



Planning for Light Rail

Tree and Vegetation Management Plans

The construction of new light rail facilities will impact trees. The City will require Sound Transit to develop Tree and Vegetation Management Plans for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions to ensure a clear and consistent approach for tree protection and replacement.

The requirements for the plans will align with City policies:

- Restoring ecological function in environmentally sensitive locations
- Replacing lost tree canopy and creating new tree canopy
- Replacing trees lost from City property with a minimum of 3:1
- Locating trees in high-opportunity areas, such as along publicly-owned streets and within parks

Project-level tree and vegetation management plans provide more information about affected trees and a documented strategy for project-wide tree replacement at on-site and off-site locations.

These plans will make it clear how trees would be added along streets, within parks and natural areas, and as construction sites are restored.



In coordination with the Seattle Department of Transportation, the Office of Sustainability and Environment, and Seattle Parks and Recreation, these plans will also create a more equitable tree canopy by planting trees in neighborhoods or public spaces with less existing tree canopy, consistent with the One Seattle Tree Plan.

More Information

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