

Everett Link Extension

Draft EIS Property owner webinar

Summer 2026



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Agenda

- Project background
- Environmental review process
- Property acquisition and relocation process

About Everett Link

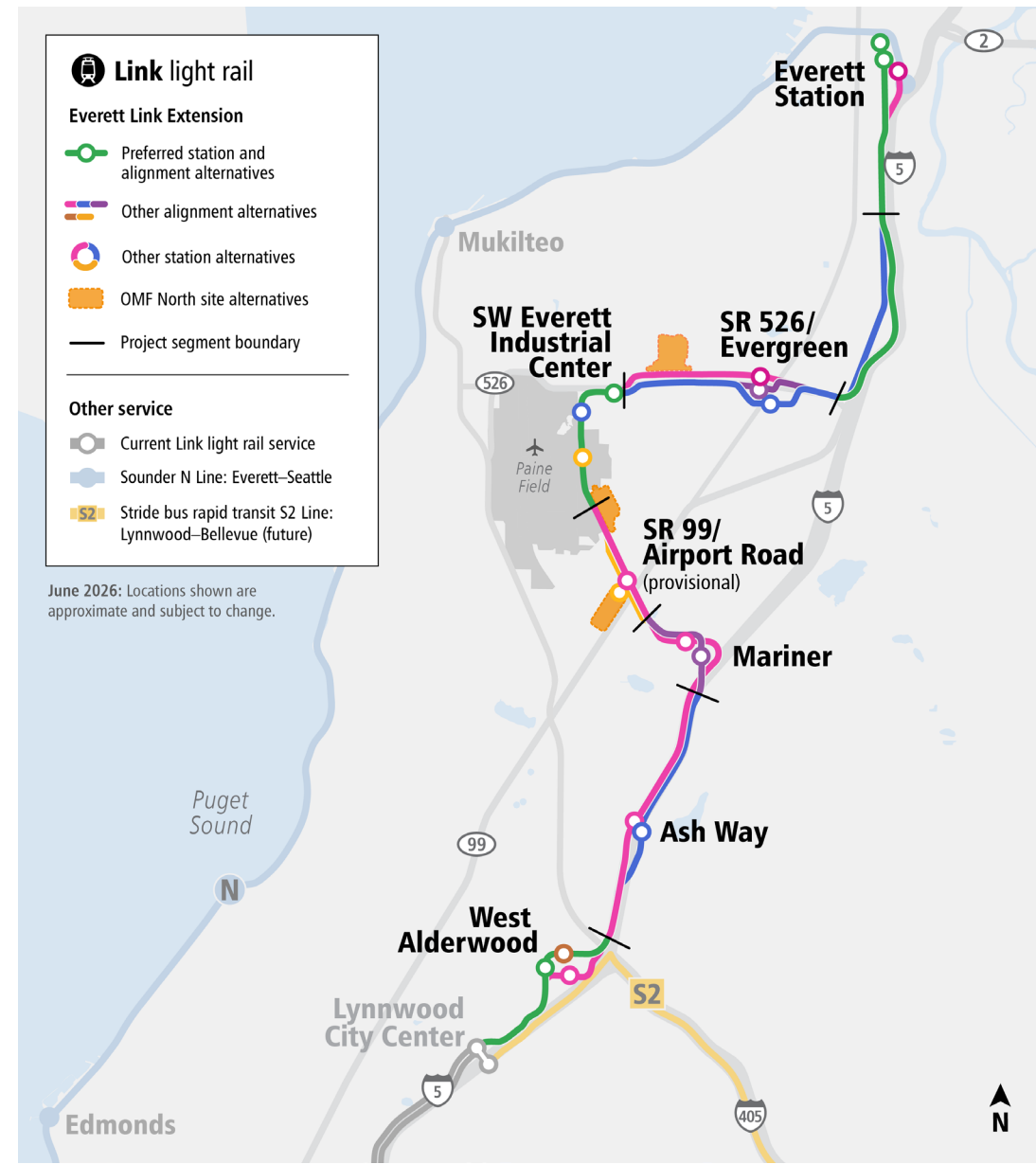
What is Everett Link?

Opening 2037-2041:

- **16 miles of light rail tracks** extending the regional system from Lynnwood into Everett
- **7 new stations** (6 fully funded, 1 provisional)

Opening 2034:

- **Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) North**, supporting overall system operation



Where we are now





PLANNING



DESIGN

2016

2021-2023

Alternatives development

- ✓ Fall 2021: Early scoping
- ✓ Spring 2022: Level 1 Analysis
- ✓ Early 2023: SEPA Scoping
- ✓ 2023: Board identified preferred alternatives and other Draft EIS alternatives

2023-2028

Environmental review

- ✓ Mid-2023: Environmental review began
- ✓ Summer 2025: NEPA Scoping
- ★ Fall 2026: Publish **Draft EIS** Public comment period
- Late 2026/early 2027: Board confirms or modifies preferred alternatives
- Late 2027: Publish Final EIS
- Early 2028: Federal Record of Decision and Board action on project to be built

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Environmental review process

- The environmental review phase includes preparing an **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**.
- The EIS is published in two documents: a **Draft EIS** and a **Final EIS**.
- After publication, the Draft EIS is available for public review and comment for 45 days.



What's being studied in the EIS?



Transportation

Parking, local streets, public transit, walking and biking



Community resources

Historic resources, parks and recreation



Natural environment

Ecosystems, water resources



Acquisitions, displacements, and relocations



Social environment

Visual and aesthetics, economics, noise and vibration, safety and security

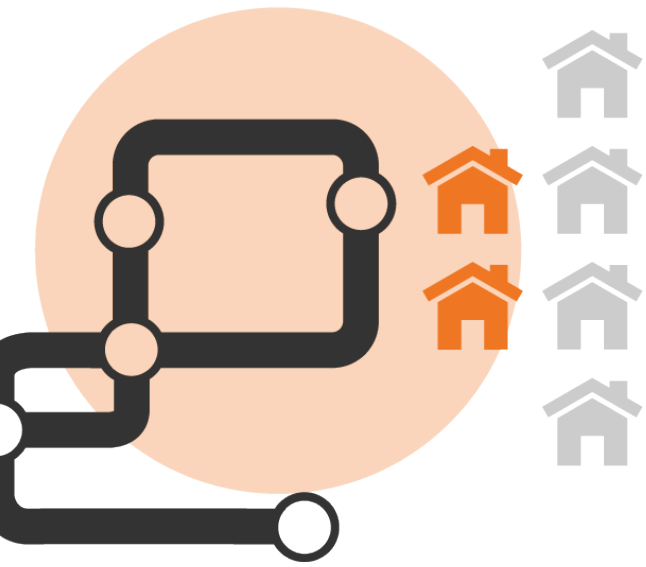


Construction

Short term, temporary

Property acquisition and relocation process

Potentially affected property — Draft EIS



Being a ***potentially affected property*** means that your property is close enough to one or more route , station, or OMF North locations that we might need to acquire property rights in order to build the project.

It does not mean that a decision has been made to buy your property.

Acquisition and relocation timeline



Pre-DEIS release (summer 2026)

Sound Transit **contacts potentially affected property owners**



DEIS release (September 2026)

Sound Transit Board **confirms or modifies preferred alternative in early 2027**



Final EIS release (late 2027)

Sound Transit Board **selects project to be built**



Final design (2028-2030)*

- Sound Transit **identifies property rights needed to construct, operate and maintain the system**
- Sound Transit Board **authorizes property acquisition**
- Sound Transit will **prepare an appraisal** to determine fair market value of property needed for the project
- Sound Transit will provide **relocation assistance** to people and businesses displaced by the project, including referrals to comparable properties and payment of moving costs
- Sound Transit **staff are available to support property owners and tenants** through this process

Acquisition and relocation

Two potential parts to the process



Acquisition



Relocation

Acquisition

An independent appraiser produces an appraisal.



Appraisal



Acquisition

A second appraiser reviews appraisal.



Acquisition

An offer package is prepared and delivered to the property owner with time to review and respond.



Acquisition

Sound Transit may also reimburse for some or all of the following:

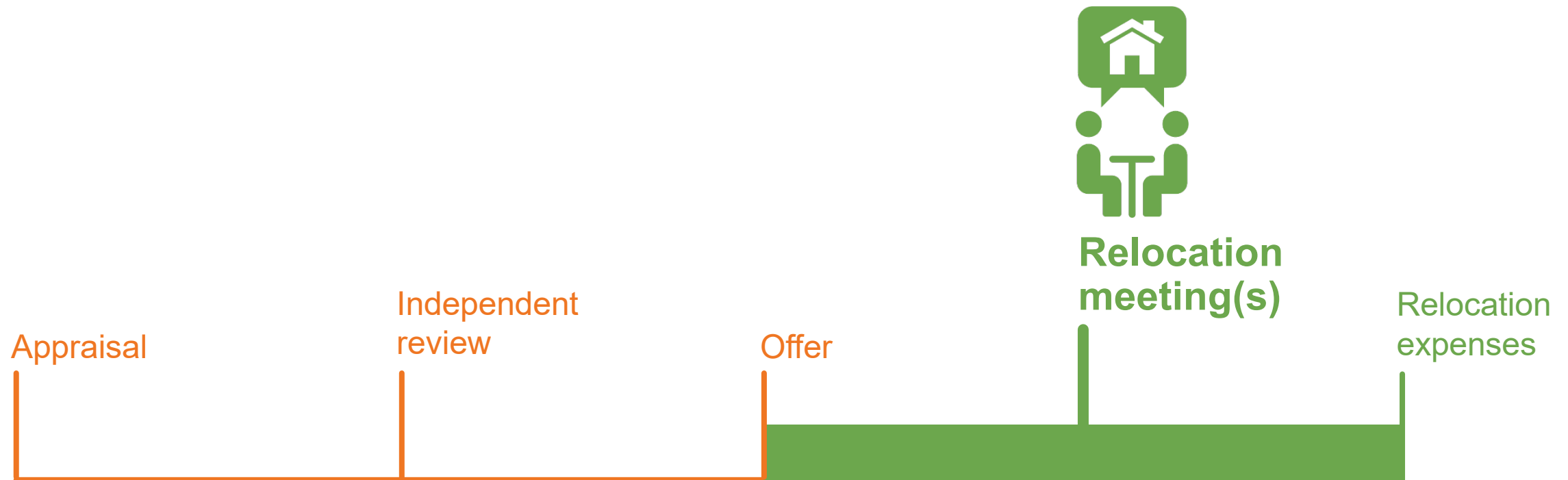


Offer

Independent
review

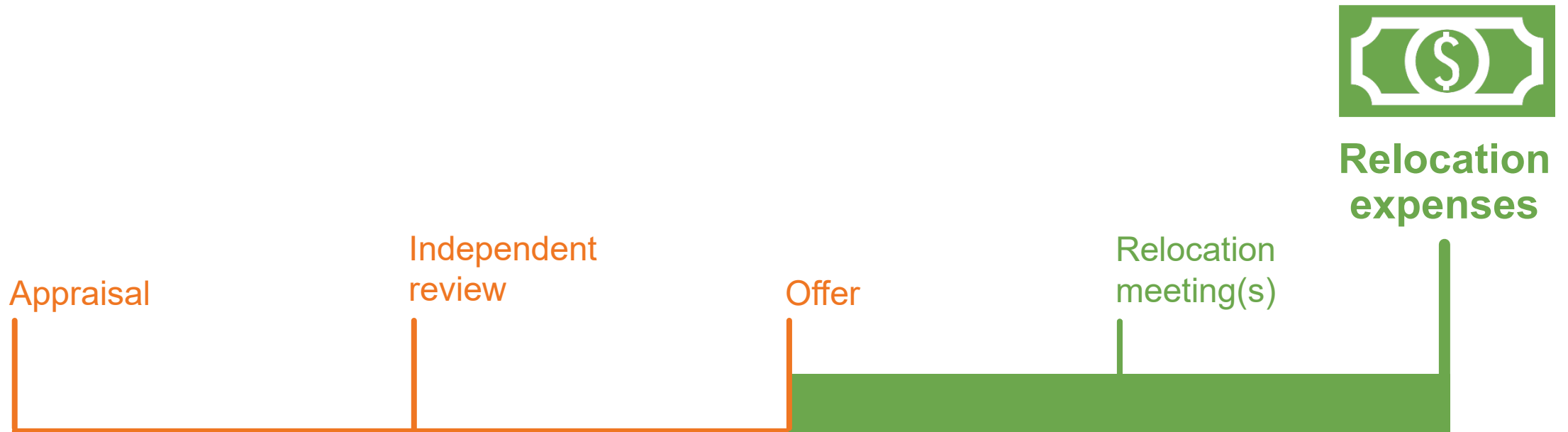
Relocation if you are required to move

Relocation Agent meets with the property owner to explain relocation assistance, eligibility and entitlements.

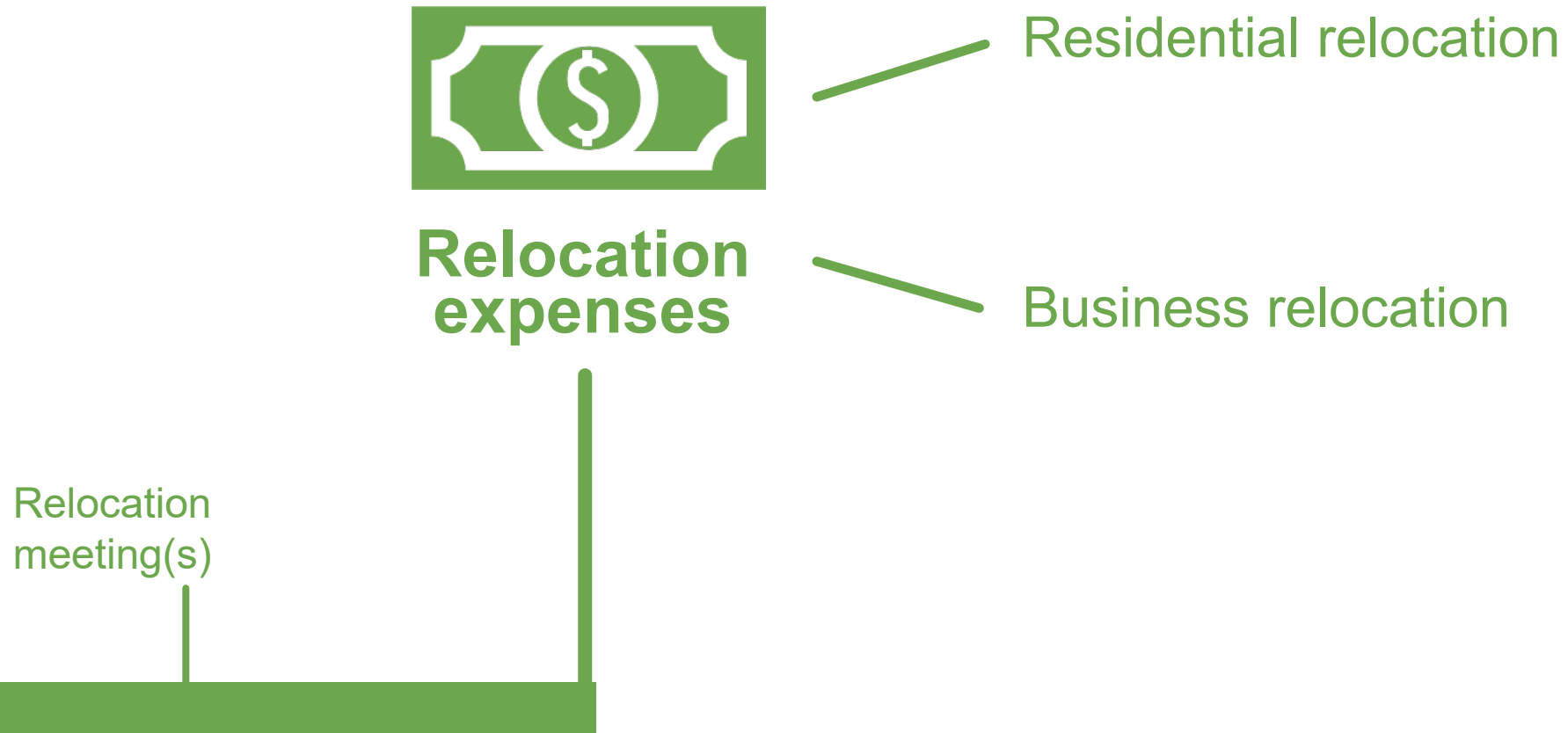


Relocation

Property owner will be eligible for relocation entitlements such as moving expenses, replacement housing payments, and advisory services, if required to move.



Relocation

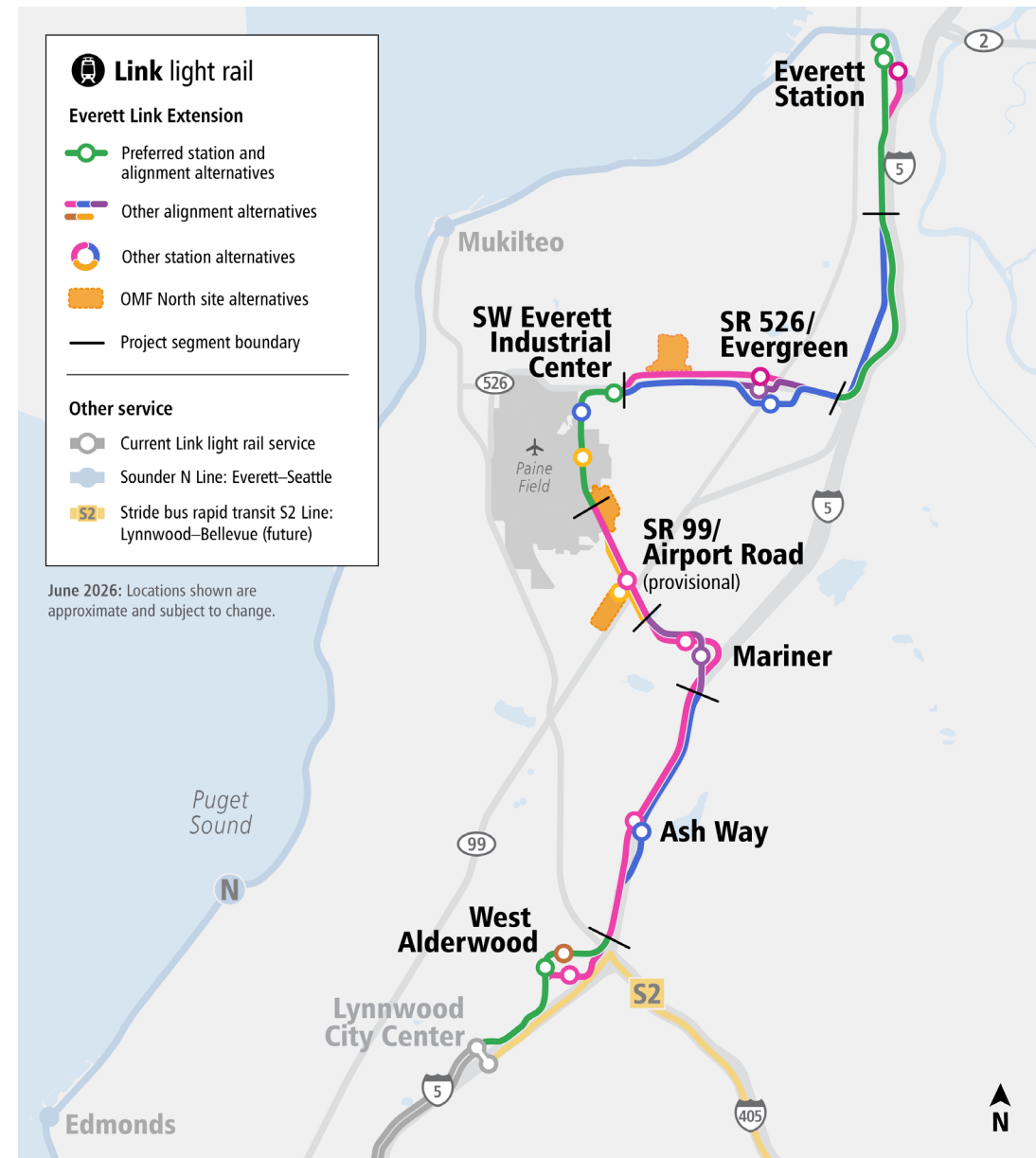


Questions?

Draft EIS Outreach Preview

Draft EIS will be published September 2026

- The Draft EIS will be available online and in print to read and review
- 45-day comment period
 - Virtual public meeting and hearing
 - 3 in-person public meetings/hearings in Lynnwood, Everett, and Snohomish County



Questions for us?

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