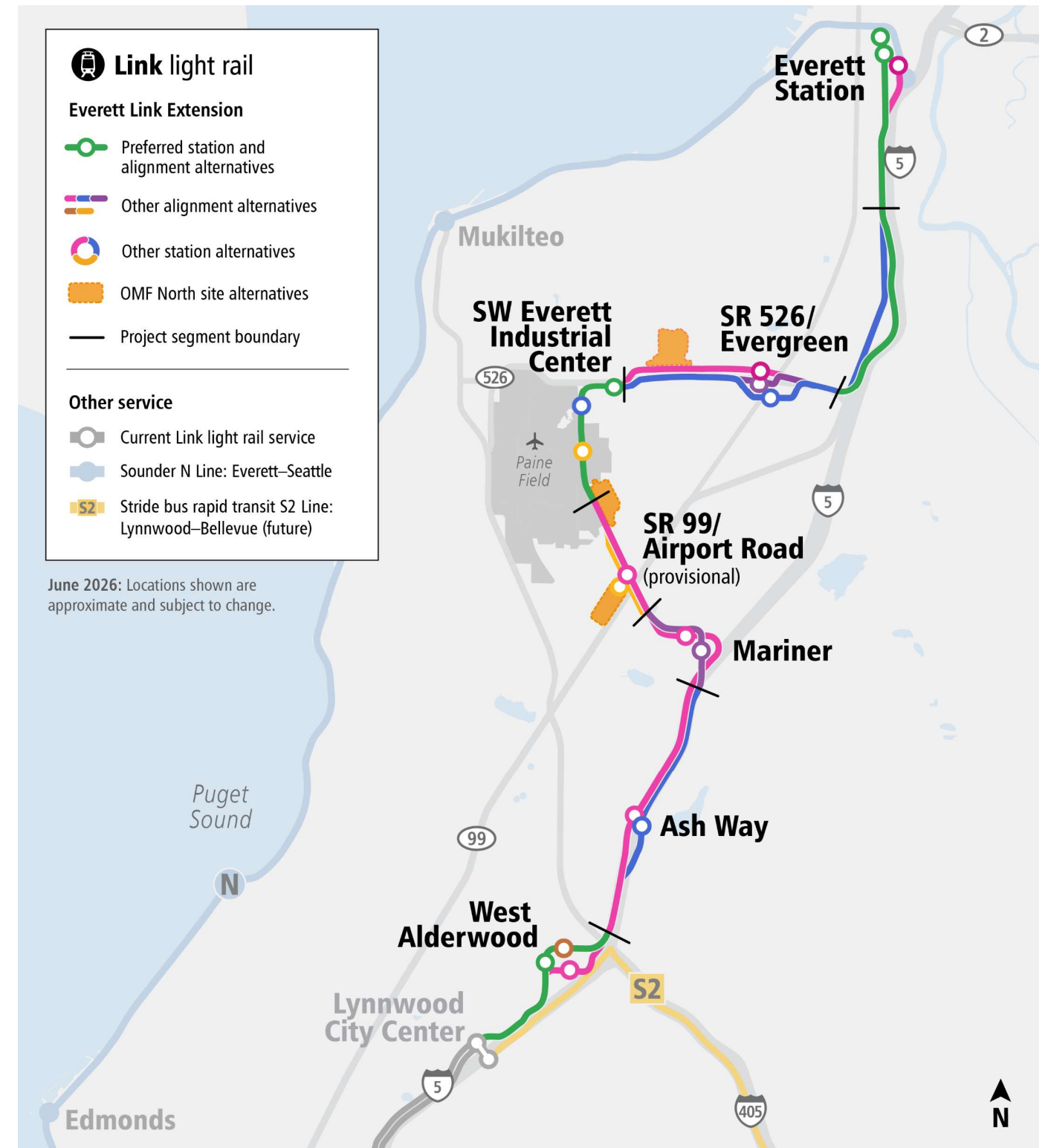
- We want to understand your priorities for the different route, station, and Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) North alternatives.
- Your feedback directly shapes the future of the regional transit system.



# *About Everett Link*

# What is Everett Link?

- **16 miles of light rail tracks** extending the regional system from Lynnwood into Everett
- **7 new stations** (6 fully funded, 1 provisional)
- **Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) North**, supporting overall system operation



# Where we are now





ST3  
APPROVED

2016



# PLANNING



DESIGN

2021-2023

## Alternatives development

- ✓ Fall 2021: Early scoping
- ✓ Spring 2022: Level 1 Analysis
- ✓ Early 2023: SEPA Scoping
- ✓ 2023: Board identified preferred alternatives and other Draft EIS alternatives

2023-2028

## Environmental review

- ✓ Mid-2023: Environmental review began
- ✓ Summer 2025: NEPA Scoping
- ★ Fall 2026: Publish **Draft EIS**  
Public comment period
- Late 2026/early 2027: Board confirms or modifies preferred alternatives
- Late 2027: Publish Final EIS
- Early 2028: Federal Record of Decision and Board action on project to be built

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

# *Environmental review*

# *Environmental review process*

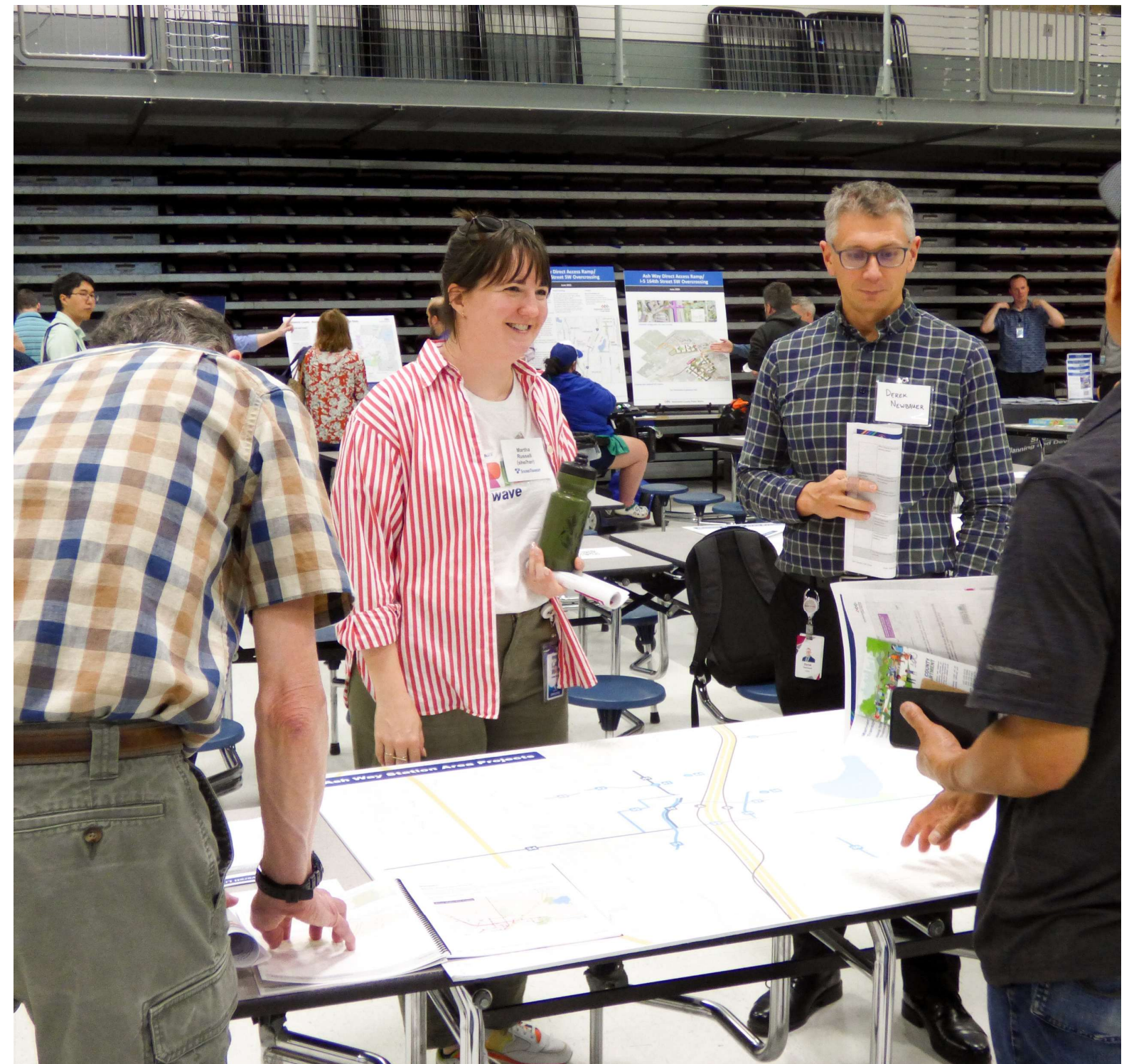
- The environmental review phase includes preparing an **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**.
- The EIS is published in two stages:
  - **Draft EIS** (available now)
  - **Final EIS** (anticipated in late 2027)
- The Draft EIS comment period is now open through Nov. 2.



# *What is an EIS?*

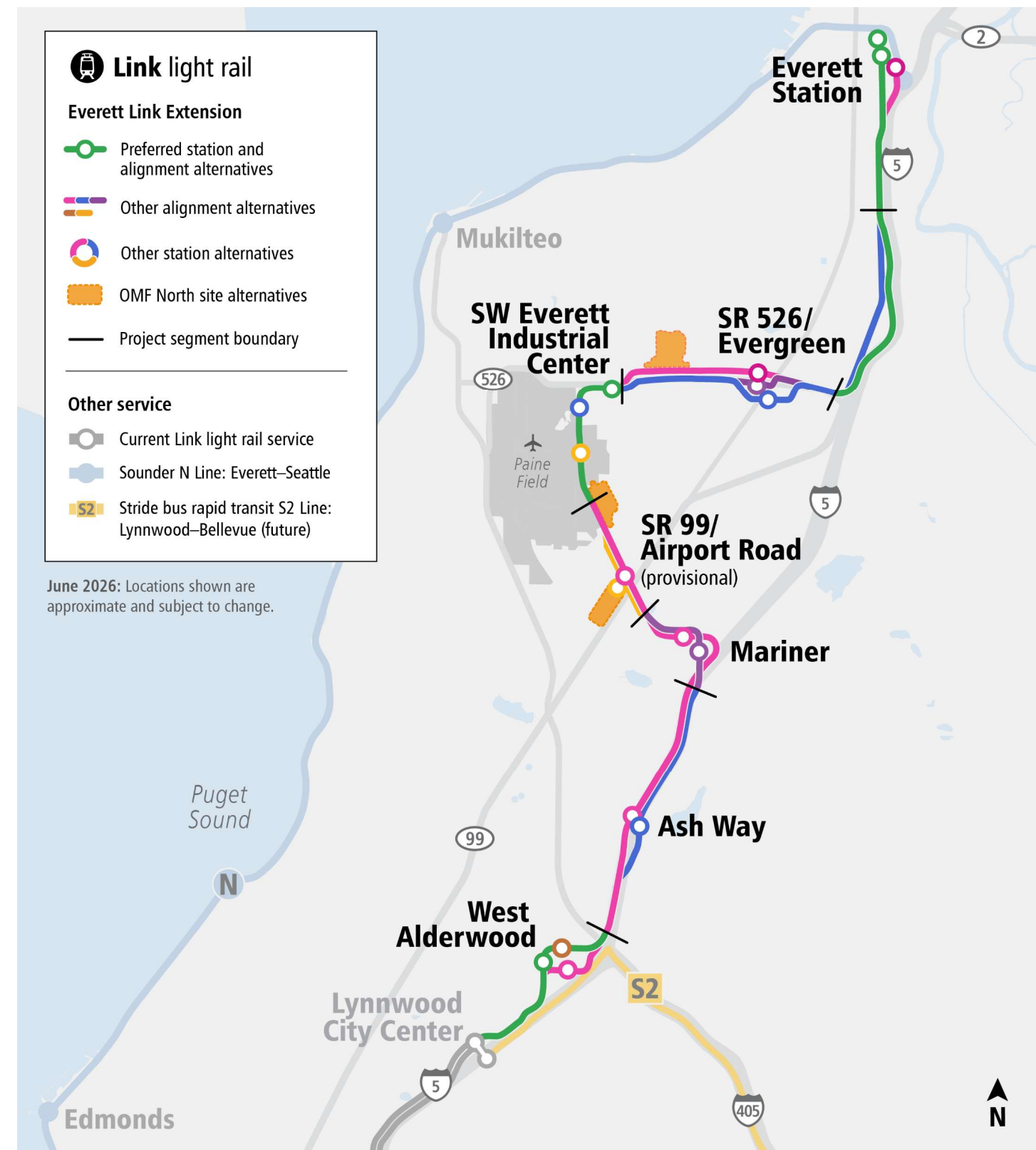
A government document that:

- Explores how the project options could impact the physical, natural, and human environment.
- Explains how potential impacts would be reduced where feasible.
- Allows you to compare the options and offer suggestions to shape light rail access in your community.



# What is a Preferred Alternative?

- A "preferred alternative" is a statement of preference between different route options and station locations, made by the Sound Transit Board.
- The Sound Transit Board has identified a preferred alternative for some station areas in the Draft EIS, but those can still change in the Final EIS based on community feedback.
- All station areas will have a preferred alternative identified in the Final EIS.



# ***Why give feedback on the Draft EIS?***

- Feedback received during the Draft EIS comment period will be used to help select a preferred alternative.
- During the Draft EIS, your feedback can still affect design decisions such as station location and alignment.
- Later in the design process it will be more difficult to change station locations and alignment to address community concerns.



# ***What's being studied in the EIS?***



## **Transportation**

Parking, traffic, transit, walking and biking



## **Community resources**

Historic buildings, parks and recreation



## **Natural environment**

Wetlands, streams, animal habitats



## **Land use, acquisitions, displacements, and relocations**



## **Social environment**

Economics, noise and vibration, safety and security



## **Construction**

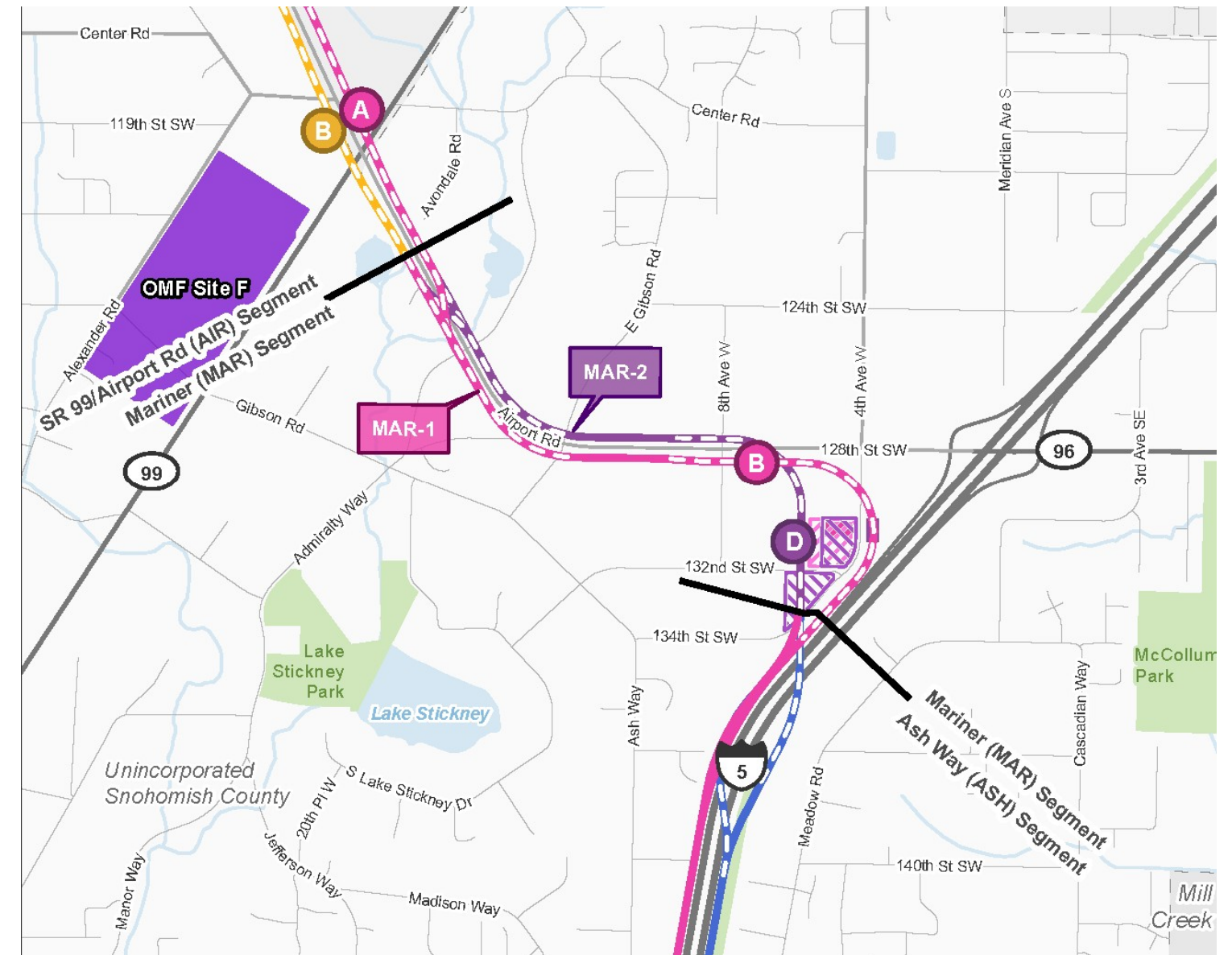
Short term, temporary

# *Navigating the Draft EIS*

# Segment maps

You can find maps for each route alternative on the project webpage or in the Draft EIS.

**Segment maps** show route, station, and OMF alternatives for each segment and how they connect to other route alternatives.



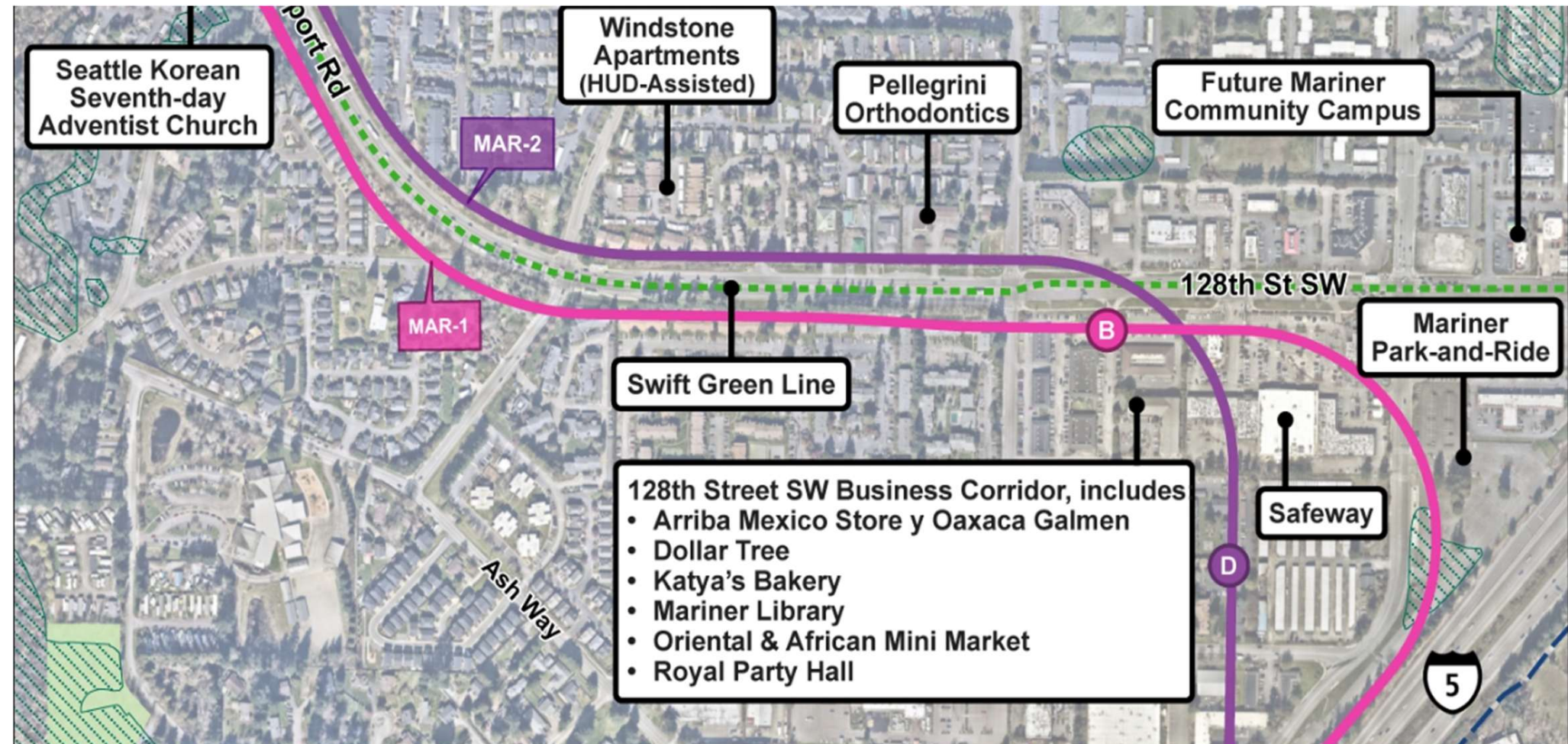
Example: Mariner segment map

# Segment community features maps

**Community features maps** for each segment show community features in relation to the station, route, and OMF alternatives.

Community features include places like:

- Businesses
- Community spaces
- Transit hubs

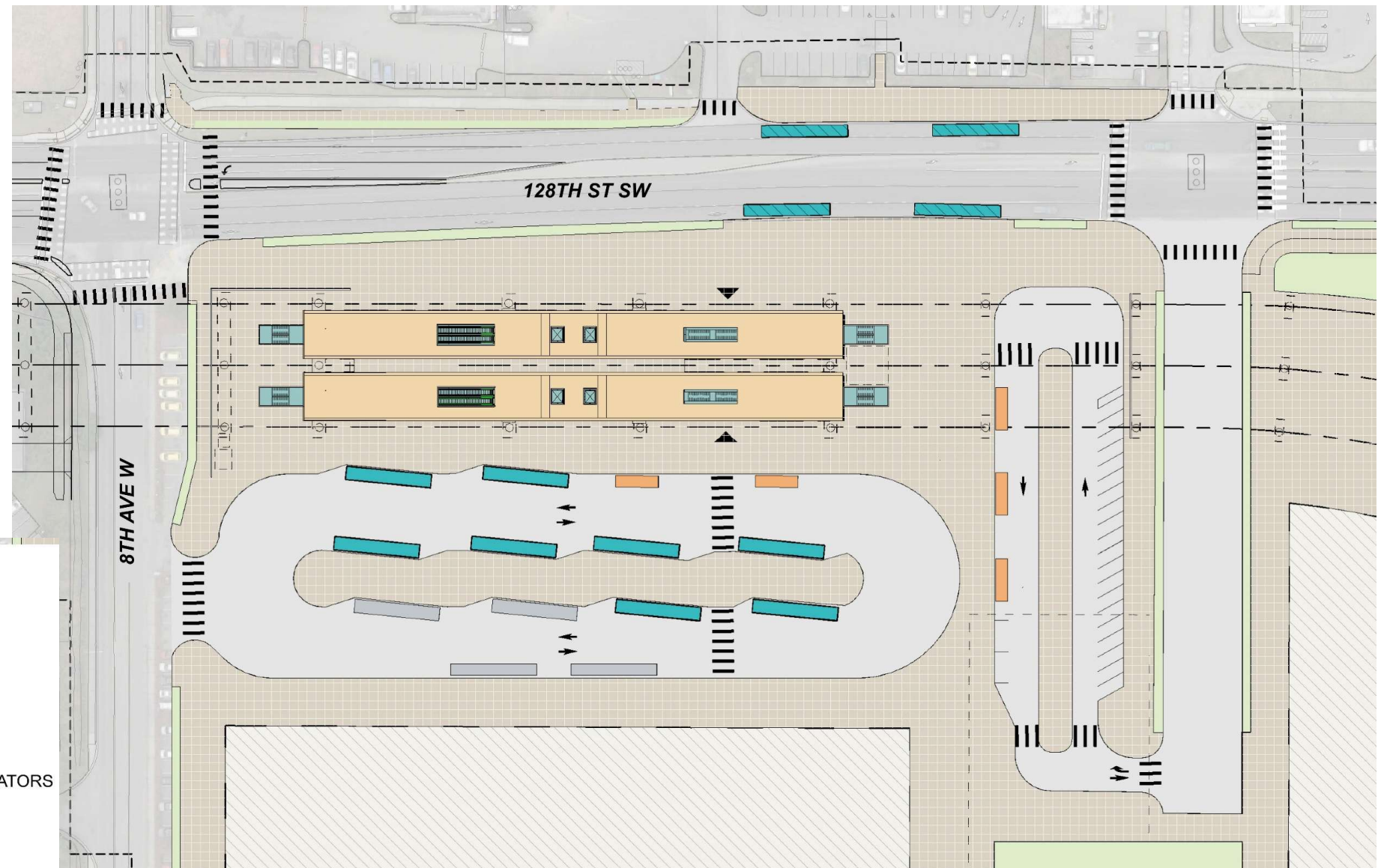
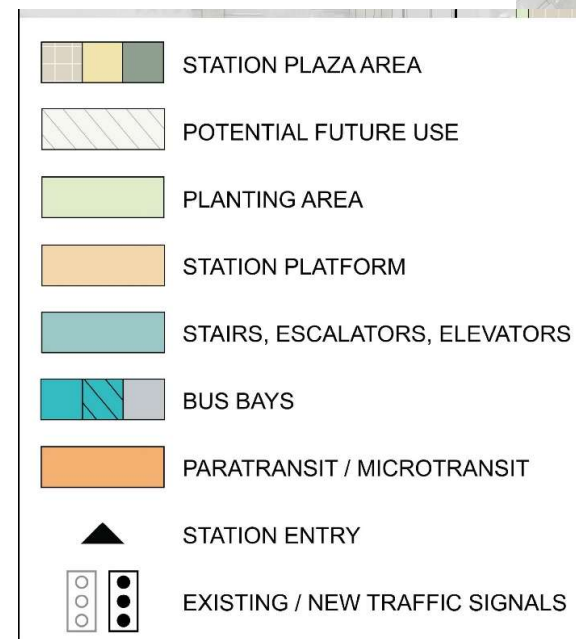


Example: Mariner community features map

# Station layouts

Station layouts for each station alternative show things like:

- Station entries
- Station platform
- Stairs, escalators, and elevators
- Bus bays



Example: Portion of Mariner-B station layout

# Alternatives summary tables

You can view an **alternatives summary table** for each alternative to help compare things like:

- Probable cost
- Potential construction impacts
- Potential displacements
- Ecosystem impacts
- Other potential effects

| Measure <sup>a</sup>                                                | <b>MAR-1B</b><br>with structured parking                                                                                                         | <b>MAR-1B</b><br>with surface parking<br>design option                                                                                           | <b>MAR-2D</b><br>with structured parking                                                                                                           | <b>MAR-2D</b><br>with surface parking<br>design option                                                                                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Potential street closures during construction</b>                | Local road closures including 4th Ave W and the south side of 128th St W                                                                         | Local road closures including 4th Ave W and the south side of 128th St W                                                                         | Local road closures including 4th Ave W and the north side of 128th St W                                                                           | Local road closures including 4th Ave W and the north side of 128th St W                                                                           |
| <b>Number of potential residential displacements</b>                | 300                                                                                                                                              | 300                                                                                                                                              | 287                                                                                                                                                | 287                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Number of potential business displacements</b>                   | 68                                                                                                                                               | 68                                                                                                                                               | 45 — 46                                                                                                                                            | 45 — 46                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Displaced social resources/community facilities</b>              | Mariner Library, Royal Party Hall, Katya's Bakery, Oriental & African Mini Market, Dollar Tree, Safeway, and Arriba Mexico Store Y Oaxaca Galmen | Mariner Library, Royal Party Hall, Katya's Bakery, Oriental & African Mini Market, Dollar Tree, Safeway, and Arriba Mexico Store Y Oaxaca Galmen | Oriental & African Mini Market, Dollar Tree, several buildings within the Windstone Apartments (HUD-assited property), and Pellegrini Orthodontics | Oriental & African Mini Market, Dollar Tree, several buildings within the Windstone Apartments (HUD-assited property), and Pellegrini Orthodontics |
| <b>Ecosystem impacts</b>                                            | 0.1 acres of wetlands<br>50 linear feet of streams<br>0.7 acres of open space upland habitats                                                    | 0.1 acres of wetlands<br>50 linear feet of streams<br>0.7 acres of open space upland habitats                                                    | 0.3 acres of wetlands<br>50 linear feet of streams<br>No impacts to open space upland habitats                                                     | 0.3 acres of wetlands<br>50 linear feet of streams<br>No impacts to open space upland habitats                                                     |
| <b>Number of historic properties with potential adverse effects</b> | None                                                                                                                                             | None                                                                                                                                             | None                                                                                                                                               | None                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Opinion of probable cost in millions<sup>b</sup></b>             | \$1,220 — 1,370                                                                                                                                  | \$1,220 — 1,370                                                                                                                                  | \$920 — 1,040                                                                                                                                      | \$910 — 1,020                                                                                                                                      |

Example: Mariner alternatives summary table

*Getting ready to comment*

# Draft EIS feedback:

The Draft EIS comment period seeks feedback related to:

- How the proposed plans will affect you.
- Your priorities for the future of your neighborhood.
- Thoughts and opinions about proposed alternatives.

***Be specific. Explain your perspective, state what you support or oppose, and why.***

## Example comments:

*"I think it makes a lot of sense for the light rail to end up at a transit hub like Everett Station. This allows it to bypass business and residential housing along Broadway, and go through an industrial area where the impact will be lessened."*

*"Focus on understanding and addressing the direct displacement impacts."*

*"Wetlands should be preserved/replaced where possible, since they play a critical role in capturing carbon, as well as flood control, wildlife habitat, and water filtration."*

# ***How to review the Draft EIS:***

The Draft EIS is available for public review in a variety of formats and locations:

- Review online
- Request a print copy
- Review at a local public library or government office
- Review at in-person events - *including today!*



# ***How to submit comments:***

- We are accepting comments through Nov. 2
- Comments can be made in any language.
- You'll be able to comment in the following ways:
  - Online
  - Phone
  - Mail
  - Email
  - Meetings



# Online comment form

Share your comments about the Draft EIS with our online form, available in English, Spanish, Russian, and Korean.

<https://everettlink.participate.online/comment-now>

**Comment Selection**

What would you like to comment on? (Select as many as you want)

- ☐ Everett Station
- ☐ Broadway/I-5
- ☐ SR 526/Evergreen
- ☐ SW Everett Industrial Center
- ☐ SR99/Airport Road
- ☐ Mariner
- ☐ Ash Way
- ☐ West Alderwood
- ☐ Operation & Maintenance Facility North
- ☐ Other General Comment

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Map labels: Everett Station (EVT), Broadway/I-5 (BI) Alignment only, SR 526/ Evergreen (EGN), SW Everett Industrial Center (SWI), SR 99/ Airport Rd (AIR) Provisional, Mariner (MAR), Ash Way (ASH), West Alderwood (ALD).

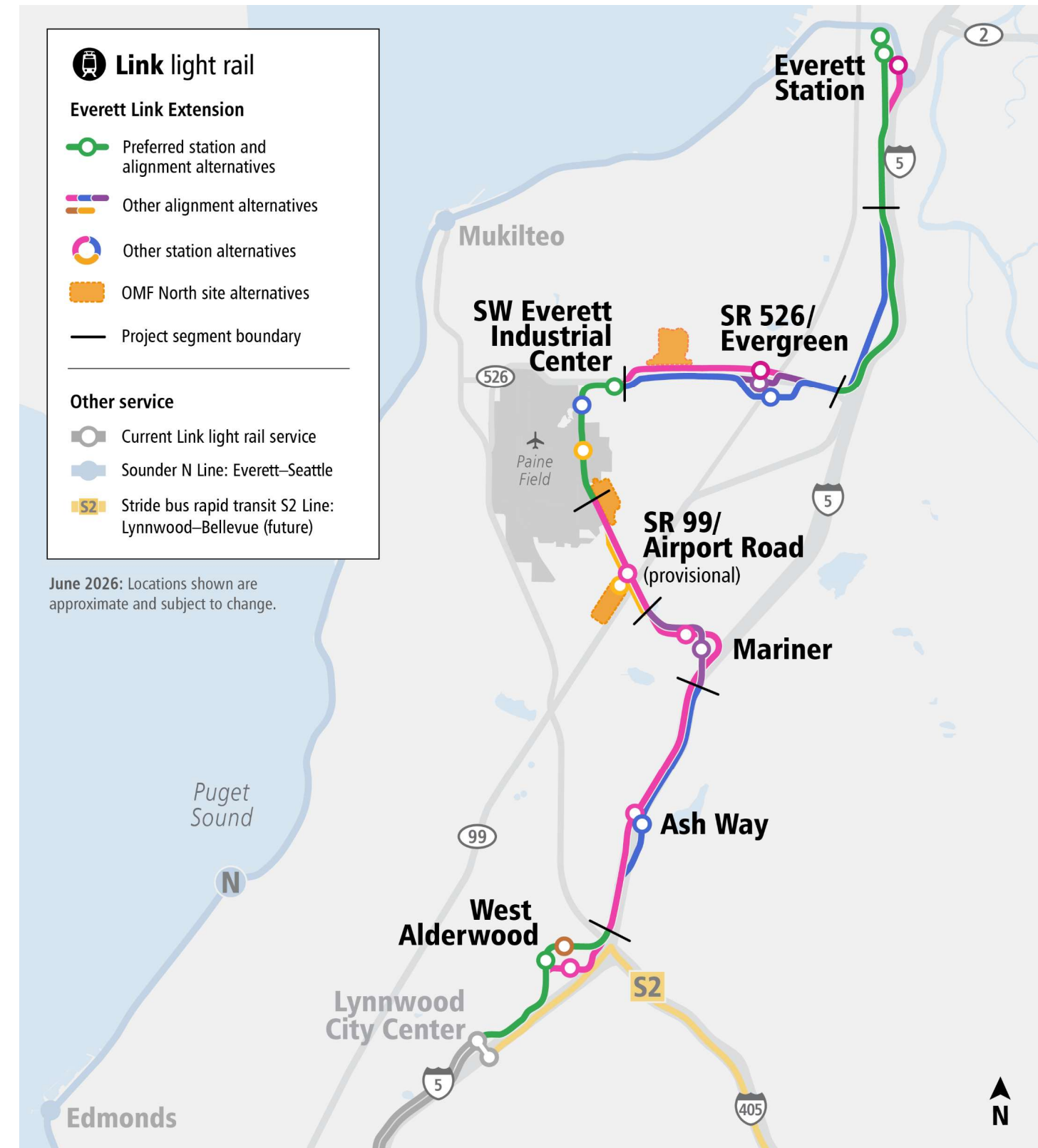
*Property owner info*

# Property owner notifications

We have contacted owners whose property **may** be affected (under any of the alternatives considered).

We are holding meetings with property owners to discuss timeline, process, and questions.

**Reminder:** The project will continue to change over time, receiving a letter at this time does not mean we will require your property. **We will not know for sure until final locations are selected and design advances.**



# *Property search*

- To see if your property is listed in the Draft EIS, see **Appendix G.2** online.
- You can find your property by searching for the address or parcel number using Ctrl+F.
- If your property is listed, it does not mean we have decided to buy your property; it just means your property is close to one or more of the options being studied.



*Questions?*

*Thank you.*



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