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Light Rail Communities Project to Host Fall Virtual Public Engagement Workshop

Everett, Wash., November 6, 2020 – Snohomish County’s Light Rail Communities project is hosting a two-part virtual workshop to share the results of recent public engagement efforts and explore the topic of housing affordability.

This workshop is the latest in a multi-year effort to seek input from members of the public to help inform future planning decisions for the area between Everett and Lynnwood.

Part 1 of the workshop opens on Friday, November 6th, 2020, and focuses on reporting the results and gathering reactions to recent public engagement efforts. Part 2 will be available on Friday, November 27th, 2020, and is aimed at providing information and gathering feedback on the topic of housing affordability.

The Light Rail Communities Fall Virtual Workshop will be available through Sunday, December 20, 2020, at <https://bit.ly/LRC-Fall-Workshop>. *Compatibility note: Internet Explorer is not a supported browser for this workshop website.*

This workshop is part of the Subarea Planning phase of the multi-year Light Rail Communities project, focused on gathering information to inform planning decisions for a subarea plan.

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. More information about that work is available on the project webpage at <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/LRC>.

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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