



Whatcom Transportation Authority

August 7, 2024 CTAG Meeting



WTA Rapid Transit Study



What is Rapid Transit or “BRT”?

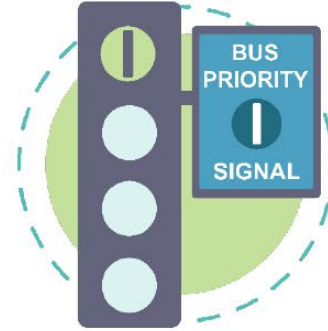
- High-frequency bus service that provides a fast, reliable and convenient transit experience
- “Rail on Wheels”
- Innovative and unique to each community and context
- Significant infrastructure improvements to improve speed and reliability



Typical Rapid Transit Elements



Advance fare collection



Transit spot improvements



Enhanced stations



Custom buses



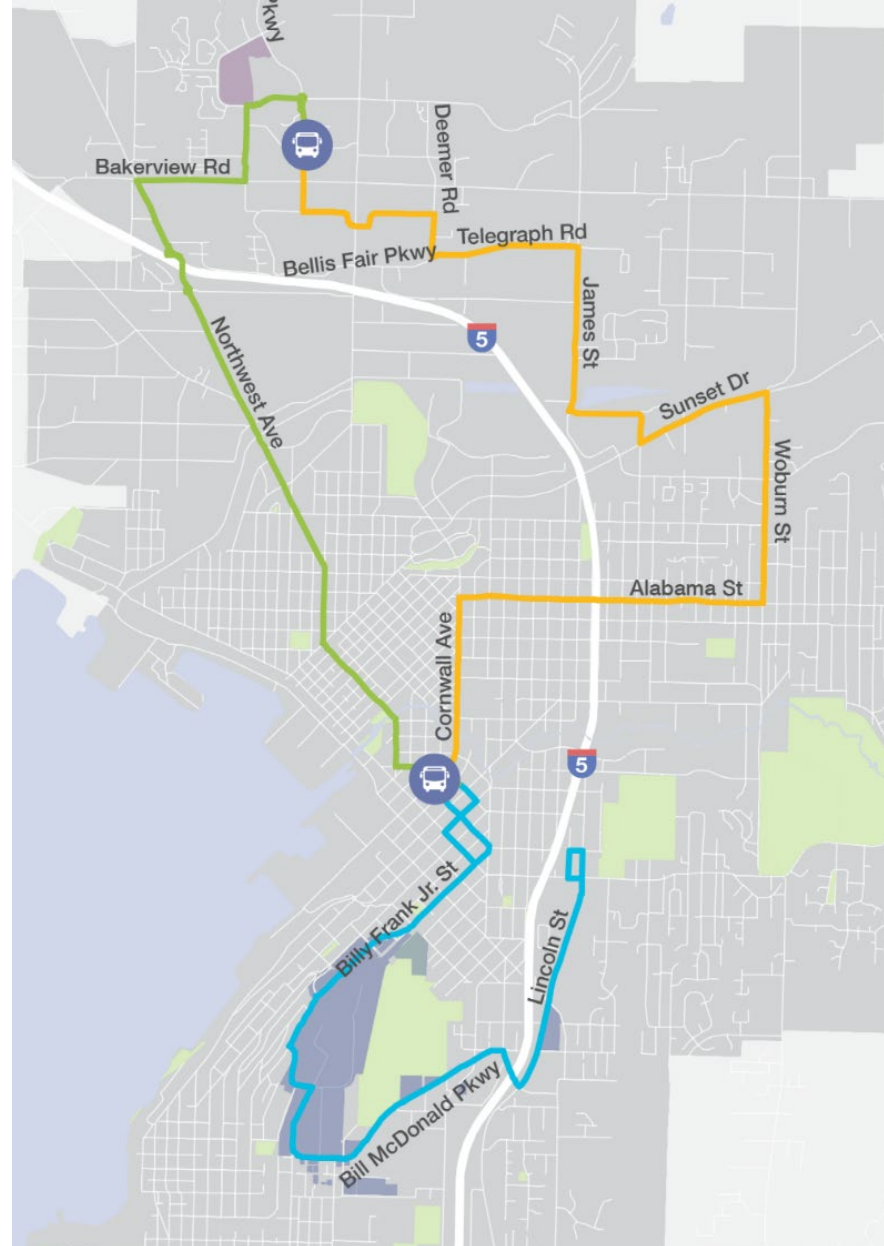
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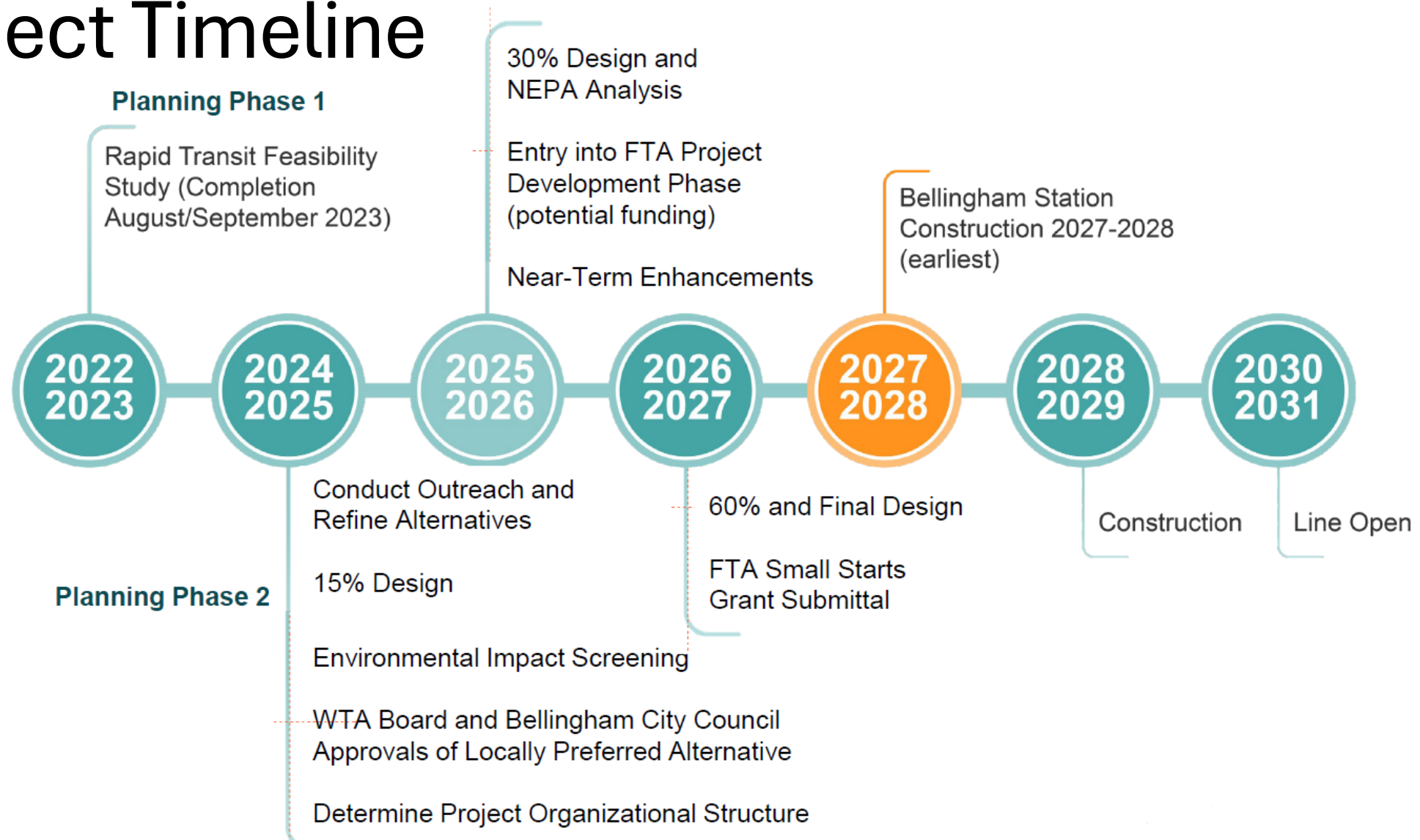
Unique branding

WTA Rapid Transit Study Alternatives

- Green/Blue corridor:
 - Limited ROW
 - More direct alignment
 - Major constraint is thru WWU
- Gold corridor:
 - Limited ROW
 - Transit supportive development opportunities
 - Will need substantial street improvements



Project Timeline



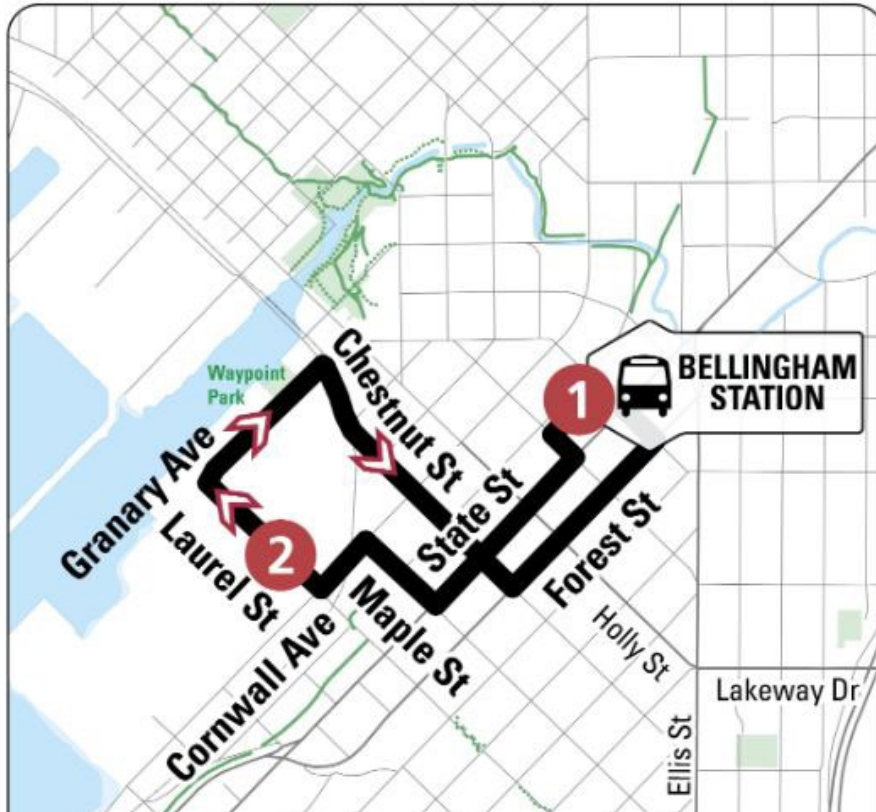
CTAG Opportunities to Participate

- Phase II of the Rapid Transit Study includes Stakeholder input and interviews prior to selecting a Locally Preferred Alternative
- WTA Staff and consultants will provide more detailed information and discussion questions during the next CTAG meeting
- More information about Phase I and Phase II of the study can be found at www.engage.ridewta.com/rapid-transit-study

September 2024 Service Changes

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GRANARY



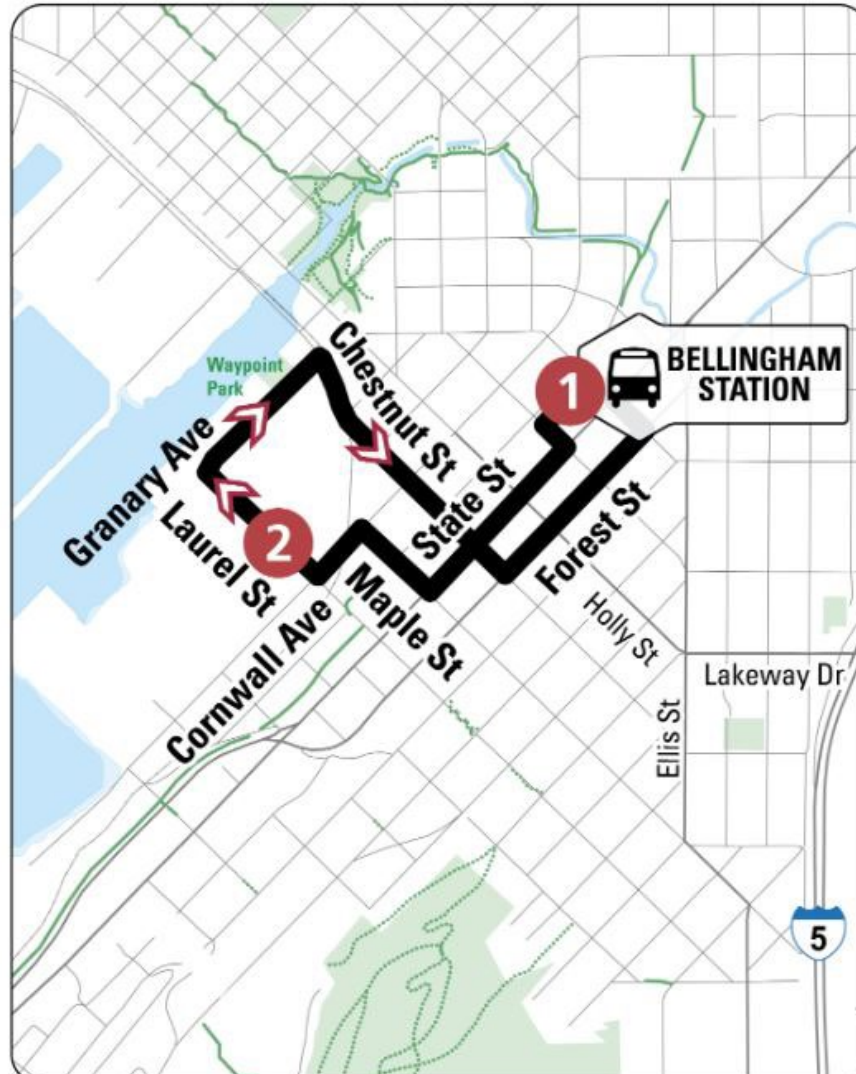
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HARBOR
DOWNTOWN



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- WTA is proposing interim service to the Downtown Waterfront and Squalicum Harbor areas
- Route 46 proposes hourly service from BTS to Millworks



46 Granary

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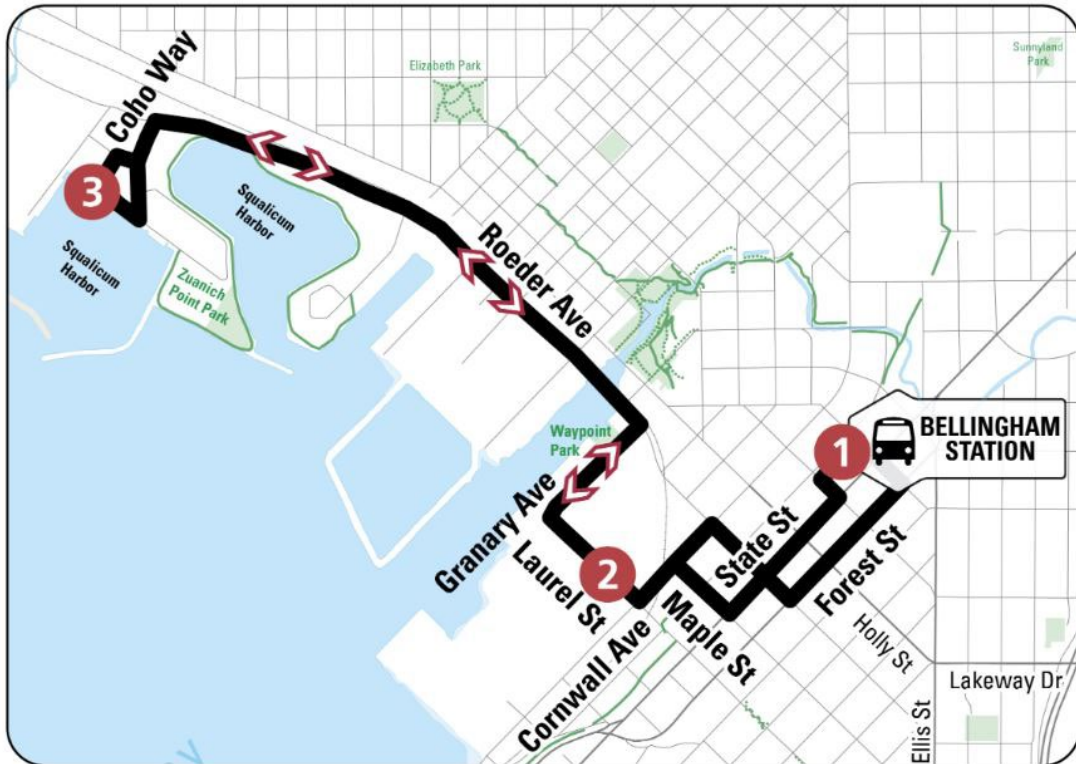
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- Proposed Route 47 would provide service from BTS to Squalicum Harbor through the Downtown Waterfront

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Public Hearing Information

- A Public Hearing will be held by the Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) Board of Directors during their meeting at **8:00 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15**, 2024 at WTA, 4011 Bakerview Spur, Bellingham, WA.
- For more information please visit www.engage.ridewta.com/waterfront



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The Whatcom Crash Test is a community survey that will help inform the development of a **regional safety action plan** for the Whatcom region.

To learn more about WCOG's regional safety action plan, please visit:

wcog.org/regional-safety-action-plan

