



# Seattle Light Rail Review Panel

LRRP's Recommendations for North Link Design  
at Brooklyn, Roosevelt, and Northgate

Presentation to PLUS Committee of the Seattle City Council  
January 25, 2012



## LRRP Membership

10 Design Commissioners

3 Planning Commissioners

2 Arts Commissioners

Professional Expertise:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Art, Urban Design, Urban Planning,  
Real Estate Development, Transportation Planning, Transportation  
Engineering, Civil Engineering



# LRRP Principles for Review

from 1999 LRRP Handbook

- Be thoughtful expressions of civic scale and character.
- Represent the city and the pluralistic nature of our communities.
- Express a “familiarity and recognizability showing concern for everyday life both for the individual and the collective.” (Peter G. Rowe, *Civic Realism*)
- **Fit within the plans, needs, and context of the surrounding neighborhood, affirming local characteristics and identity without being exclusionary.**
- Be a conscientious neighbor in scale and character, positively contributing to the neighborhood livability.
- **Promote transit oriented development through siting and design that is both responsive and integral to the physical and social context.**
- Promote the safety and security of passengers, staff, and facility neighbors through design and programming.
- Demonstrate through its architecture and landscape a sense of permanence, exhibited in its physical presence, social significance, and quality of material.
- Exemplify environmentally sensitive design and promote environmentally sustainable site and building development.
- Assume responsibility for the conservation of significant historic resources and give expression to the unique physical and social context in which they sit.
- Include an early and thoughtful integration of art in the public realm.
- Be developed through a genuine public process.



## LRRP Review Schedule

1999 to 2010	Central and University Link
2011 to 2013	North Link
2012 to 2014	East Link
2012 to	North Corridor Transit Project
2017 (est)	North Link station construction begins
2020 or 2021	North Link service begins

### North Link Reviews

#### Brooklyn

- 30% Design – 2011
- 60% Design – 1Q 2012
- 90% Design – 4Q 2012

#### Roosevelt

- 30% Design – 2011
- 60% Design – 2Q 2012
- 90% Design – 1Q 2013

#### Northgate

- 30% Design – 2011
- 60% Design – 3Q 2012
- 90% Design – 2Q 2013



# Brooklyn Station

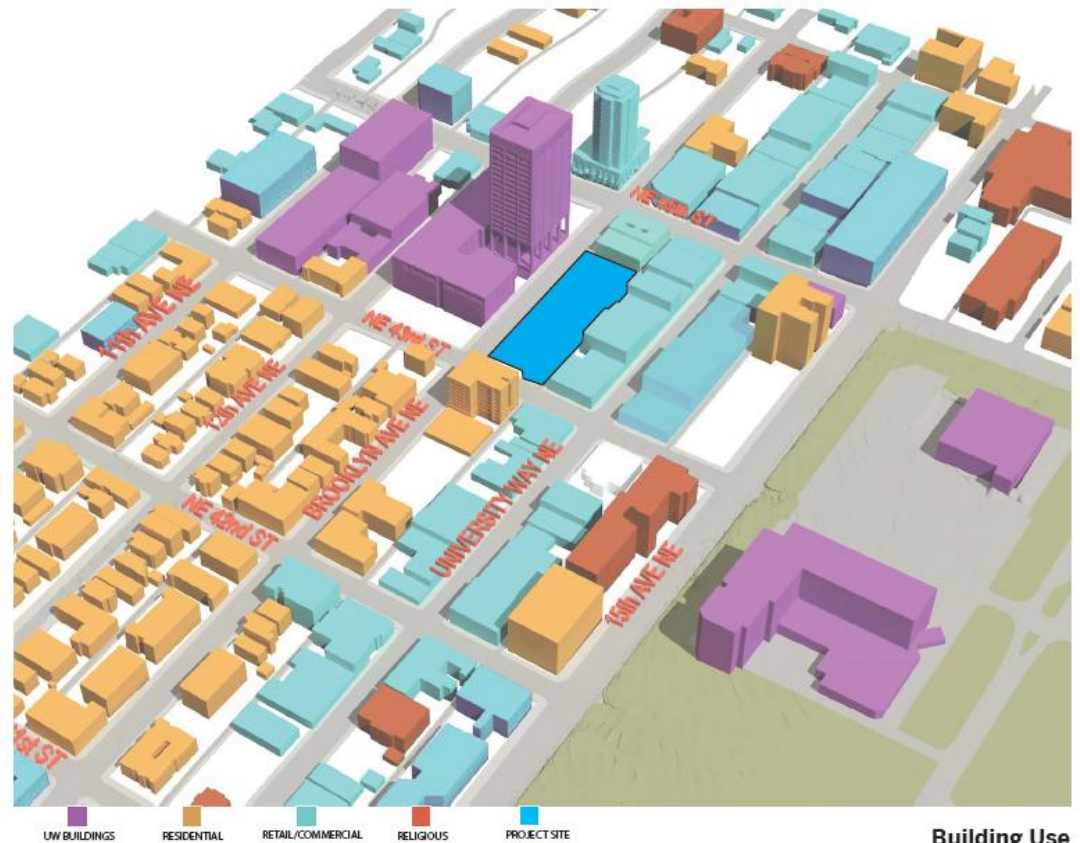
## Location

NE 43<sup>rd</sup> St and Brooklyn Ave NE

In the heart of the U District, south of Neptune theater, one block west of University Ave, two blocks west of UW campus

## Anticipated ridership

12,300 daily boardings



Building Use

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# Brooklyn Station

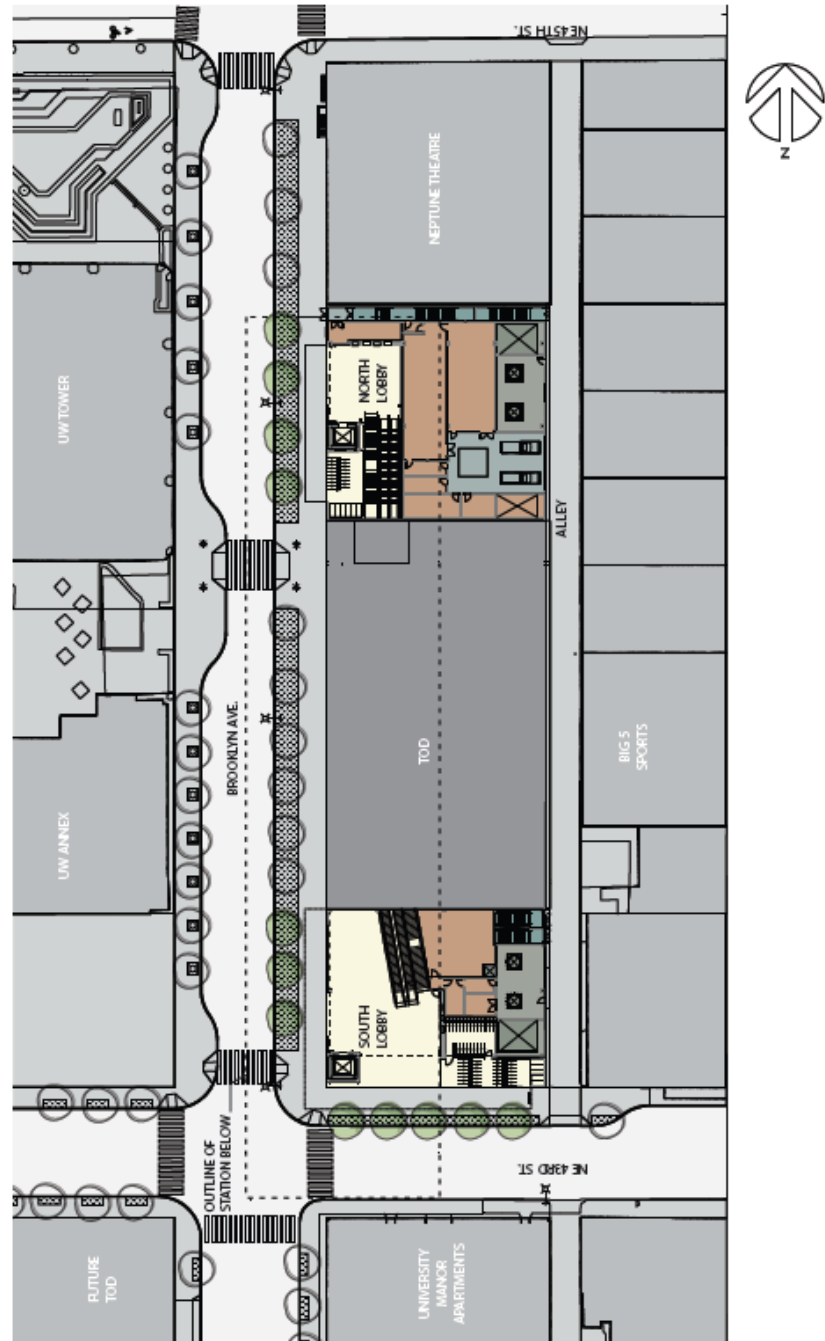
## Station Type

Underground station with entrances integrated in mixed use development. Entrances next to Neptune theater and at 43<sup>rd</sup>.

## Designer

LMN Architects

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# Brooklyn Station 30% Design

## Opportunities

Appreciated attention to the pedestrian experience along Brooklyn, the integration of green streets and the pedestrian network, and planning for TOD above the station.

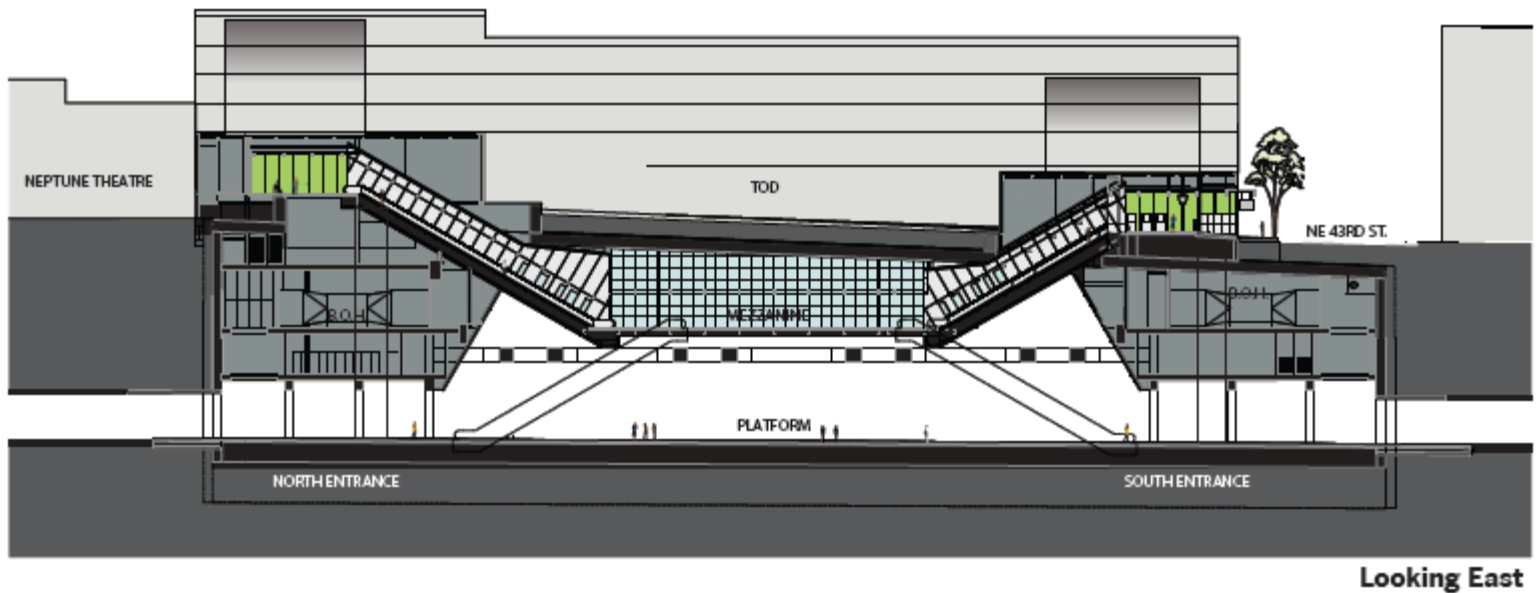
- Be integral to planning efforts in the area by the UW, DPD, and SDOT.
- Ensure zoning allows TOD to reach full potential.
- Refine station entrance design considering comfort, typical use patterns, and durability. Study the proportions of entrance openings relative to total street frontage.

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# Brooklyn Station 30% Design



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Longitudinal Section





# Roosevelt Station

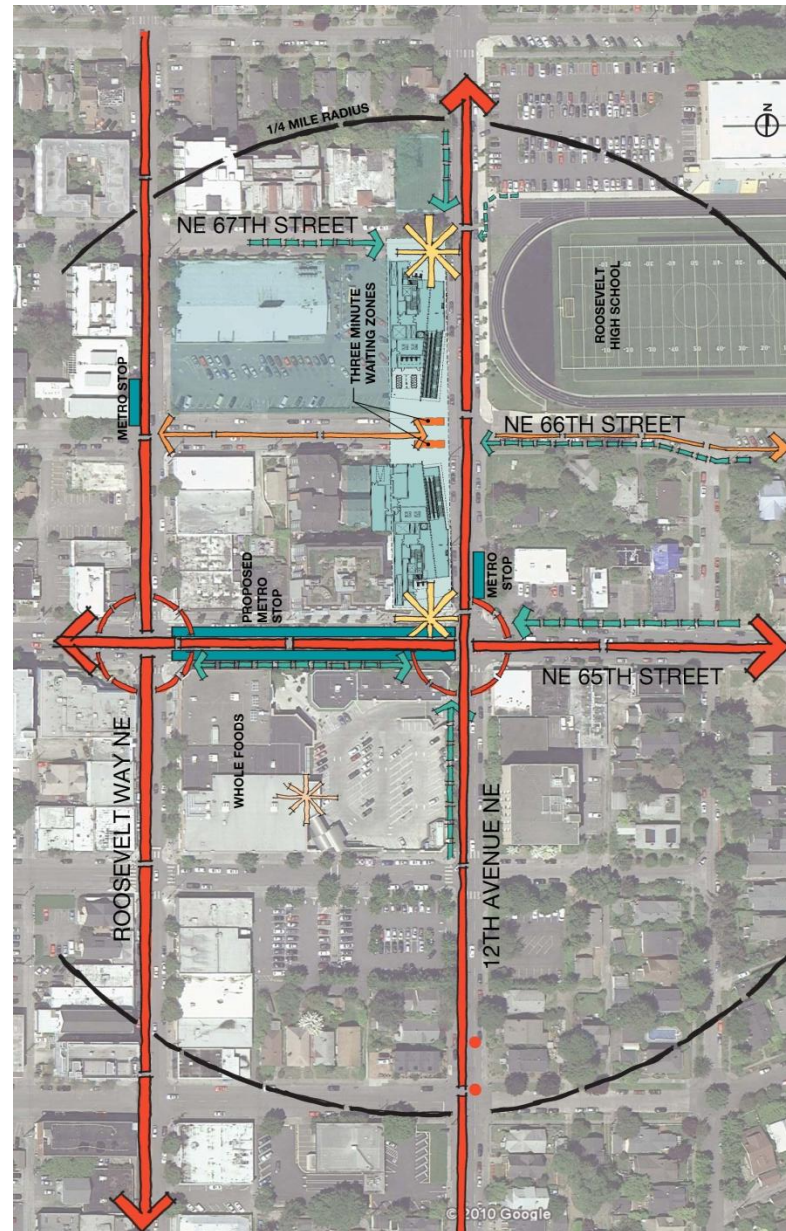
## Location

West of 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, north of NE 65<sup>th</sup> St.  
In the heart of the Roosevelt business district, across  
the street to the west of Roosevelt High School.

## Anticipated ridership

8,000 daily boardings

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# Roosevelt Station

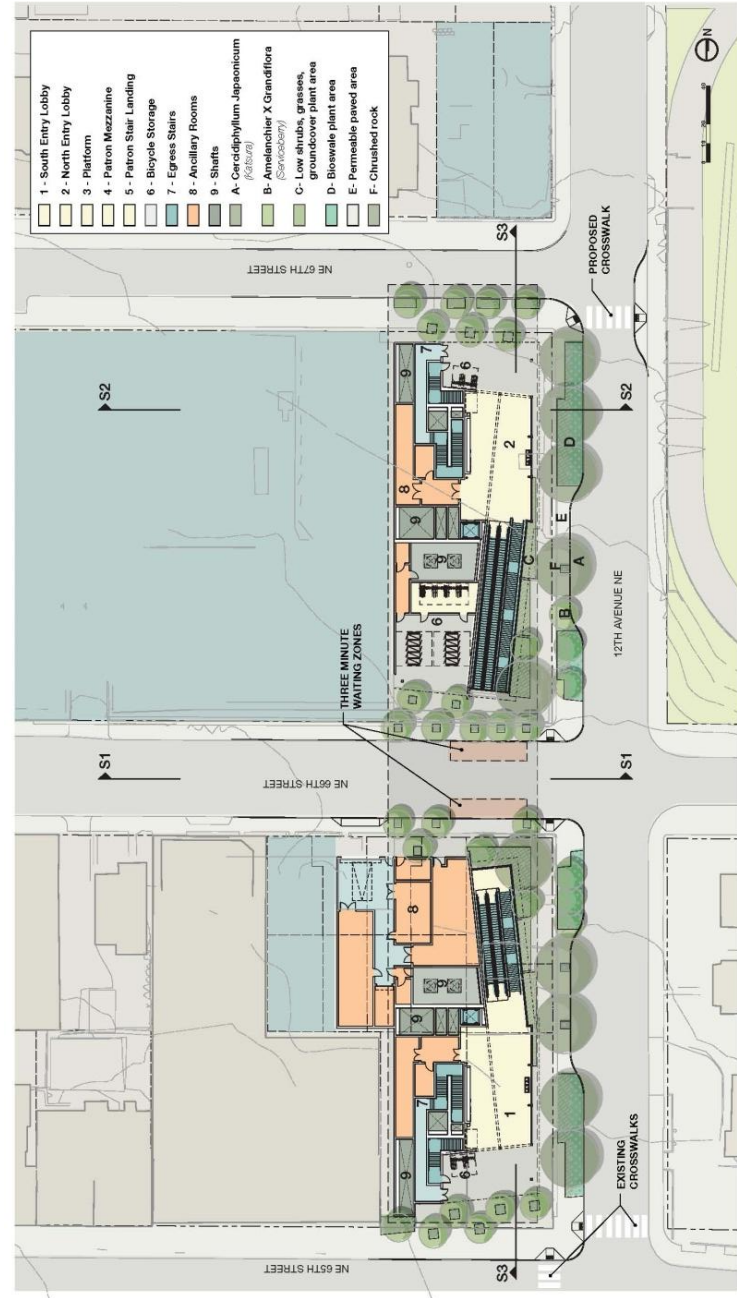
## Station Type

Underground station with two entrances in two headhouse buildings. Entrances at NE 65<sup>th</sup> and NE 67<sup>th</sup> St.

## Designer

Hewitt and Swift Company

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## Roosevelt Station 30% Design

### Opportunities

- Activate the pedestrian realm along 12<sup>th</sup>. Explore reducing the station footprint, creating an entrance hierarchy, adding public space, allowing TOD development.
- Relate to urban village context. Maximize TOD development opportunities.
- Connect. Consider use by all modes when refining entrance orientation, drop-off locations, etc.



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## Roosevelt Station 30% Design



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# Northgate Station

## Location

East of I-5 at NE 103<sup>rd</sup>St  
In the Northgate urban center, at the south  
western corner of the mall property, west of the  
existing bus transit center.

## Anticipated ridership

15,200 daily boardings

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# Northgate Station

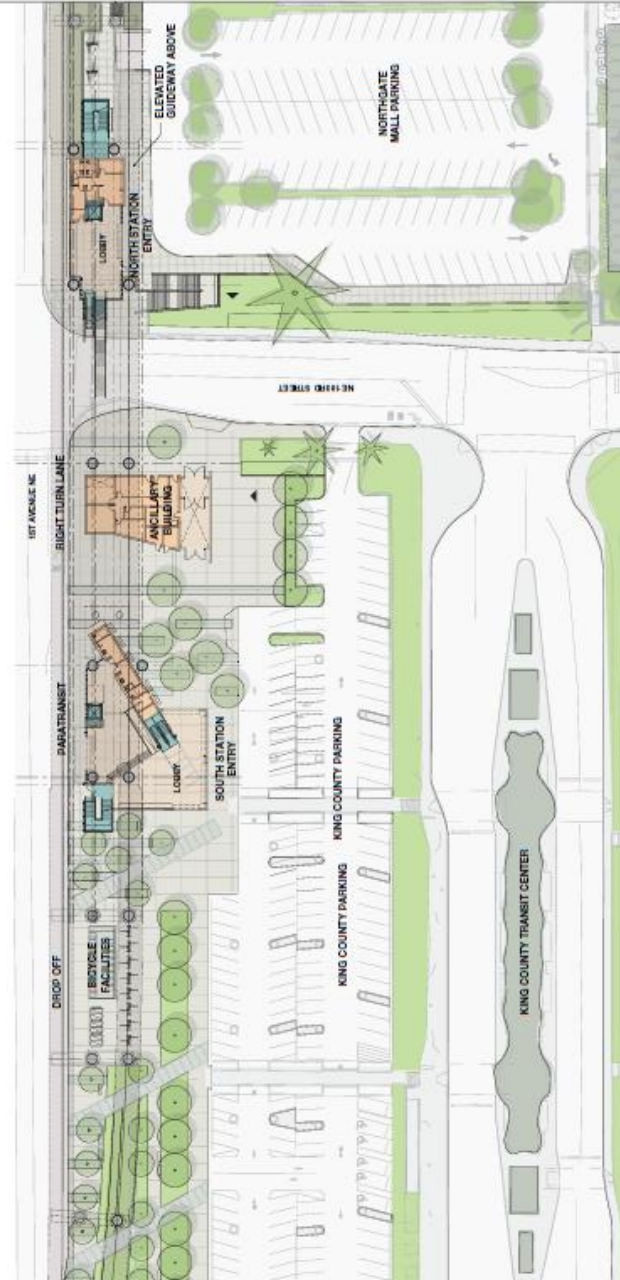
## Station Type

Elevated station with entrances at 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE and NE 103<sup>rd</sup> St, on the mall property, and south of NE 103<sup>rd</sup> St, near the King Co Metro Transit Center. Elevated trackway leading south to portal at NE 94<sup>th</sup> St.

## Designer

Hewitt and Swift Company

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# Northgate Station 30% Design

## Opportunities

- Be a catalyst. Make a statement of what we want the area to become, setting the tone with the design of the station.
- Connect. Facilitate movement by all modes through, to and from station, and make every effort to link to potential station users, like the community college.
- Refine design to enhance clarity, address scale transitions, and improve entrances.

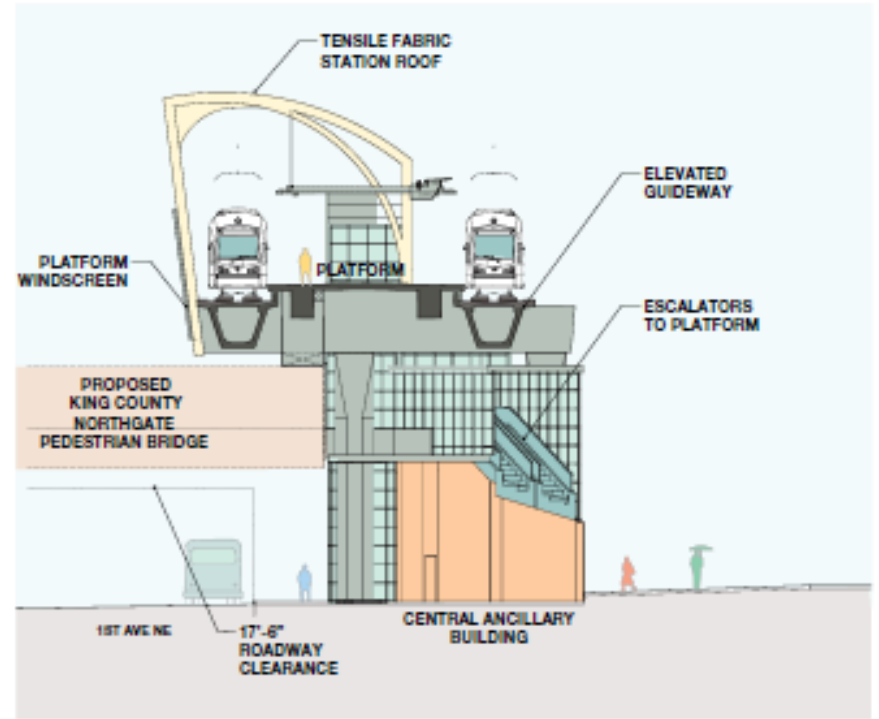


Looking NW

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# Northgate Station 30% Design



Looking SE





## LRRP Recommendations for North Link Station Design

- Take advantage of the potential for the station and adjacent TOD to be a catalyst for positive change.
- Make a civic statement, while respond to context and connecting to the neighborhood.
- Consider the language of the transit system as a whole.
- Provide for ease and comfort of system use.
- Activate the pedestrian realm and make the most of placemaking opportunities.
- Allow for activating uses; consider programming at stations.
- Coordinate with City's plans, urban design efforts, and capital projects planning.  
*City should develop a specific vision and expectations for TOD at station sites.*
- Plan for interim conditions and uses.