

# *SAME Meet the Agencies*

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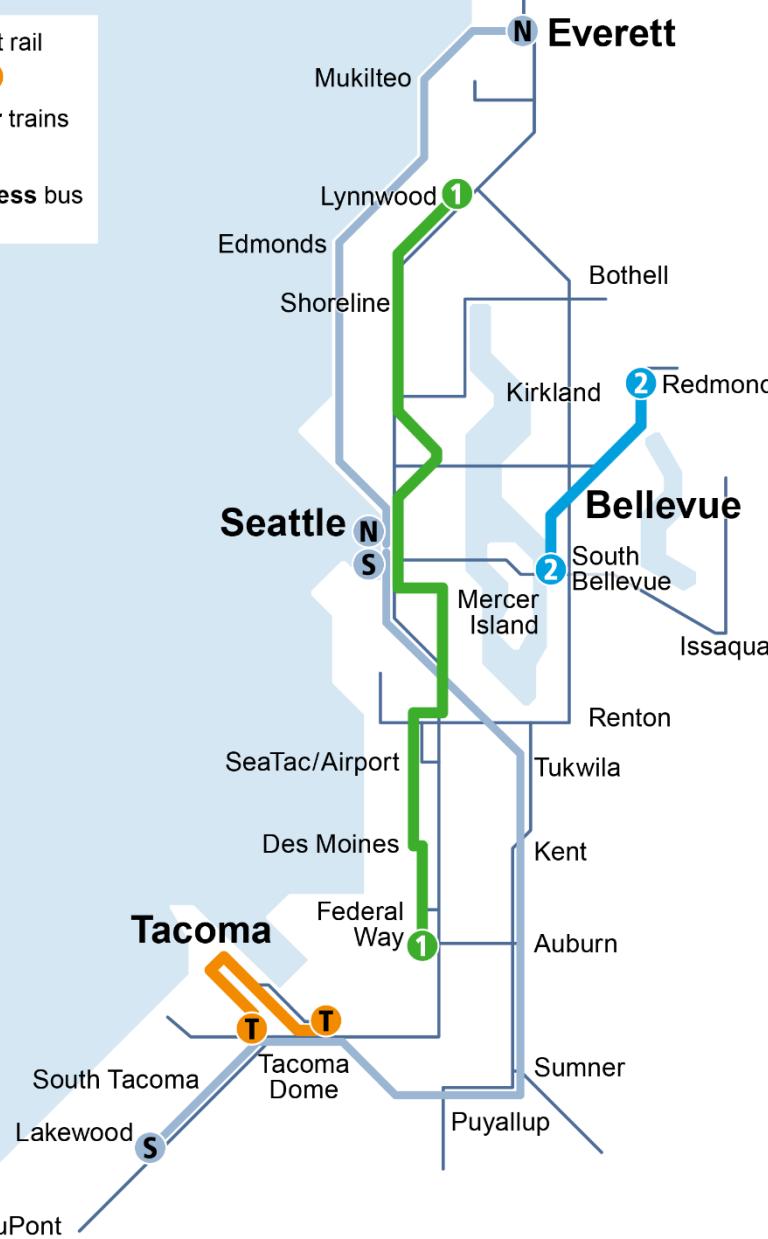


# Sound Transit: Who We Are

- The Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority began in 1993 as a joint effort by the Snohomish, King, and Pierce county governments in western Washington state
- Encompassing **more than 1,000 square miles**, the Sound Transit District is bigger than the state of Rhode Island and is **home to more than 40% of Washington's population**.
- Builds, maintains, and operates (with partners) Light Rail, Commuter Rail, Express Bus, and Bus Rapid Transit modes



Link light rail  
1 2 T  
Sounder trains  
N S  
ST Express bus



# Current system (3 Modes)

## Link light rail 1 2 T

- Three lines
- 55 miles
- 49 stations
- Connecting Lynnwood–Federal Way, Downtown Redmond–South Bellevue, Tacoma Dome–St Joseph

## Sounder trains N S

- Two lines
- 83 miles
- 12 stations
- Connecting Everett–Seattle and Lakewood–Seattle

## ST Express buses

- 24 express routes on regional freeway corridors



# Voter-approved system (4 Modes)

## *Link light rail* 1 2 3 4 T

- Five lines
- 116 miles
- 83 stations

## *Sounder trains* N S

- Two lines
- 91 miles
- 14 stations

## *Stride bus rapid transit* S1 S2 S3

- New mode
- Three lines
- 45 miles on I-405 and SR 522
- Serves 12 cities and connects to light rail in Shoreline, Lynnwood, Bellevue, and Tukwila

# Sound Transit Capital Program

*An unprecedented investment in the region*

Embarking on the next phase at \$60B+

## Link Light Rail Extensions

- West Seattle Link Extension
- Ballard Link Extension
- Tacoma Dome Link Extension
- Everett Link Extension
- Issaquah to Kirkland
- Infill Stations – Graham St. And Boeing Access Rd.
- Operations & Maintenance Facilities (North & South)

## Stride Bus Rapid Transit

- I-405
- SR 518
- SR 522

## Sounder South

- Platform Extensions
- Maintenance Base

## State of Good Repair



# ST3 Affordability Gap of \$34.5B

Enterprise Initiative	Deliverable	Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Deliver the greatest benefits of ST3 within available financial capacity.</li><li>A comprehensive effort by planning, capital, operations, maintenance, and finance.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Define cost savings opportunities and new funding opportunities (revenue) to close the affordability gap</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adopt updated <b>System Plan</b>, with modified capital and operating plans.</li><li>Adopt an affordable long-range finance plan.</li></ul>

What will this workstream entail?	Planning & Policy	Capital Delivery	Operations	Finance
Review existing plans, policies, assumptions, and changed conditions.	Identifying cost savings approaches to deliver projects within existing resources	Identifying cost savings related to operating and state of good repair.	Assess financial capacity and maximizing revenue opportunities.	
What are the tools and levers?	Modify planning assumptions and update policies that guide implementation.	Project and program efficiencies, scope changes, phasing, reconsidering projects.	Adjust service levels across modes of service, resource levels, and asset management needs.	Change financial planning assumptions and consider revenue enhancements.

# Cost Savings Workplan

- **Programmatic opportunities** identified as opportunities across the portfolio of projects.
- **Project opportunities** identified as unique opportunities for specific capital projects.
- Opportunities provide benefits that include **improving passenger experience, lower operations and maintenance costs, as well as efficiencies in design and construction.**

## Projects Developing Cost Savings Opportunities

### Conceptual Engineering:

- Ballard Link Extension
- Tacoma Dome Link Extension
- Everett Link Extension
- Infill Stations
- Sounder Program
- Operations & Maintenance Facility (OMF) North

### Post-Preliminary Engineering:

- STRIDE Bus Rapid Transit
- Operations & Maintenance Facility (OMF) South
- West Seattle Link Extension



## Link light rail

### West Seattle Link Extension

Elevated route

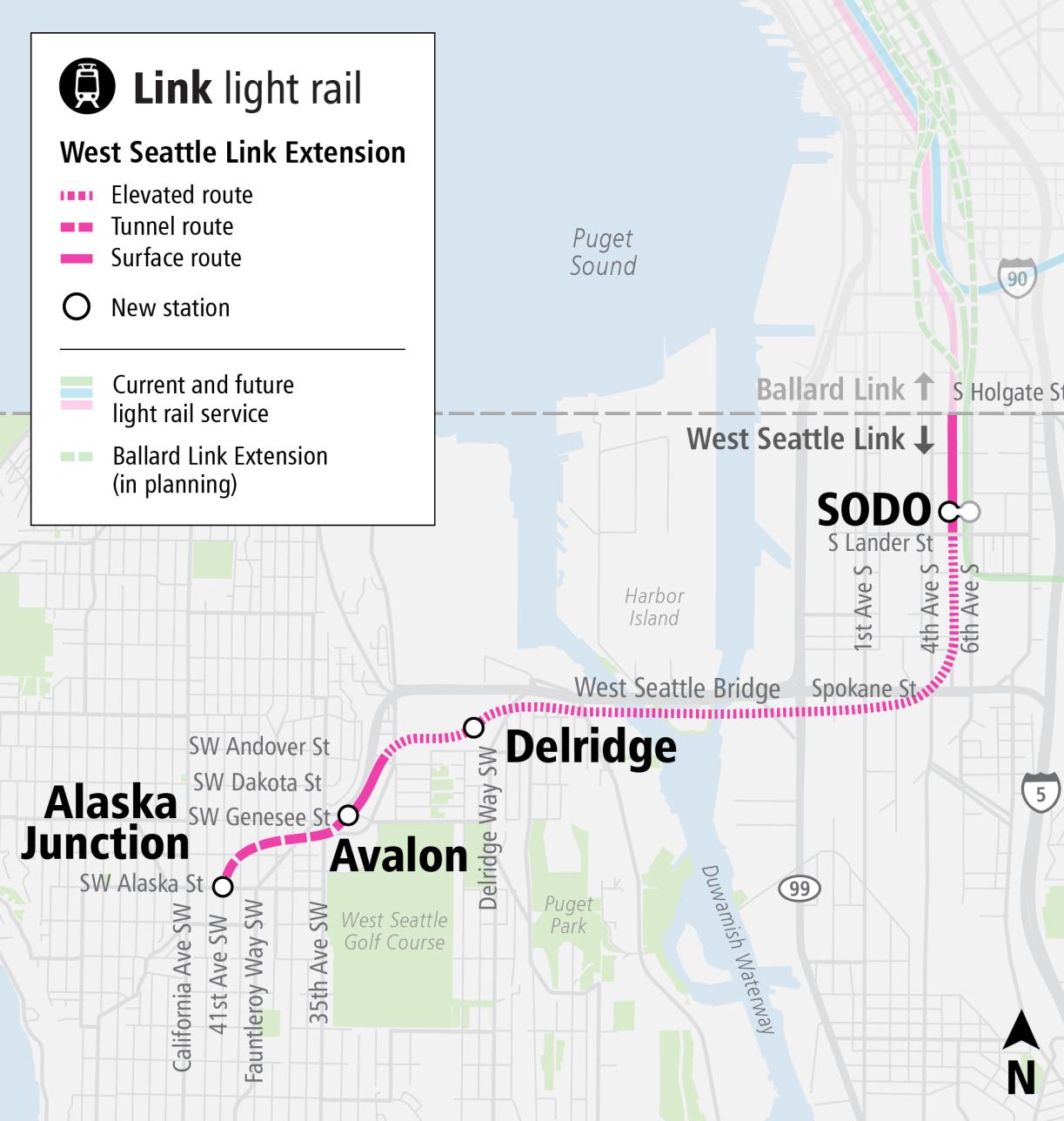
Tunnel route

Surface route

New station

Current and future light rail service

Ballard Link Extension (in planning)



# West Seattle Link Extension

- Adds 4.1 miles of light rail service and 4 stations with connections in SODO, Delridge, and West Seattle.

### Record of Decision

April 2025

### Current Estimate\*

\$7.1-\$7.9B

### Contract activities:

Civil Design Contract Approval	Q2 2025
Re-baselined PE compete	Q4 2025
Duwamish Bridge GCCM pre-con	Q3 2026
Systems design procurement start	Q2 2026

\* = does not factor in any cost saving opportunities



# Ballard Link Extension

- 7.7-mile light rail extension with 9 new stations from SODO to Ballard

**Draft EIS**

Q1 2026

**Current Estimate\***

\$20.1-\$22.6B

**Contract activities:**

Preliminary Engineering

2026

Record of Decision

Q1 2027

Final Design Procurement

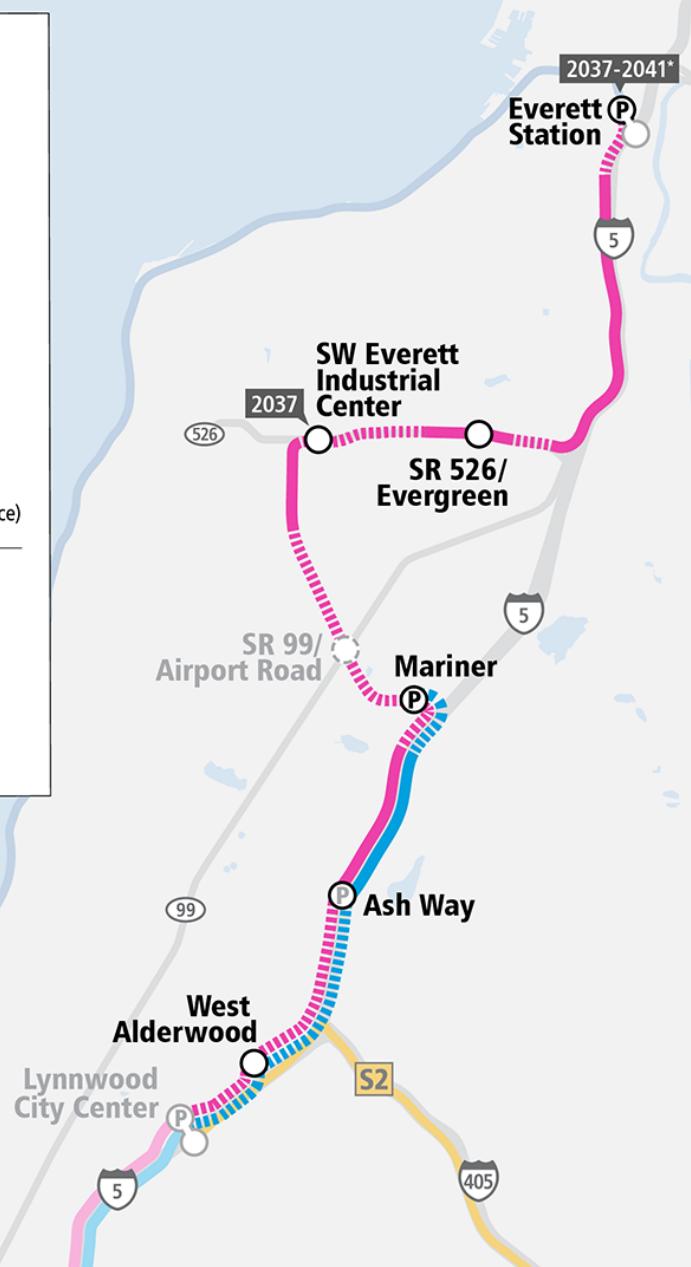
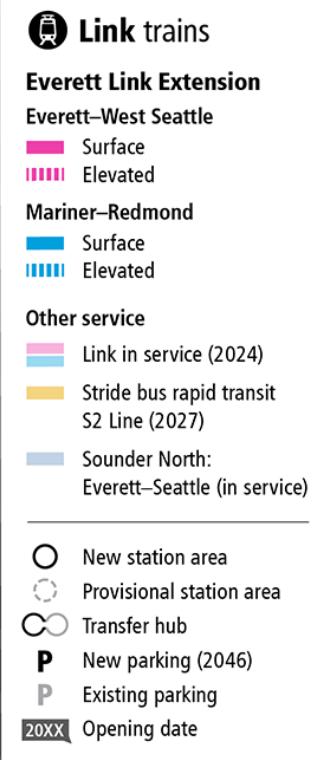
Q3 2026 – Q1 2027

Final Design

Starts Q2 2027

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*\*Anticipated schedule*



# Everett Link Extension

- 16-mile light rail extension from Lynnwood to Everett with **6 new stations**, completing the north corridor.

Draft EIS

Q2 2026

Current Estimate\*

\$6.8-\$7.7B

Contract activities:

PM/CM MATOC	Q4 2026 – Q1 2027
Record of Decision	Q4 2027 – Q1 2028
Final Design Procurement	Q4 2027 – Q1 2028
Pre-construction Procurement	Q3 2027 – Q4 2027

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## Link light rail

Tacoma Dome Link Extension

Preferred route and station alternatives

Other Final EIS route alternatives

Other Final EIS station alternatives

### Route profiles

Elevated

Surface

Puyallup Tribe of Indians Reservation

### Other train service

Link 1 Line: Angle Lake–Federal Way (future)

Link T Line: Tacoma Dome–St Joseph (current)

Sounder S Line: Lakewood–Seattle (current)

Existing station

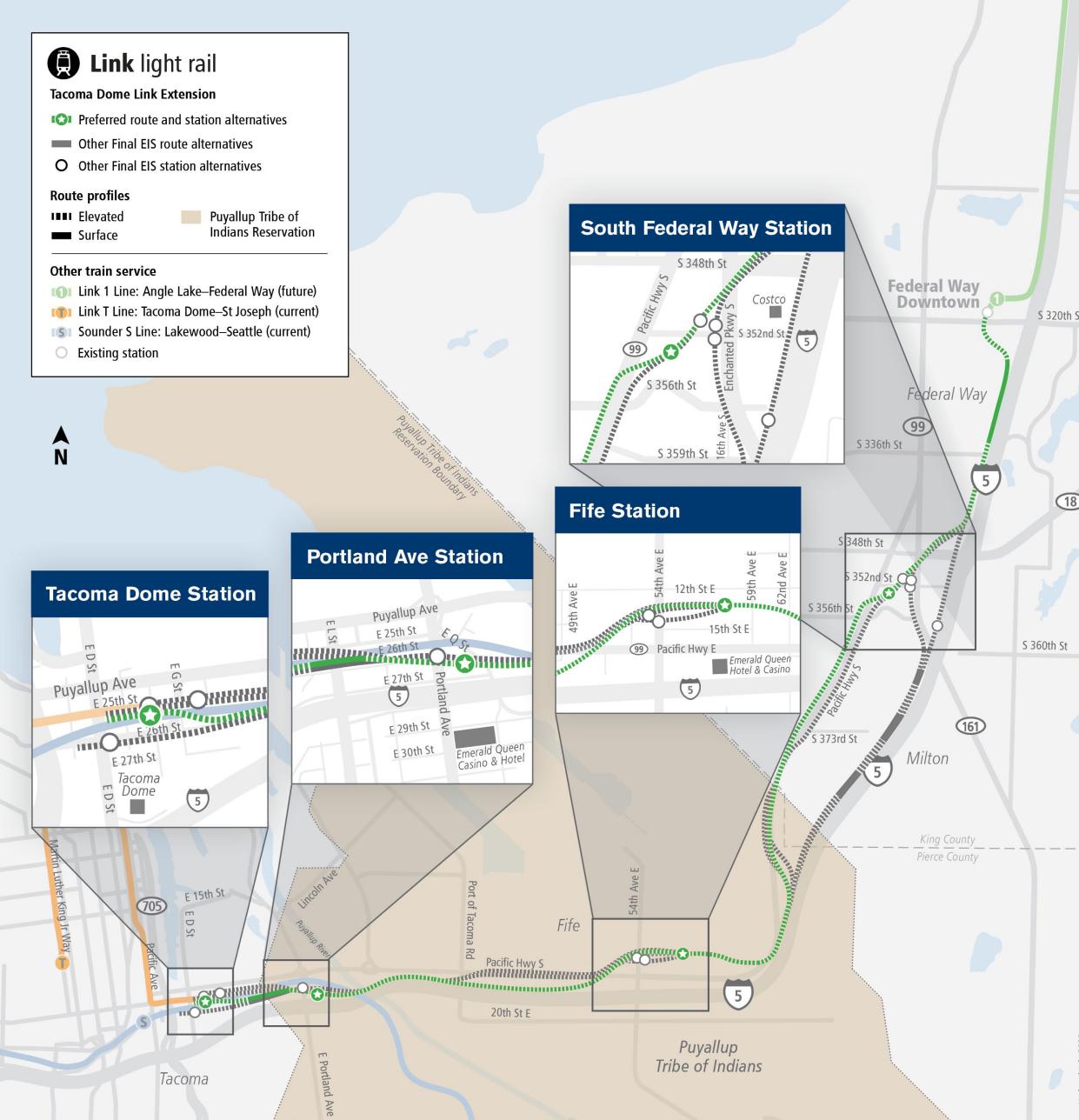


## Tacoma Dome Station

## Portland Ave Station

## Fife Station

## South Federal Way Station



# Tacoma Dome Link Extension

- 8.5-mile light rail extension with 4 new stations, connecting Pierce County to the light rail network.

Final EIS  
Record of Decision  
(pending FTA approval)

Q1 2027  
Q2 2027

Current Estimate\*

\$5.4-\$6.1B

Contract activities:  
Final Design Procurement

Q4 2027 – Q1 2028

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# Stride Bus Rapid Transit Program

- **46 miles** of new rapid bus service and **25 new bus stations**
  - S1: Bellevue-Burien
  - S2: Lynnwood-Bellevue
  - S3: Shoreline-Bothell
  - Bus Operations & Maintenance Facility (Canyon Park)

<b>Program budget</b>	<b>\$2.4B</b>
<b>Committed</b>	<b>\$1.4B</b>

## Contract activities:

S1 Burien Transit Center and Roadway (DBB)	Q2 2026 award
S2 Lynnwood (DBB)	Q4 2026 advertise
S3 SR 522 Lake Forest Park (GCCM)	Q1 2026 advertise

# Maintenance Facilities

Buildout of operation and maintenance facilities to support system expansion and expanded vehicle fleets

- **Operations and Maintenance Facilities (OMF) South and North** (North is alternate scope) (Approx. \$2B total budget per facility)
  - Progressive Design Build (PDB) award pending
  - Target GMP: 2027 Q4 – 2028 Q1
  - Opportunities for subcontractors
- **North Maintenance of Way**: purpose built light industrial and administrative building for maintenance functions.

# Systemwide Facilities

- **Unified Control Center**: new project to retrofit existing facility and/or build new control center, emergency operations center, data center, and administrative building.



# ***State of Good Repair (SOGR)***

Maintain Sound Transit's infrastructure, systems, and facilities in a safe, reliable, and functional condition to support long-term service.

## **Program Details**

- Total portfolio value - \$424M (2026)
- Eight (8) packages comprising 33 projects
- Projects in planning and design
- Delivery Method to vary based on scope

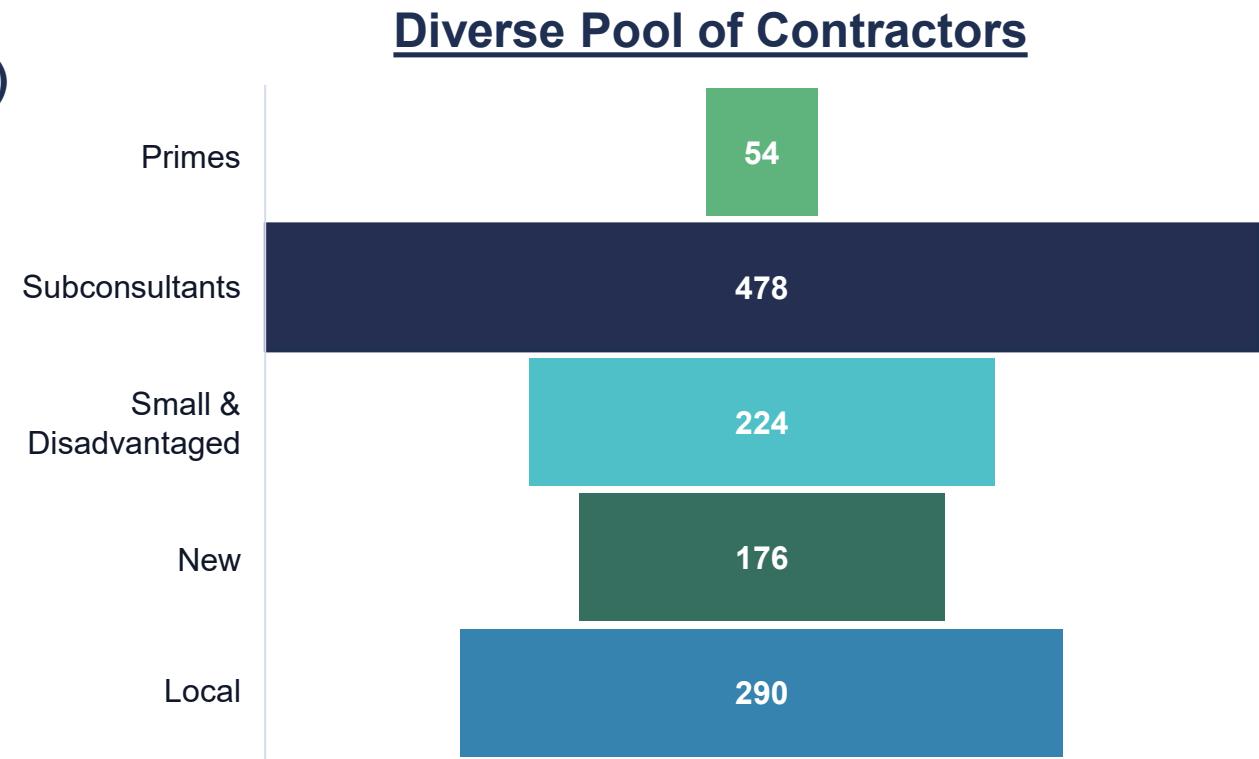
## **Types of Projects**

- Electrical upgrades (e.g., 26kV systems, lighting)
- Tunnel/station improvements (e.g., drainage, structural work)
- Vertical conveyance and accessibility enhancements
- Safety and security system replacements



# Multiple Award Task Order Contracts

- Three new benches
  - **Planning & Environmental Services (\$.5B)**
  - **Design (\$1B)**
  - **Project Management / Construction Management (PMCM) (\$1B)**
- 5-year contracts + two 1-year options
- Ability to add primes and subconsultants
- Capacity building
  - Quals: transit or similar experience
  - Mentor Protégé, training and firm orientation
- Efficiency
  - Set rates across all contracts
  - 60-90 day task order award
  - Cost Savings





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