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LIGHT RAIL IS HERE!

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Dear Neighbor,

The train has reached the station!

On December 19th Sound Transit will open the SeaTac / Airport Station light rail station just in time for the holidays. This new station will allow Link light rail to expand to the airport and connect millions of air travelers and thousands of South King County residents to downtown Seattle with high-speed rail.

Light rail provides a reliable and affordable alternative to using a car to travel to work, home, or play. Regardless of the weather, an accident, or a sports game, the travel time between the SeaTac / Airport and Westlake Station is 36 minutes and never impacted by traffic congestion.

Inside this newsletter, I've provided details on what you need to know to ride the light rail time table, and maps to help you navigate the SeaTac / Airport station.

Happy travels!

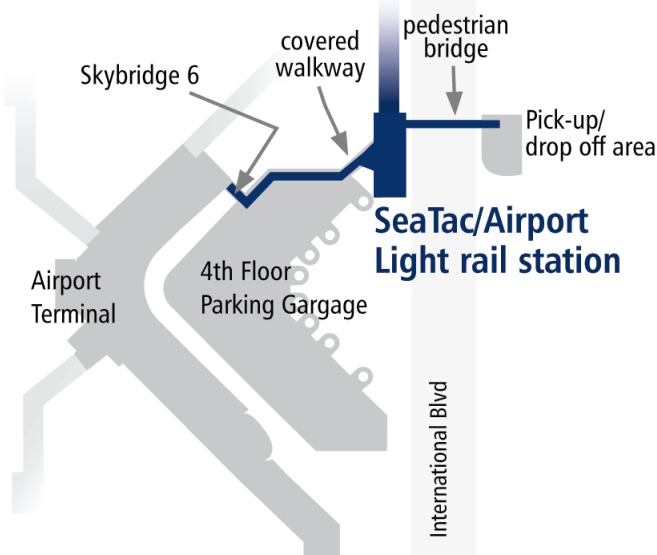
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LINK LIGHT RAIL WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



- Service at SeaTac / Airport Station begins Saturday, December 19th at 10 a.m.
- Normal Link operating hours are from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 6 a.m. to midnight on Sundays.
- Sea Tac / Airport Station connects to the airport garage via a pedestrian walkway.
- The station features a “kiss-and-ride” drop-off area to the east of International Boulevard for passenger drop off and pick up. A pedestrian bridge connects the station to the “kiss-and-ride.”
- Adult fares range from \$1.75 and \$2.40. Reduced rates are available for seniors and youth.
- Trains will run every 7.5 minutes during peak hours on weekdays and between 10-15 minutes during off-peak hours and weekends.
- You can connect to the SeaTac / Airport Station using Metro route numbers 128, 129, 140, 156, & 180. For more information, visit: <http://metro.kingcounty.gov>.



WHAT'S NEXT FOR SOUND TRANSIT?

Construction of a light rail line between downtown and the University of Washington is now underway. The line is expected to open in 2016. Voters also approved a Sound Transit 2 ballot measure last year, allowing light rail to reach to Lynnwood, Redmond's Overlake area, and the Star Lake/Redondo area near Federal Way by 2023. Eventually, Sound Transit plans to have light rail stretch 55 miles throughout the Puget Sound region.

