



SEATTLE CENTER MONORAIL STATION RECONFIGURATION

Preserving an Icon. Improving the Experience.

THE PROJECT

The renovation will preserve the station for future generations while bringing important modern improvements to accessibility, and the overall passenger experience.

The approximately 15-month project will repair aging infrastructure, improve passenger circulation and create a more welcoming station while retaining the historic character that makes Seattle Monorail an iconic part of Seattle.

Investment: \$23 million

The project is funded by federal and state grants

- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP): \$15 million
- FTA Regional Mobility/Urbanized Area Formula Grant: \$3 million.
- Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Move Ahead Washington: \$5 million.

Construction period: September 2026 to Late 2027

Operations: Monorail service is expected to continue throughout construction, with changes communicated to riders as needed.

WHAT'S BEING IMPROVED

The renovation will:

- Improve accessibility for all passengers with ramp and platform surface upgrades
- Increase passenger capacity with the addition of automatic platform doors and platform roof extension
- Enhance the overall customer experience with a new inviting entrance on Thomas Street, improved lighting and wayfinding, and a new attendant booth/information kiosk
- Modernize the station through thoughtfully implemented systems and infrastructure updates
- Prepare the station to serve for decades to come by strengthening the platform and undertaking a comprehensive refresh on critical materials and finishes

WHAT RIDERS CAN EXPECT

The Monorail will remain in service during construction. Some station access, pedestrian routes and passenger areas may change as work progresses.

Construction activity may include temporary platform closures, changes to pedestrian circulation, noise and other typical construction impacts. Passengers and visitors will receive advanced information about significant operational or access changes.

Before you travel: Check the Seattle Center Monorail website for project updates and the latest information.

CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS

General Contractor/Construction Manager: GLY Construction

Architecture: Signal Architecture + Research

Engineering & Transport: ARUP

Landscape Architecture: GGN

Wayfinding & Identity: Studio Matthews

Accessibility: Studio Pacifica

Lighting Design: Blanca Lighting & Design

Electrical Engineering: David Evans and Associates

Civil Engineering: KPFF Consulting Engineers

Corrosion Analysis: MF Engineering

General Contractor/Construction Manager Consultant: STV

ABOUT THE SEATTLE CENTER MONORAIL

Built for the 1962 World's Fair, the Seattle Center Monorail has been a Seattle icon for more than 60 years. Financed, built and operated by Alweg International and its subsidiary, Alweg Rapid Transit Systems, the Monorail was designed as a showcase of the future of transportation.

The \$3.5 million system quickly proved its value. Fare revenue from the 1962 World's Fair recouped the cost of construction, and following the Fair, the system was transferred to the City of Seattle for \$600,000.

Today, the historic 0.9-mile line connects downtown Seattle and Seattle Center, providing fast, reliable service to approximately 2.3 million passengers each year. The original Blue Train and Red Train remain in service and are designated Seattle Landmarks. Each train has traveled more than 1.4 million miles.

Built to showcase the future, the Monorail remains a part of Seattle's present, inviting passengers to ride aboard an original World's Fair attraction as it travels between downtown and Seattle Center.

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Information current as of September 2026. Project schedules and construction activities are subject to change.