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## **Light Rail Communities Project to Host a Virtual Workshop Seeking Public Input on the Future of Housing Near Planned Light Rail**

**Everett, Wash., August 21, 2020** – Snohomish County’s Light Rail Communities project is hosting a virtual workshop that seeks input from members of the public to help inform future planning decisions for the geographic area near planned light rail stations in unincorporated Snohomish County. The workshop will be available through September 25 at <https://bit.ly/LRCHousingWorkshop>. *Compatibility note: Internet Explorer is not a supported browser for this workshop.*

This workshop is part of the second phase (subarea planning) of the multi-year Light Rail Communities project, focused on gathering information to inform planning decisions for a subarea plan. The workshop explores the topics of growth and housing and seeks public input on where they envision different housing types being located. It is the latest effort in an ongoing extended public engagement process.

The first phase (station area planning) 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 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>.

“This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to leverage major transportation investments to benefit Snohomish County,” said Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive. “We need to hear from the public about their priorities to guide the county’s plan for light rail in our community.”

Final decisions on the actual station locations 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 onto 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.

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