

**Access Bellevue Communications Committee  
Sound Transit – East Link Update**

**July 15, 2019**

# *What we'll cover today*

- *Welcome & Introductions*
- *East Link Construction Update*
- *Re-Closure of 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE*
- *I-405 Closures*
- *Collaborative Communications*
- *Questions / Comments*

A photograph of a light rail train at a station platform. The train is white and blue, with "CENTRAL DISTRICTS" visible on its front. People are waiting on the platform, including a woman in a yellow hijab and a child in a blue shirt. The scene is overlaid with a blue tint.

# ***East Link construction***

***Jennifer Lemus, Community Outreach Corridor  
Manager, Sound Transit***

# East King County

- A** Link – Seattle to Redmond Technology
- B** Link – Redmond Technology to downtown Redmond
- C** Link – South Kirkland to Issaquah
- D** I-405 BRT – Bothell to South Renton
- E** SR 522 BRT – Kenmore to Bothell
- F** North Sammamish Park & Ride



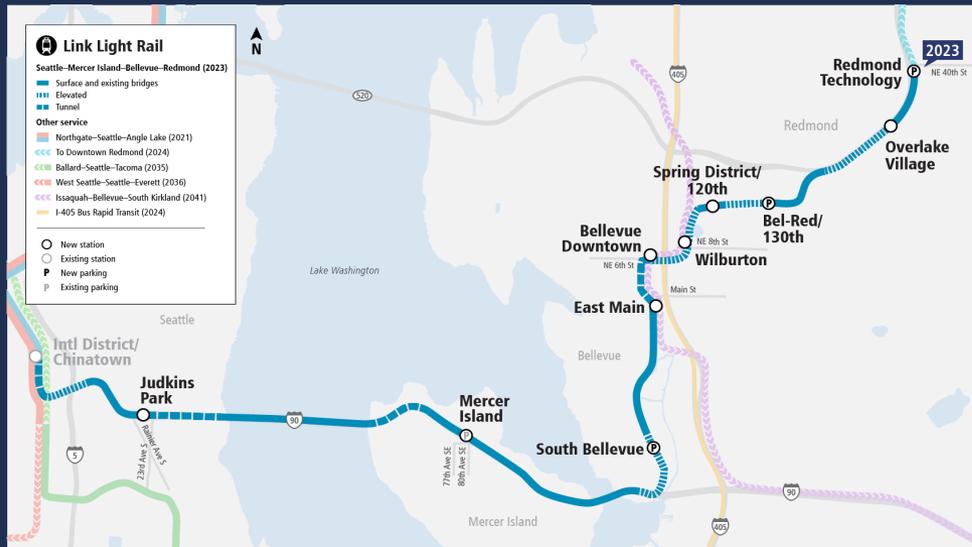


# Light Rail construction update

## **By 2024: 50 light rail stations**

- Northgate Link: 3 new stations
- East Link: 10 new stations
- BRT
- Sounder south parking garage
- North Sammamish Park and Ride
- Sounder north access improvements
- Lynnwood Link: 4 new stations
- Tacoma Link: 6 new stations
- Federal Way Link: 3 new stations

# Project Overview

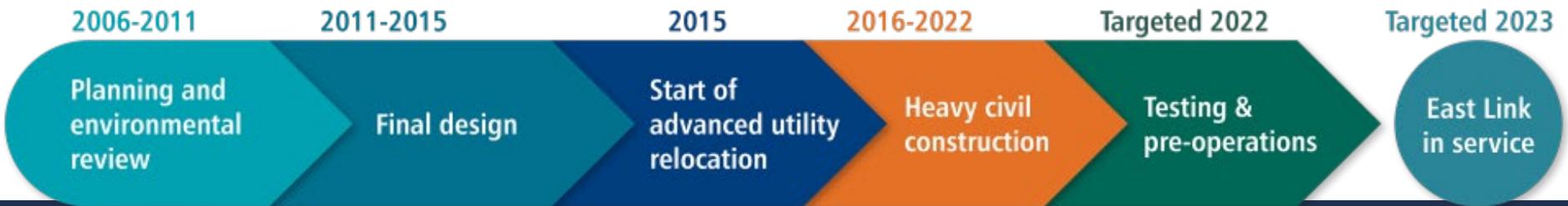


## Cost & Schedule Snapshot

- **Baselined: April 2015**
- **Budget: \$3.67 Billion (YOE)**
- **Schedule: Revenue Service – June 2023**
- **Status:**
  - All six civil contracts in active construction
  - Systems construction starting up
  - Within Budget
  - On Schedule



# Project Timeline



## Construction Start Dates

Downtown tunnel: Mid 2016

BelRed: Spring 2017

South Bellevue: Spring 2017

Downtown Bellevue to Spring District : Spring 2017

I-90: Summer 2017

Overlake: Summer 2017



**Judkins Park**  
Elevator shafts and station walls  
take shape



***I-90 Floating Bridge***  
*Crews install steel anchor frames in pontoons to post-tension the bridge*



***I-90 Floating Bridge***  
*Crews layout track to be installed on the floating bridge*



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***Mercer Island***  
*Station construction progress at Mercer Island*



**South Bellevue**  
*Building the guideway over I-90*



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**South Bellevue**  
*The elevated guideway rises over Bellevue Way SE*



## **South Bellevue**

*The elevated guideway rises over  
Bellevue Way SE*



## **South Bellevue**

*Crews build the 112th Ave. SE undercrossing*



***Downtown Bellevue***  
*Inside the Downtown Bellevue  
tunnel*



***Downtown Bellevue  
Light Rail bridge across I-405***



## ***Downtown Bellevue***

*The elevated guideway crosses I-405 and turns north toward Wilburton*



## *Spring District*

*Rail installation at Spring District/120<sup>th</sup> Station (left) and retained cut section near Audi of Bellevue dealership*



## *Bel Red*

*Girders arrive via truck at the Bel Red construction site*



## ***Bel-Red***

*Setting utility vault panels near  
136<sup>th</sup> Place NE and NE 20<sup>th</sup> St*

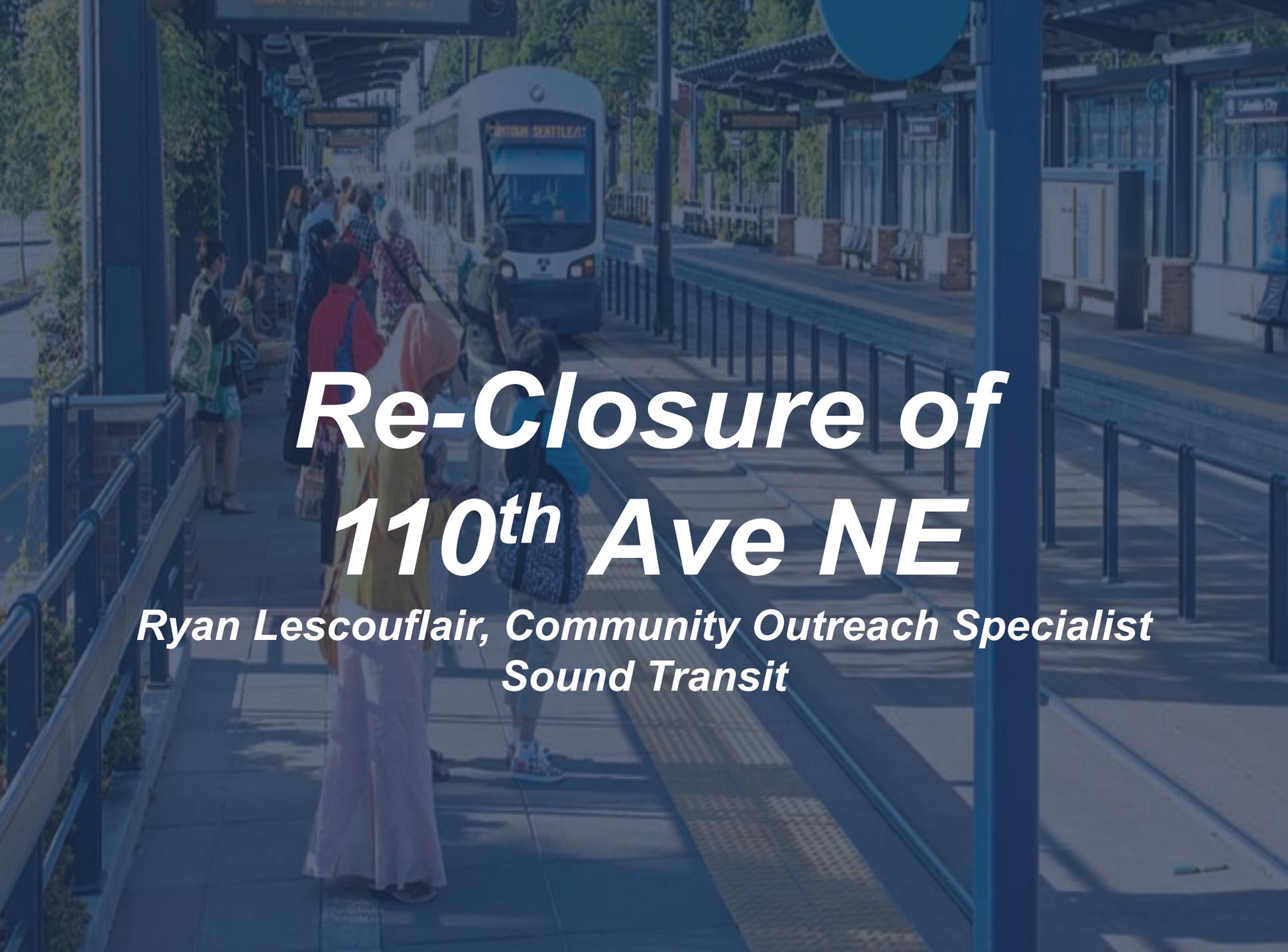


# *Overlake Village*

*The elevated guideway along  
SR-520*



***Redmond Technology***  
*The parking garage and transit  
loop take shape*

A light rail train is stopped at a station platform. The train is white with blue accents and has "CANTON CENTER" displayed on its front. People are waiting on the platform, some standing and some sitting on benches. The platform has a blue railing and a yellow tactile strip. The background shows trees and a clear sky. The text "Re-Closure of 110th Ave NE" is overlaid in large white font.

# *Re-Closure of 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE*

*Ryan Lescouflair, Community Outreach Specialist  
Sound Transit*

## Re-Closure: 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE

- July 21 through ~ Nov. 2019
- 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue closed between NE 4<sup>th</sup> and NE 6<sup>th</sup>
- “local traffic” permitted – can access City Hall
- Driveway and access changes
- Sidewalk closure on NE 6<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE

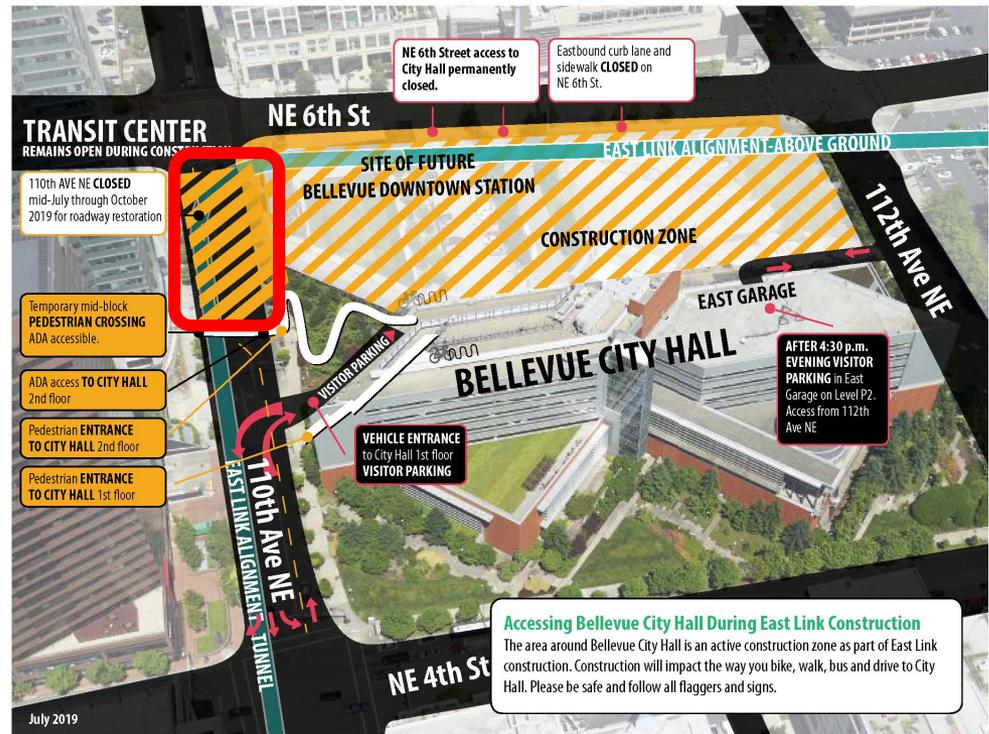


# 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Full Closure July 21 thru Nov. 2019

Please use temporary pedestrian crossing across 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE

Access to City Hall via accessibility ramp (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) and staggered steps (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

Access to visitor parking available via northbound 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE



A photograph of a light rail train at a station platform. The train is white and blue, with "SOUND TRANSIT" visible on its front. Passengers are waiting on the platform, some standing and some sitting on benches. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text "I-405 Closures" is prominently displayed in the center of the image.

# ***I-405 Closures***

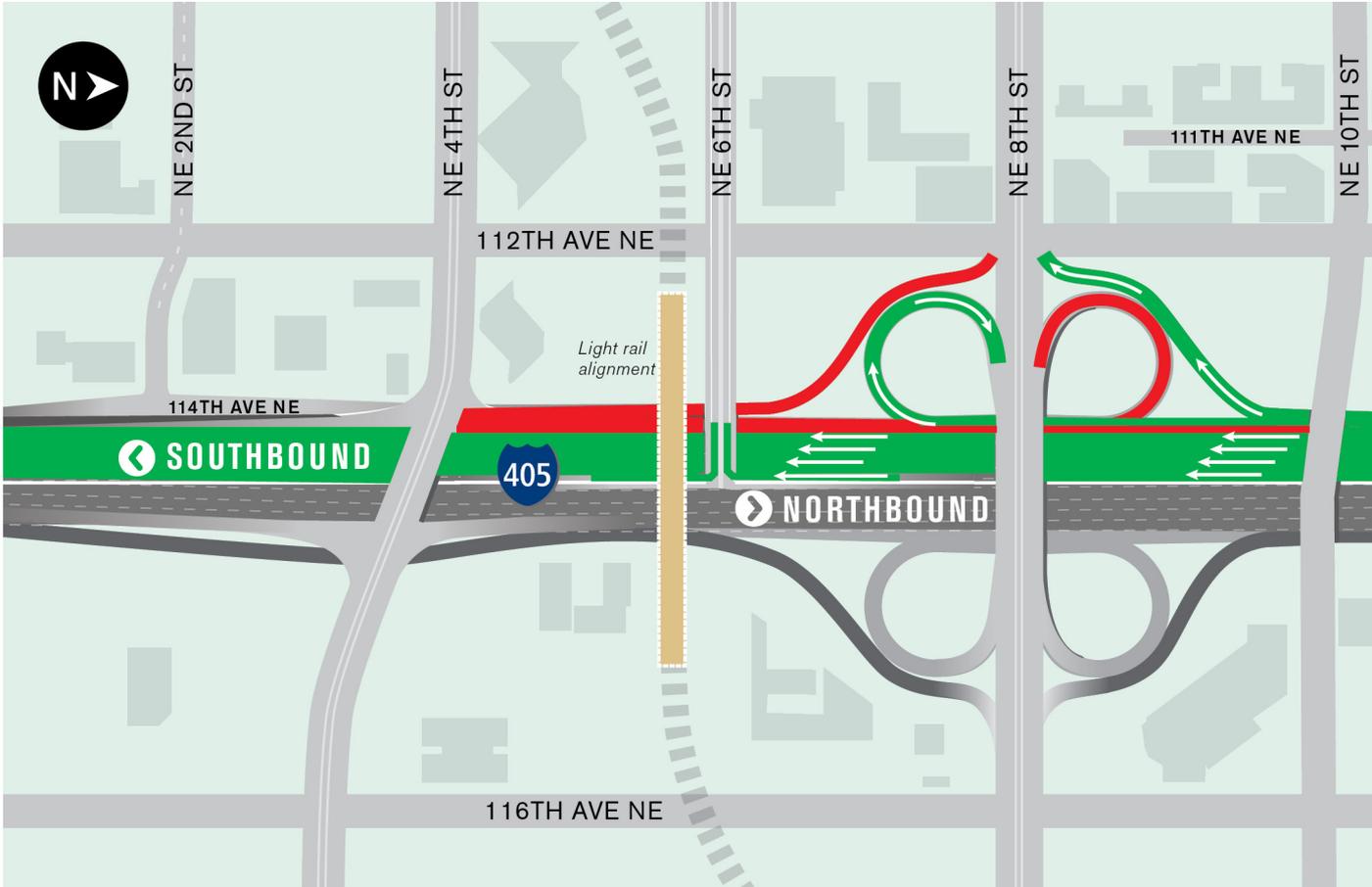
***Jon Lebo, Construction Manager, Sound Transit***



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**The following will be closed  
Friday night, Aug. 9th (10 p.m.)  
through Saturday night, Aug. 10th  
(midnight):**

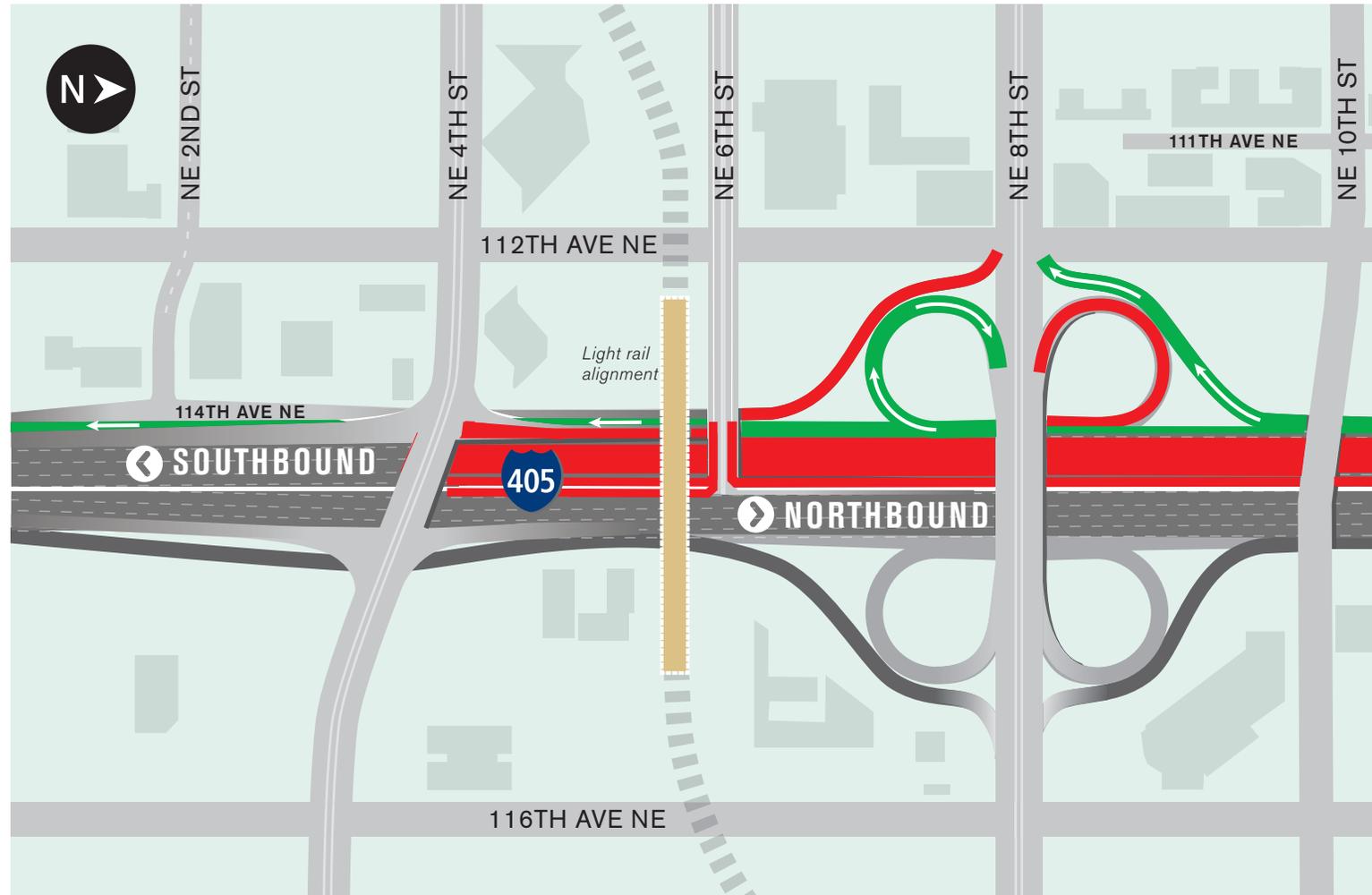
- Northeast 8th Street on-ramps to southbound I-405
- Southbound I-405 off-ramp to Northeast 4th Street (Exit 13A)
- One right lane on southbound I-405



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The following will be closed  
**Saturday night, Aug 10th  
(midnight) through Monday  
morning, Aug 12th (5 a.m.):**

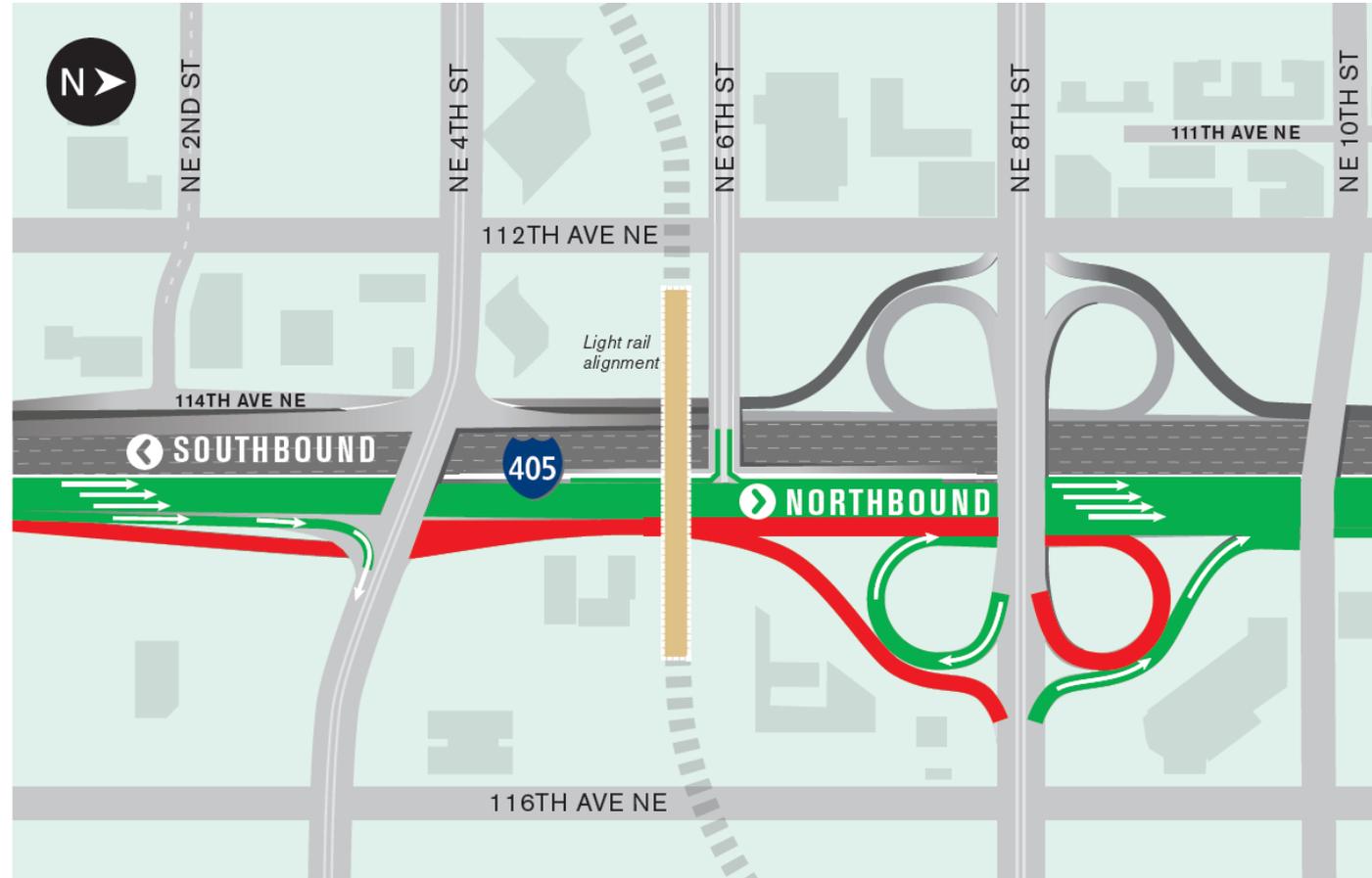
- All mainline lanes on southbound I-405
- Northbound I-405 HOV off-ramp and the southbound HOV on-ramp to and from Northeast 6th Street
- Southbound I-405 HOV off-ramp to Northeast 6th Street.
- Southbound I-405 off-ramp to Northeast 4th Street (Exit 13A)
- The Northeast 8th Street on-ramps to southbound I-405



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The following will be closed  
Friday night, Aug 16th (10 p.m.)  
through Saturday night, Aug 17th  
(midnight):

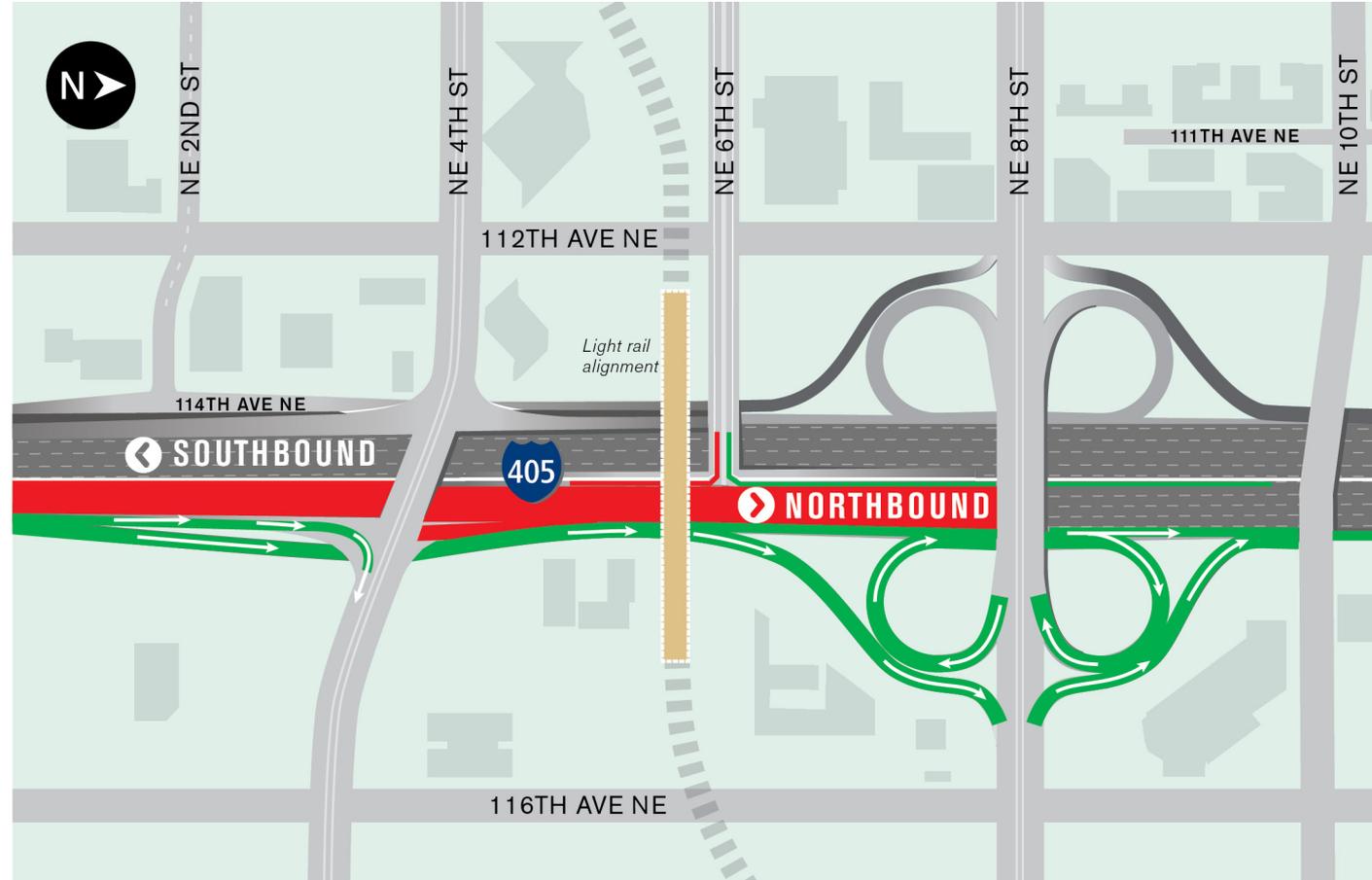
- Northbound I-405 off-ramp to Northeast 8th Street (Exit 13B)
- Northeast 4th Street to northbound I-405 on-ramp
- One right lane on Northbound I-405



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The following ramps will be closed Saturday night, Aug 17th (midnight) through Monday morning, Aug 19th (5 a.m.):

- All mainline lanes on northbound I-405
- Northbound I-405 HOV off-ramp and the southbound HOV on-ramp to and from Northeast 6th Street
- Northeast 4th Street to northbound I-405 on-ramp



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# ***Collaborative Communications***

***Sound Transit, WSDOT, City of Bellevue***



- *Detailed Closure Information*
- *Plan Ahead*
- *Partner Communications*
- *Know Your Alternative Routes*
- *Sign Up for Construction Alerts*  
[soundtransit.org/subscribe](https://soundtransit.org/subscribe)

# **Success during I-405 directional closures**

Bart Treece, NWR Communications Manager  
July 15, 2019

## WSDOT's goal:

Keep the system moving during directional closures of I-405 in Bellevue



## I-405 (near CD) in Bellevue:

Southbound 405:  
~ 108,000 vehicles Saturday  
~94,000 vehicles Sunday

Northbound 405:  
~91,000 vehicles Saturday  
~85,000 vehicles Sunday

Collector-distributor capacity:  
~1,100 – 1,300 vehicles/hr





## WSDOT tools to support Sound Transit

- Social media posts, shares, retweets.
- Variable Message Signs (VMS).
- Weekly listserv outreach.
- Sharing traffic message in media event.
- Freight community outreach.

# Bellevue's Communications Focus

- Alternate routes to get you to/from downtown
- Communications before, during and after closures
- City Hall employee communications



[BellevueWA.gov/accessbellevue](http://BellevueWA.gov/accessbellevue)



# How to get the latest information

Agency	Website/Subscription	Facebook	Twitter
Sound Transit	<b>SoundTransit.org/eastlink</b> News & Updates	@SoundTransit East Link Light Rail FB Group	@SoundTransit
WSDOT	<b>WSDOT.wa.gov</b> Travel Alerts	@WSDOT	@WSDOT_Traffic
City of Bellevue	<b>BellevueWA.gov</b> Traffic Advisories Access Bellevue East Link News	@BellevueWashington	@BvueTrans @BvuePD @BellevueWA

**Thank you**  
**Questions?**

