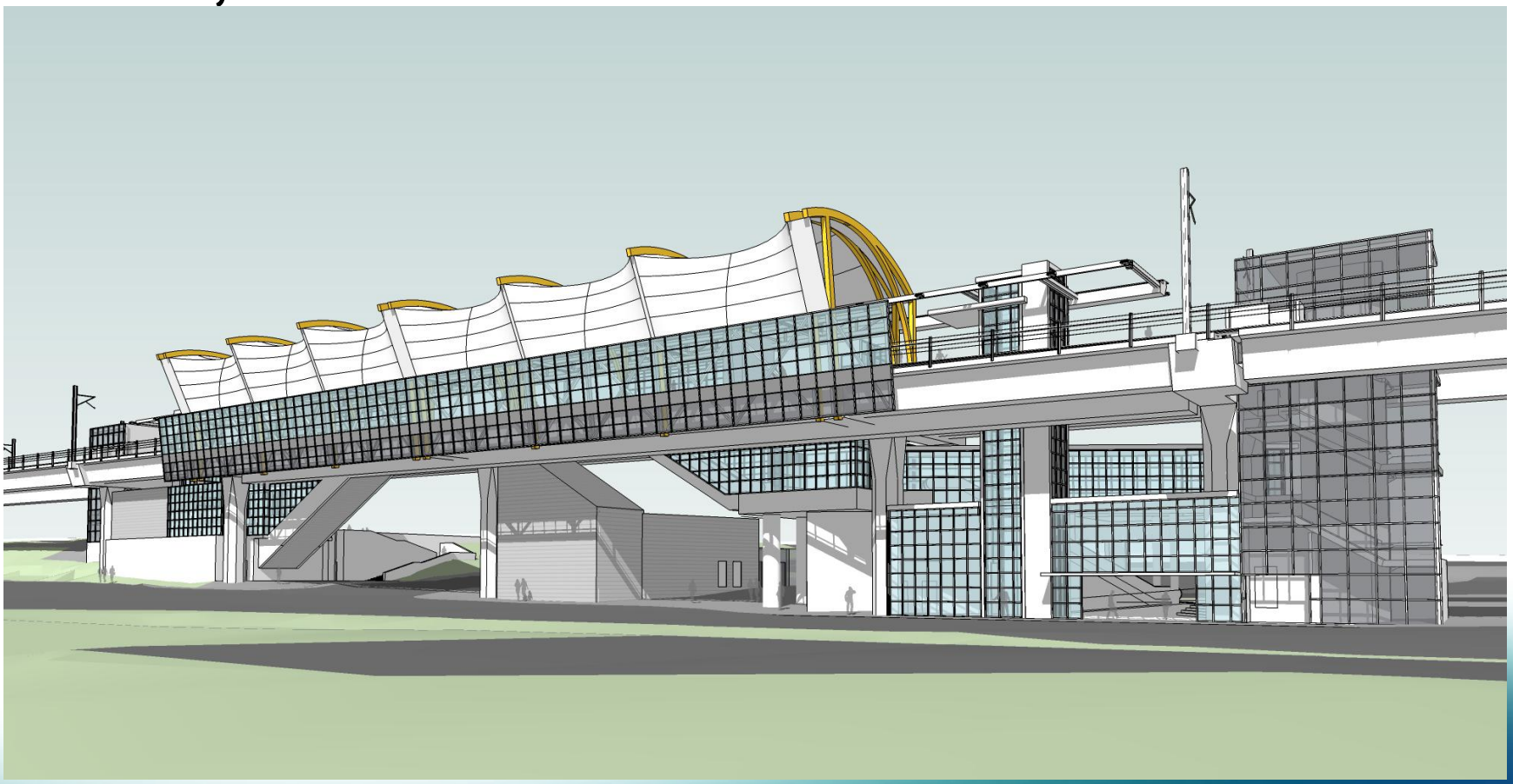
North Link - Northgate Station Area Update
Seattle City Council Briefing
June 4, 2012



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North Link Timeline

2003 - 2006	April 2006	Oct. 2010	July 2011	Nov. 2011	June 2012	Aug. 2012	2021
PE	FSEIS Complete Board approves final route & stations	North Link final design begins	Northgate Station 15% design	Northgate Station 30% design	Baseline North Link Project	North Link construction begins Northgate 60% design	North Link opens

ST2 Passes
November 2008

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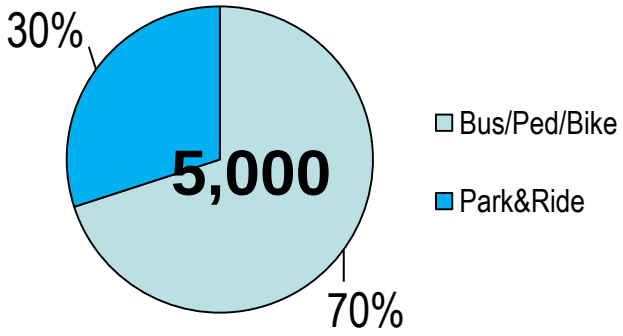
Northgate Station – Integrated Access Plan

Goal: Improve access to Northgate Station by all modes

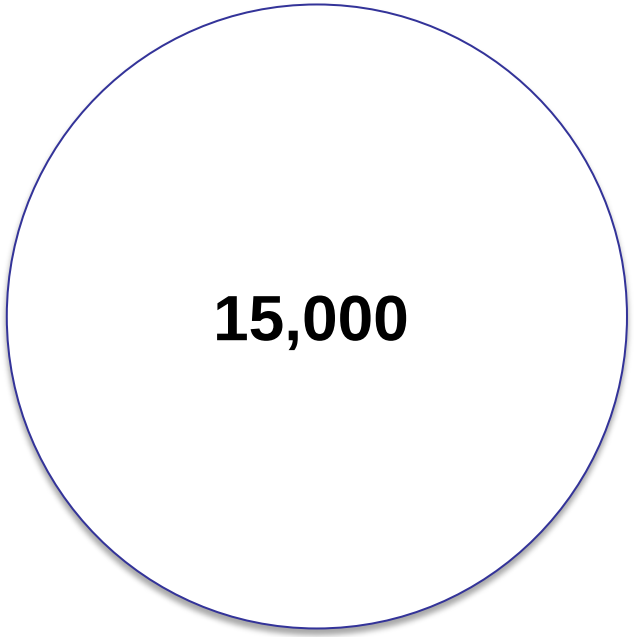
- Integrated access modes include:
  - Link light rail system
  - pedestrian and bike access
  - Metro and ST bus service
  - future TOD projects
  - passenger drop-off/pick-up zones
  - park-and-ride facilities

2012 Transit Center Access



5,000 daily boardings

2030 Northgate Station Ridership



15,000 daily boardings

Northgate Station

Key features:

- Elevated station spans NE 103rd with escalators, elevators and stairs
- Accommodates landing for a future pedestrian bridge over I-5
- Two entrances for easy connections to:
  - residences/businesses
  - bus transfers/P&R
  - future TOD
- Bicycle parking/access
  - accommodates City's sidewalk/bike access improvement plans

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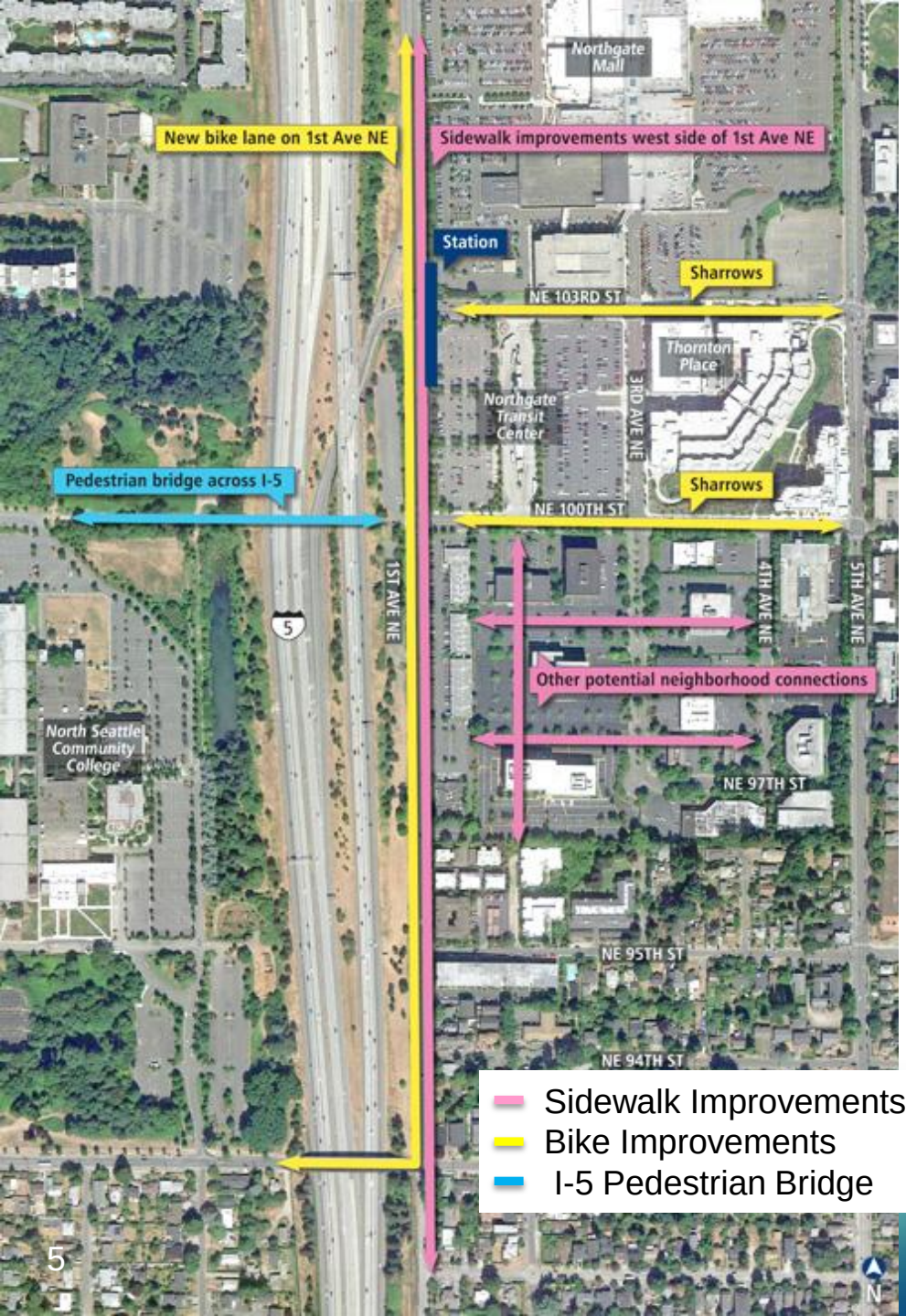
Pedestrian and Bike Access Improvements



- ST has incorporated Bicycle Advisory Board input into station design
- City of Seattle has identified sidewalk improvements for Northgate area
- SDOT bike improvements include cycle-track proposed along 1st Ave NE and sharrows on NE 100th and NE 103rd
- KCM completed I-5 pedestrian bridge feasibility study
- CMAQ grant awarded to ST/KCM/City includes $1.4 million for pedestrian, bike improvements and TOD planning

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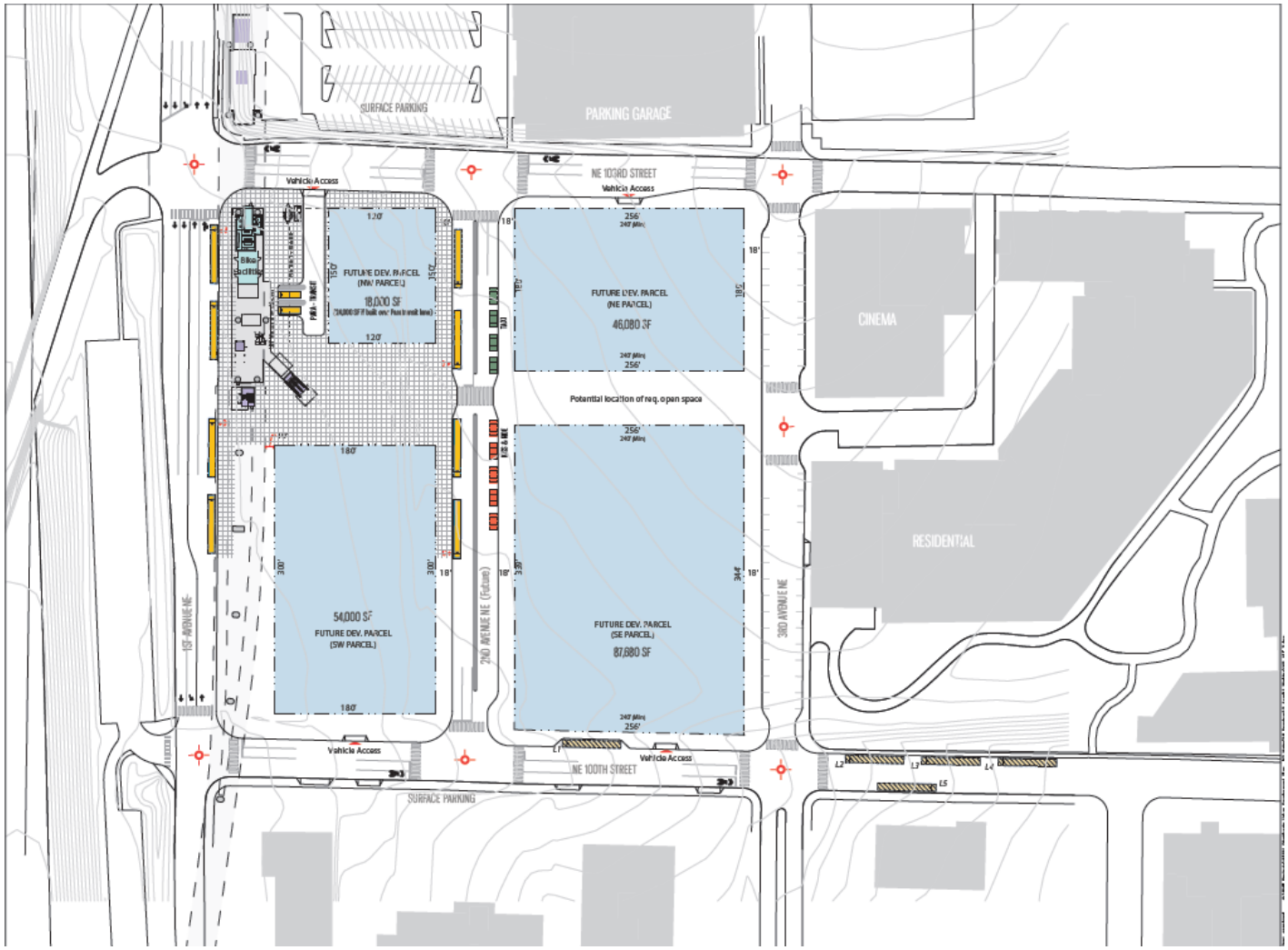
Future Transit Center and TOD



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TOD: Near Term and Long Term?

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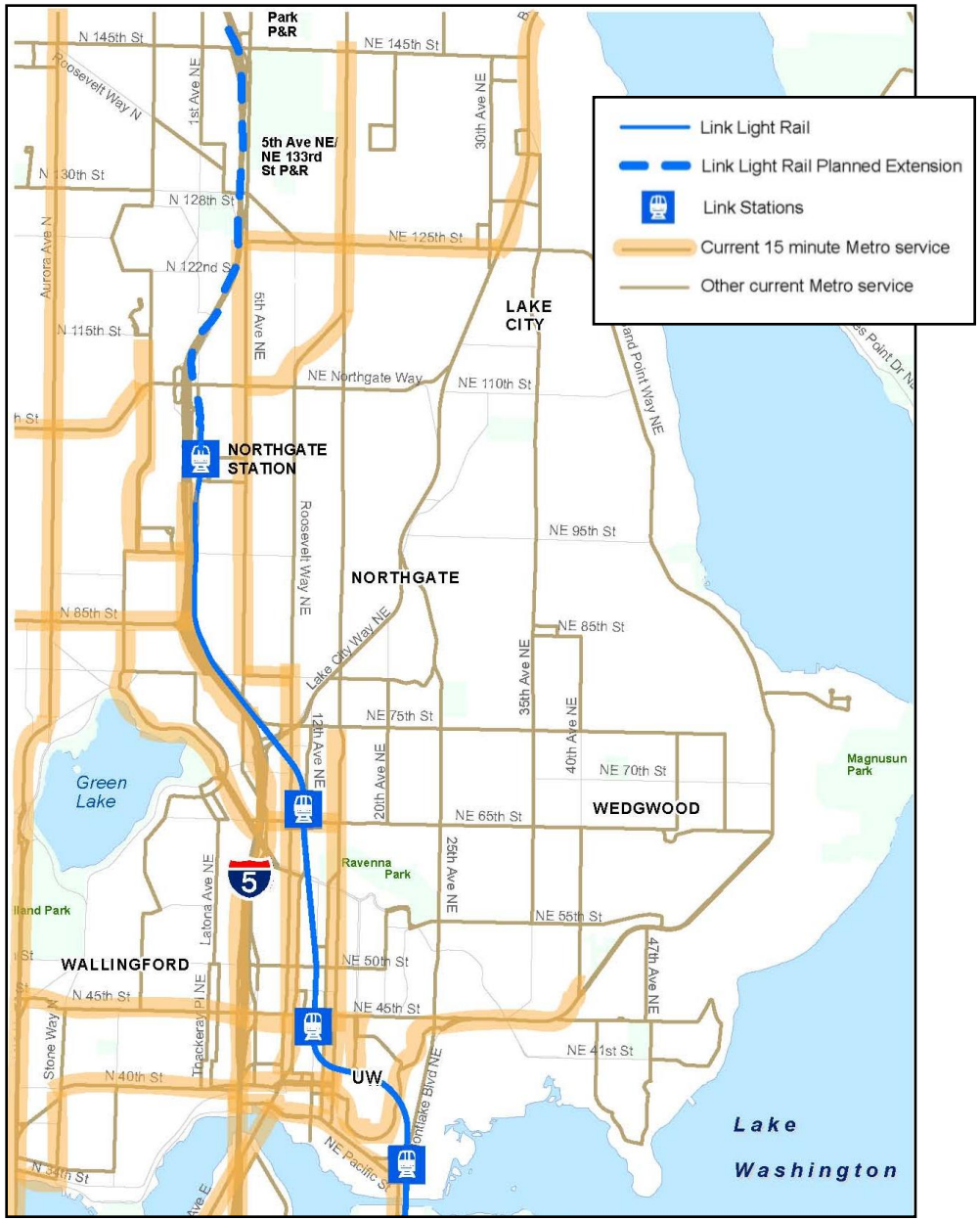
Metro Transit Service Restructure 2021

- Metro Strategic Plan Policy
- Reinvestment Opportunity
- Begin Planning Restructure Process 2019



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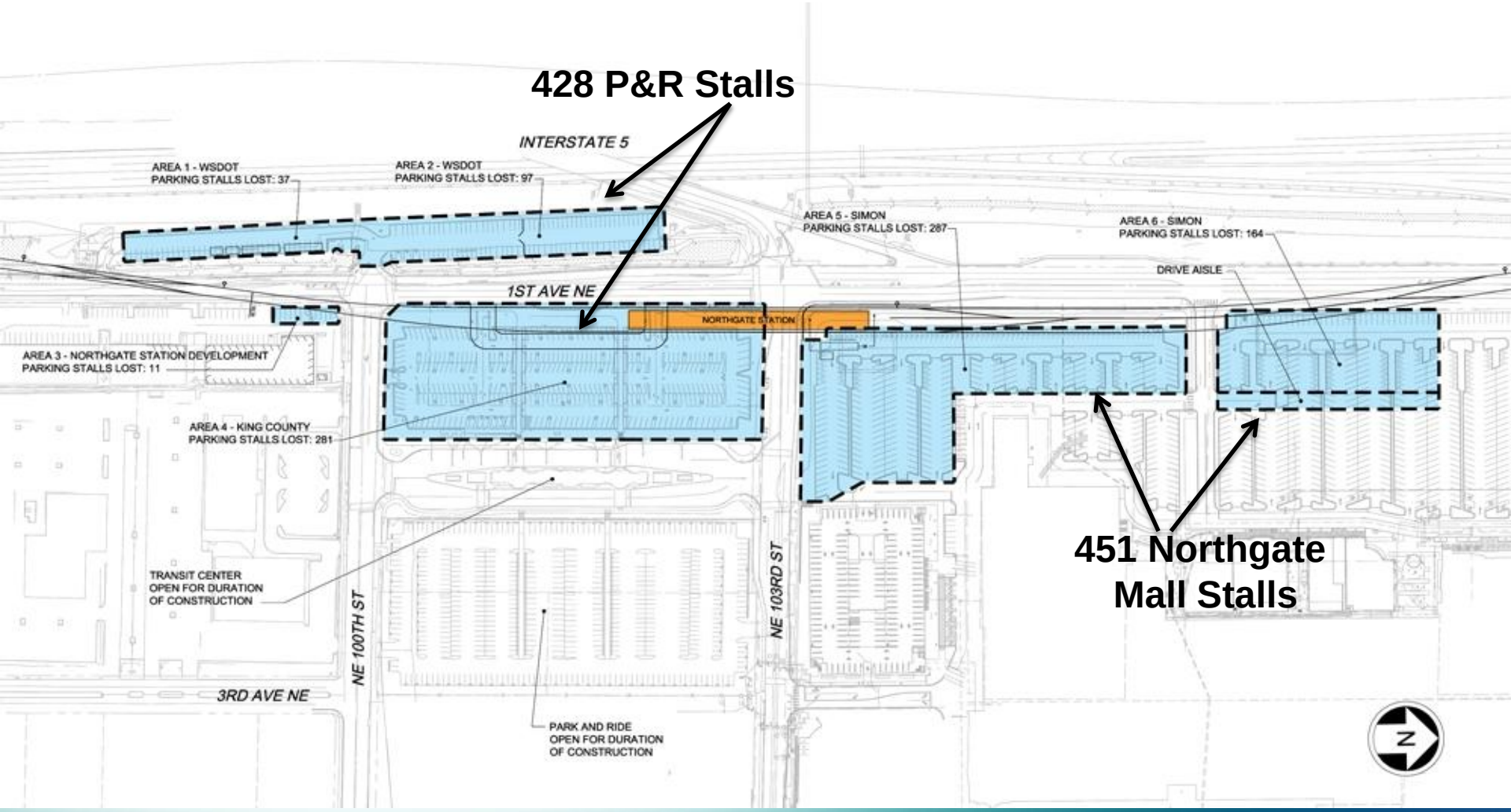
ST Construction Impacts on Parking
(Draft 1/10/12)



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Sound Transit/King County Metro Direction

1. Fully mitigate construction impacts on P&R parking
2. Preferred mitigation approach is to build replacement garage between 600 to 900 stalls
3. Preferred site for new garage is on Northgate Mall property near station; West Parcel site remains an option
4. Strong support for phasing in KCM TOD sites (currently used for parking) following completion of garage; beginning as early as 2015

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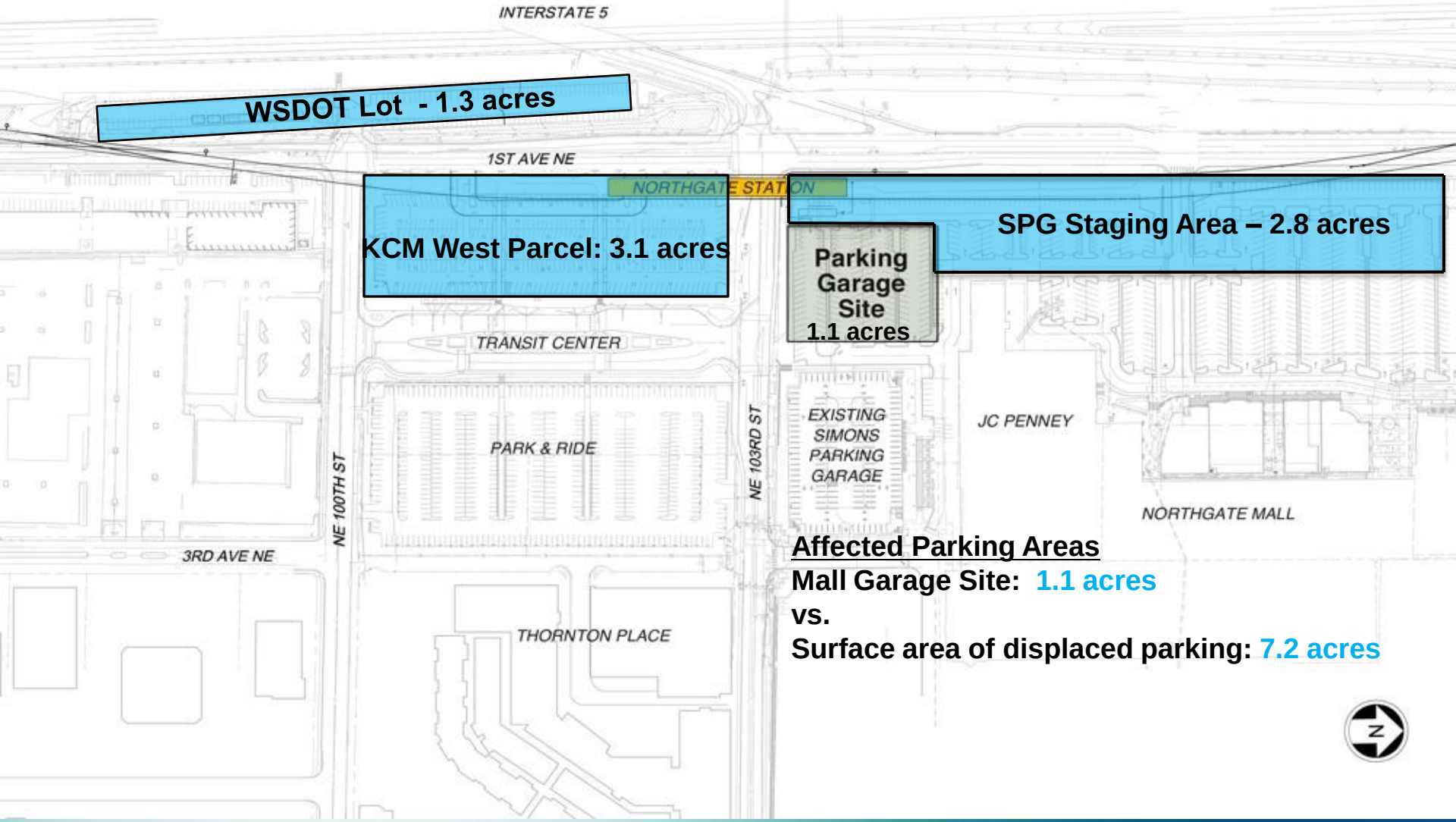
Northgate – Surface vs. Garage Parking



Affected Parking Areas

Mall Garage Site: 1.1 acres

vs.

Surface area of displaced parking: 7.2 acres

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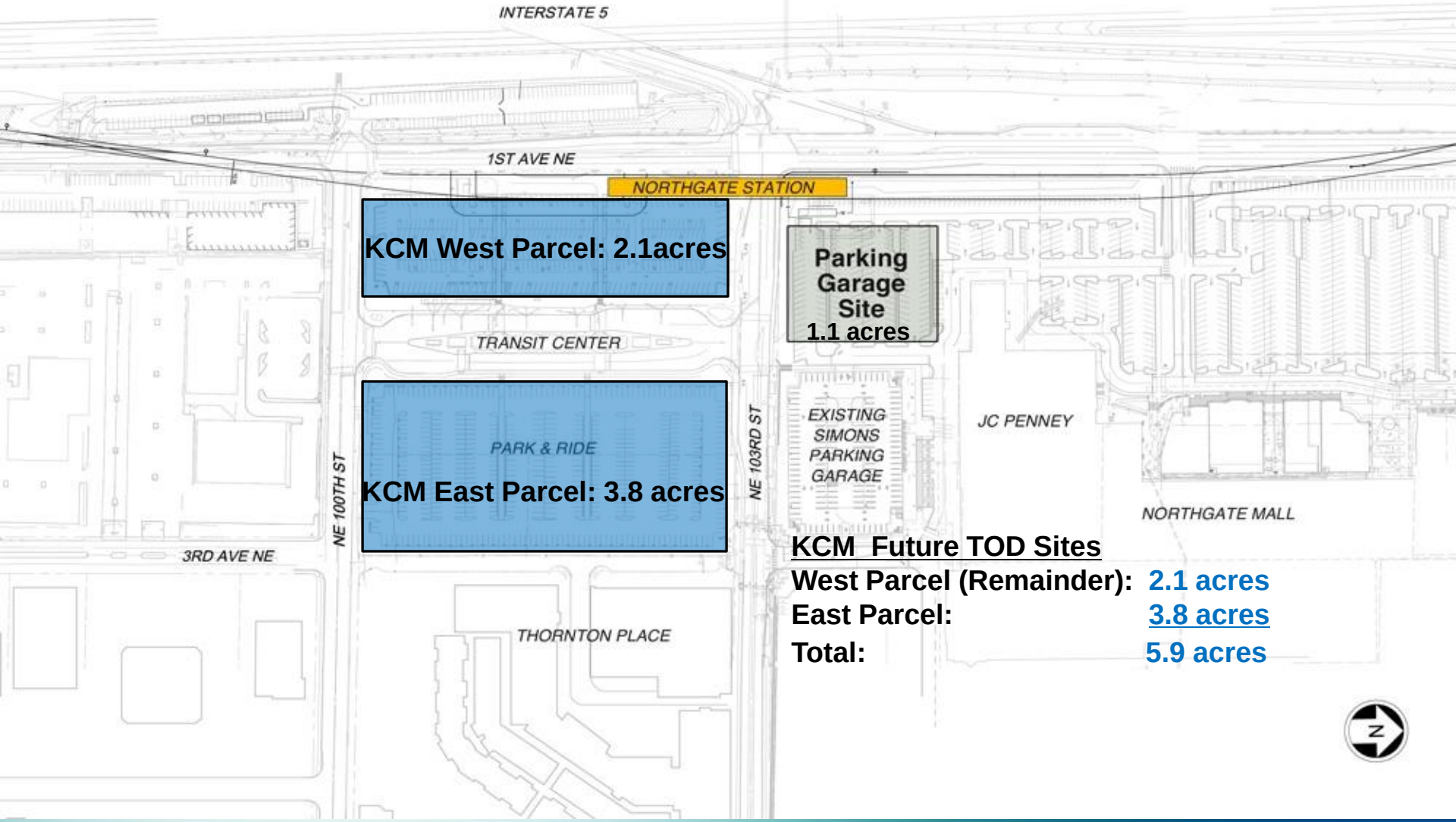
Northgate – Future TOD Sites



KCM Future TOD Sites

West Parcel (Remainder):	2.1 acres
East Parcel:	3.8 acres
Total:	5.9 acres

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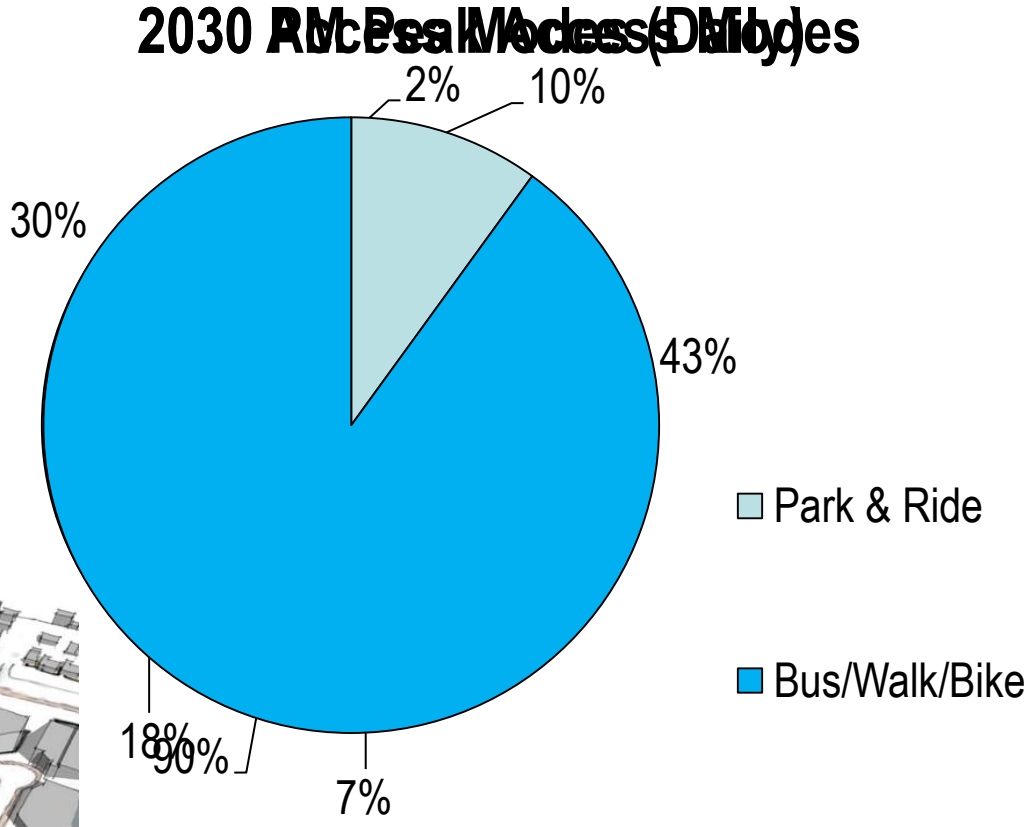
Northgate Station Area - Future



Based on 2030 ridership forecast at Northgate Station PM peak period boarding data (5,400)

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Northgate – Next Steps

- Public open house tonight - June 4th
  - 6-8pm at Olympic View Elementary School
- North Link project baselining briefing for ST Capital Committee on June 14th
- ST Board action on North Link project baselining on June 28th
- North Link ground breaking event – August 2012

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Questions?

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Northgate Existing Conditions

(Park-and-Ride Facilities: 1,522 stalls)

Northgate Park & Ride Facility Capacity

	Current (2012)	During ST Construction with New Garage	After Northgate Station Opens* (2021)
Total P&R Stalls	**1522**	**1544**	**1219**

*** Assumes full build-out of KCM's East and West Parcel TOD Sites**

- SPG lease (280 stalls) renewal: 2026
- Thornton Place lease (350 stalls) ends: 2046

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