

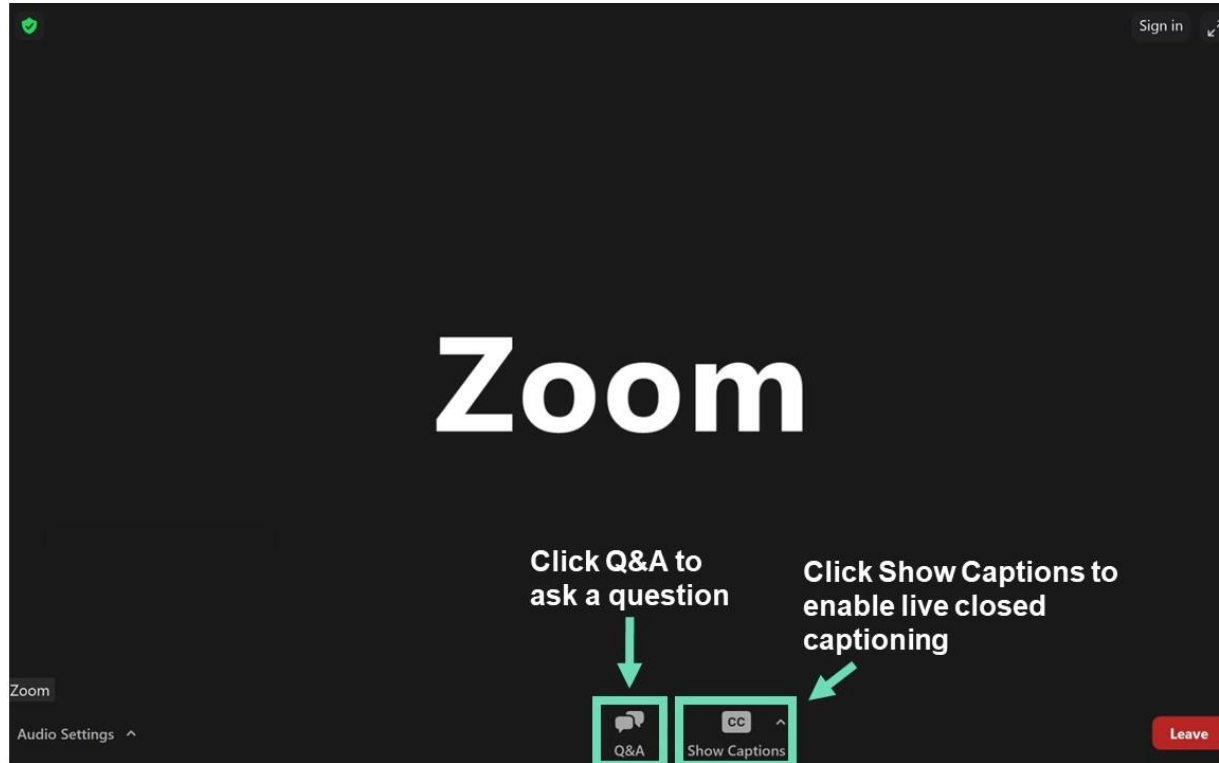
# I-405/Northeast 85th Street Interchange and Inline BRT Station Project

## Construction updates

September 30, 2025

This meeting is being recorded. The recording will be sent to meeting registrants via email and posted on the project webpage.

# Zoom controls



# Welcome & introductions

- **Aliah Marzolf**, Meeting Facilitator, Graham Communications
- **Cheryl Webster**, Graham Construction Project Controls Specialist
- **Steve M. Beadle, PE**, WSDOT Project Engineer
- **Sarah Perrino**, Sound Transit Strategic Senior Project Manager
- **Sarah Olson**, City of Kirkland Deputy Director of Public Works Department

# Agenda

Project overview and benefits

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Construction updates

- Schedule (2023 – 2027)
- What's completed or in progress? What's next?
- What you can expect during construction

Keeping the community informed

- Outreach efforts
- Real-time travel map and app

Stay in touch!

Questions?

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# Poll questions

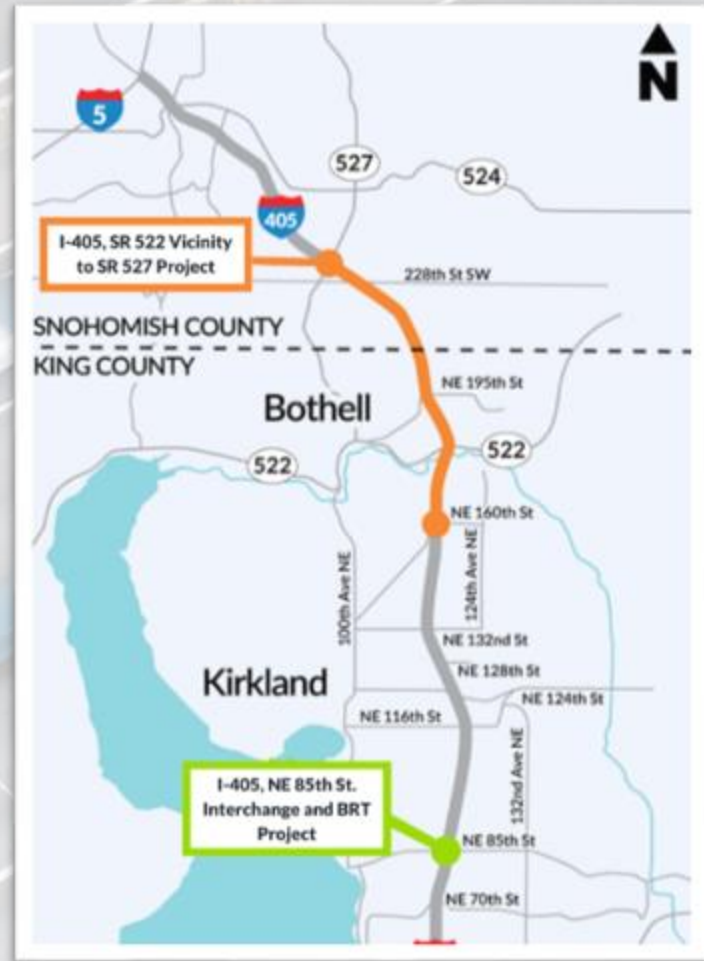
**Before we start, we want to hear from you**

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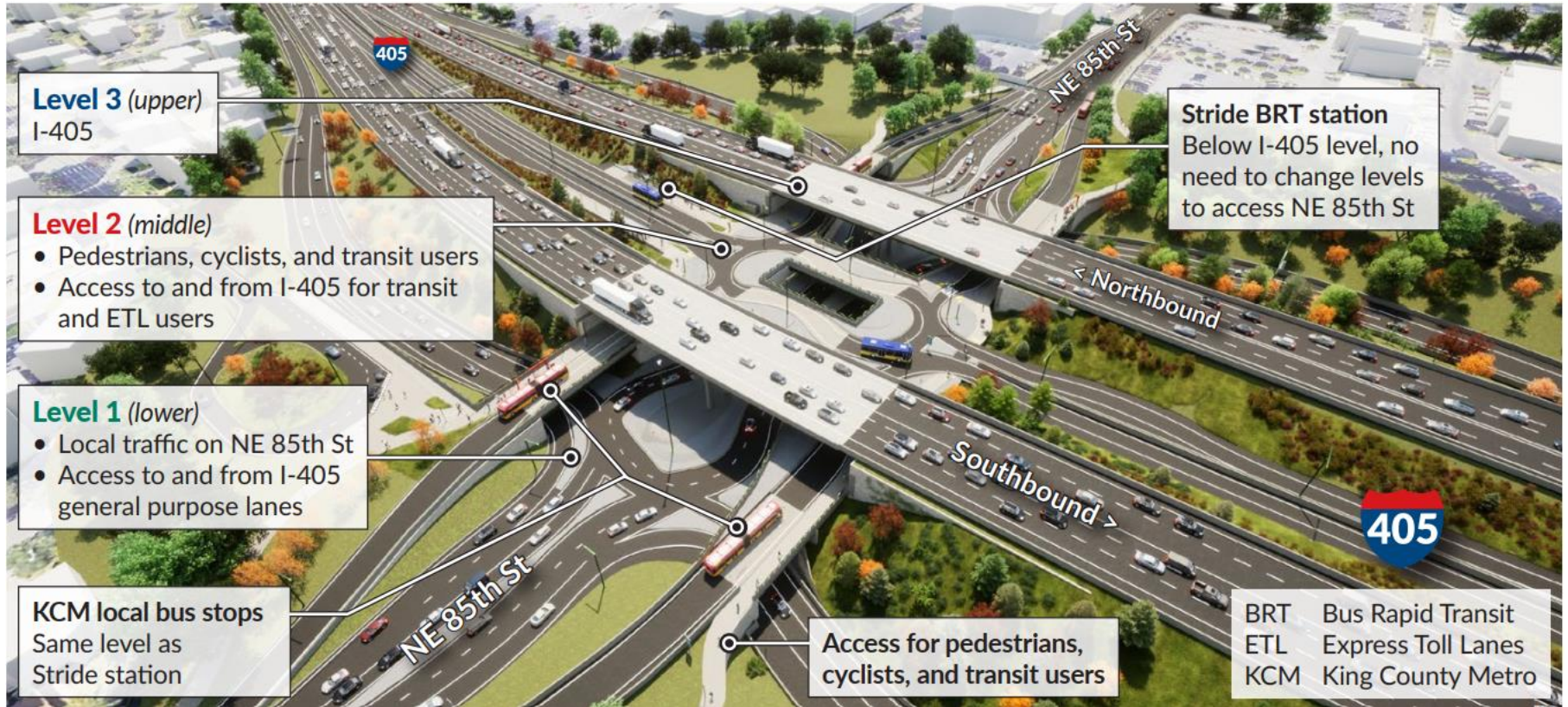
# Project overview



# Coordinated Projects on I-405 Corridor



# The future of Northeast 85th Street



# Northeast 85th Street and I-405



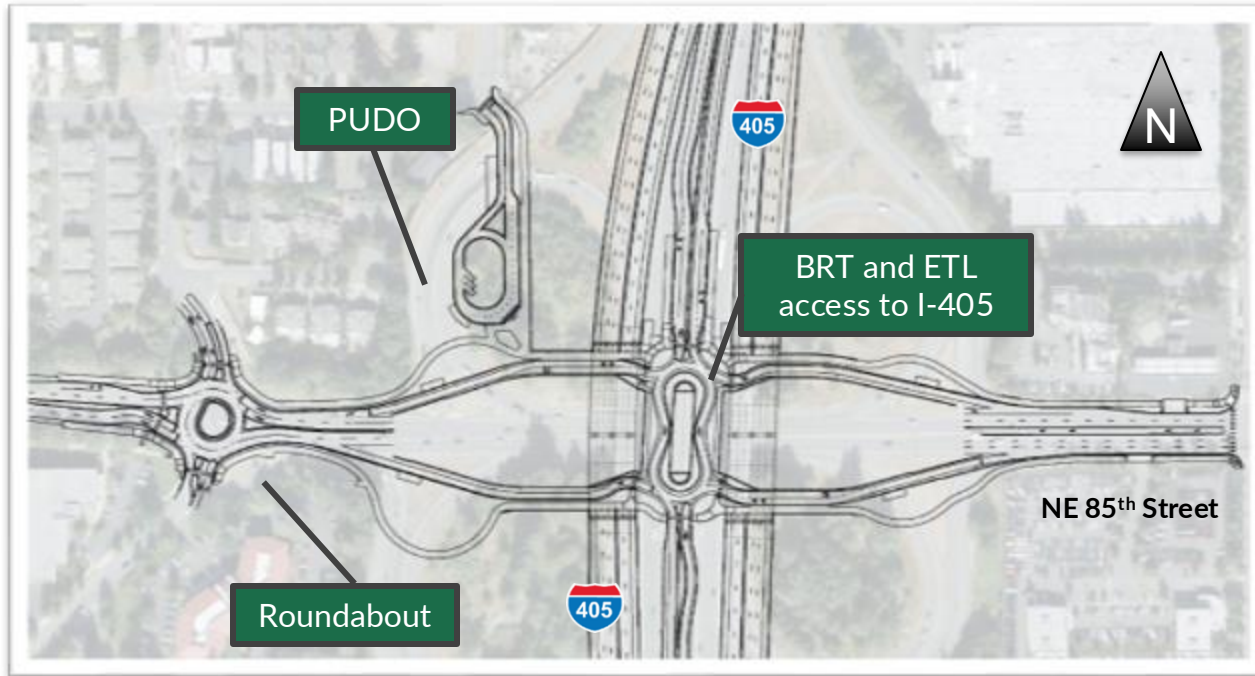
## Level One

- Below existing Northeast 85th Street elevation
- Passenger and truck traffic

## Level Three

- At existing I-405 elevation
- Freeway traffic

# Bus Rapid Transit, Express Toll Lanes, and Pedestrians



The new middle level is at the existing NE 85th St elevation and includes:

- Access for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Express Toll Lanes (ETL)
- The Pick-Up-Drop-Off (PUDO)
- New roundabout
- Access for people who walk, bike, or roll

# *Stride*

*Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)*

# Agency updates

## Key openings

- Federal Way Link Extension
  - Opening December 6, 2025

## Awarded contracts

- S3 (Kenmore/Bothell)

## System engagement

- Fall outreach will gather feedback on proposed ST Express service changes
- Second round of engagement which will include some routes serving Stride communities
- Changes planned for Fall 2026 (post-World Cup)

## Stride online open house

- [stride-brt.participate.online](https://stride-brt.participate.online)

## Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility

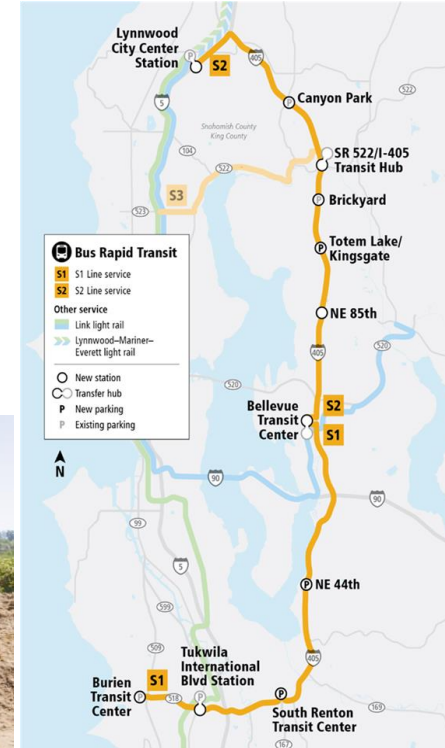
- Construction underway



Aerial view of Federal Way Downtown Station.



Groundbreaking celebration of Bus OMF.



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# Construction updates

# Construction schedule

**Phase 5**

*All traffic to new alignments, Direct access ramps, PUDO, landscaping*

**Phase 4**

*Northeast 85th Street traffic on direct access level I-405 alignment to include new general-purpose ramp configuration*

**Phase 3**

*Northeast 85th Street traffic to direct access alignment*

★ **We are here**

**Milestone Phase 2**

*I-405 in its new traffic alignment throughout the duration of the project*

**Phase 1**

*Previous traffic alignment of I-405*



# Completed construction activities



*Northeast 85th Street after the successful shift to the Direct Access Level.*

- **Direct Access Level:**  
Demolition and excavation of bridge materials. Roadway construction will continue through temporary alignment of Northeast 85th Street to the DA level. Utilities work to continue.
- **Ramp tie in:**  
Tie in of Southbound on and off ramps and Northbound off ramp to I-405

# In progress construction activities

- **Excavation for lower level:**
  - Excavation of 85th street. Utilities installation.
- **Lower ramps tie in:**
  - Connecting ramps at 85th Street level
- **Landscaping:**
  - Stabilizing slopes with plants and mulch
- **Sign Bridge Construction**



*In progress excavation under the I-405 lanes*

# Construction activities

## Fall 2025 Overview



### October 2025:

- October 24-27 Northbound on-ramp full closure and I-405 lane reductions

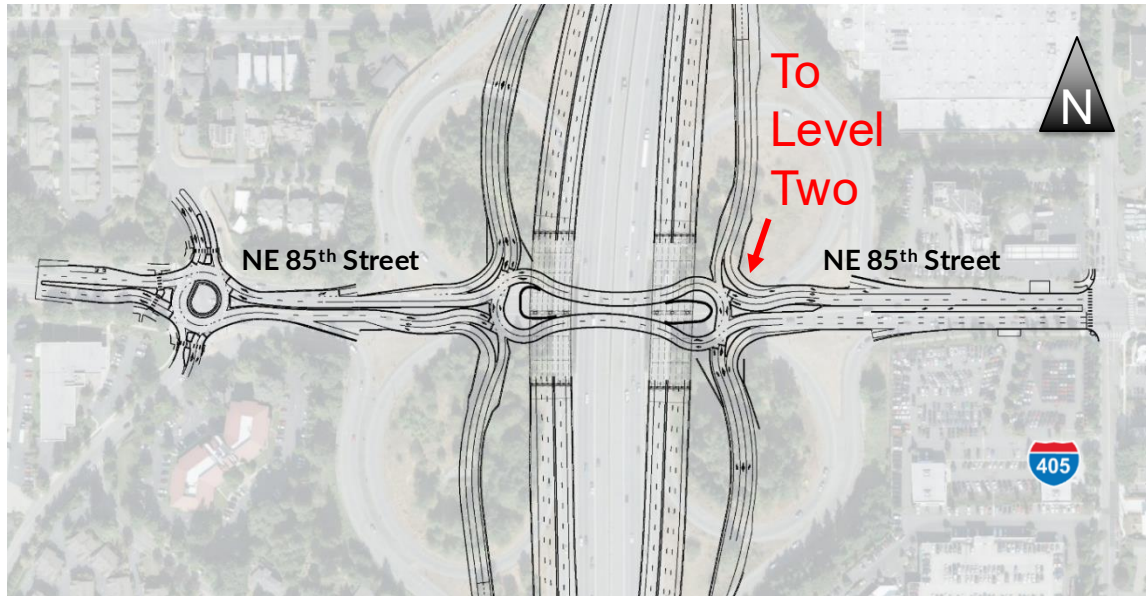


*In progress excavation under the I-405 lanes*

Closures are necessary for the safety of the traveling public and to accommodate additional space requirements.

# Upcoming construction activities

- 🚧 **Late winter/ early spring 2026: Traffic switch to new NE 85th Street level.**



# What to expect during construction

- Weekday, weekend, and night work
- Lane closures and reductions
- I-405 roadway and ramp closures
- Signed detours and flaggers
- Noise, dust, exhaust, and vibrations



*The excavation in progress under the I-405 bridges.*

# How we're reducing community impacts

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## *Minimizing noise*

- Noisy work is completed during the day unless lane closures are required.
- During night work, noisy work is conducted earlier in the evening shift when possible.
- Equipment is selected for reduced noise levels.
- Vehicles use an ambient backup alarm versus the loud, audible backup alarms.
- All trucks on the night shift have bed liners to reduce impact noise.
- Horn honking for vehicle positioning is prohibited.
- Dumping trucks are prohibited from slamming tailgates while dumping.

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## *Reducing exhaust*

- Truck idle times are monitored, and engines must be shut off when not in use.

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## *Lowering light from work zones*

- Generators, light plants, and towers are set back from property lines and homes to minimize light and noise impacts on homes.

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**Stay in touch!**

# How we're keeping Kirkland informed



- Road signs
- Mailed materials and information
- Briefings, meetings, and pop-up events
- Email and website updates
- Quarterly project updates on Zoom
- Poster and flyer distribution
- Coordination and meeting with businesses near the project site

**Stay informed by  
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updates.**

**Updates include:**

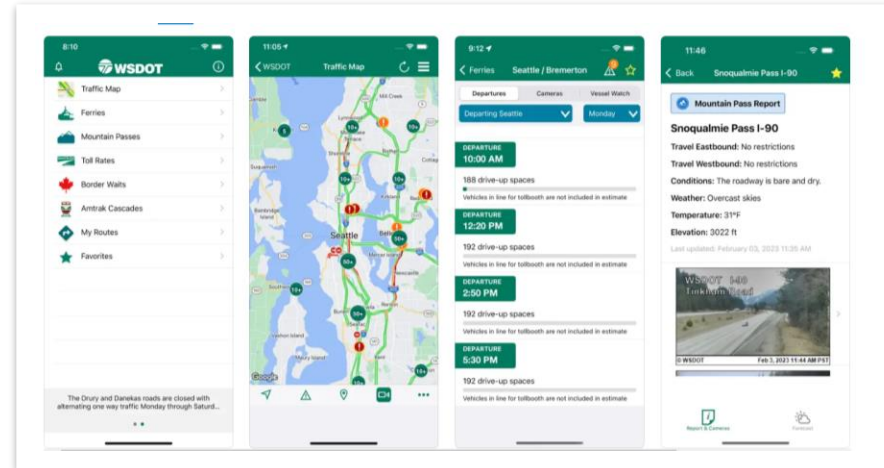
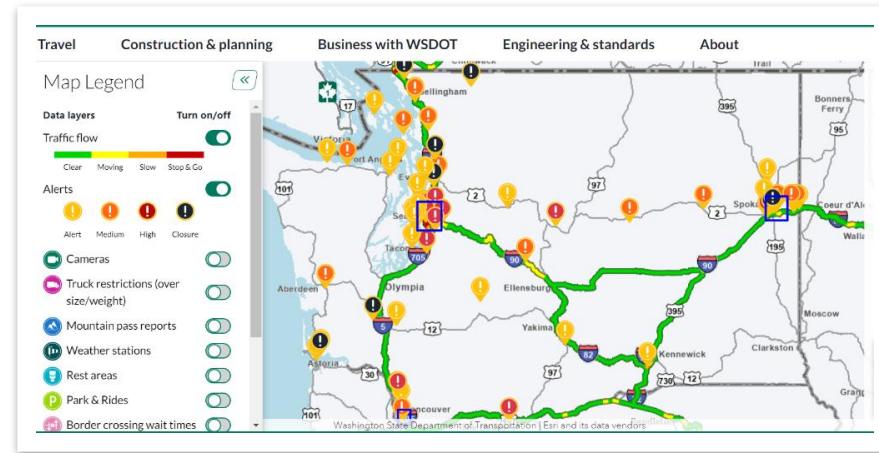
- Closures
- Lane shifts
- Nighttime or other potentially disruptive work
- Changes in work hours
- Construction milestones

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# For the most up-to-date travel impacts:

- Visit our real-time travel map: [wsdot.com/travel/real-time](https://wsdot.com/travel/real-time)

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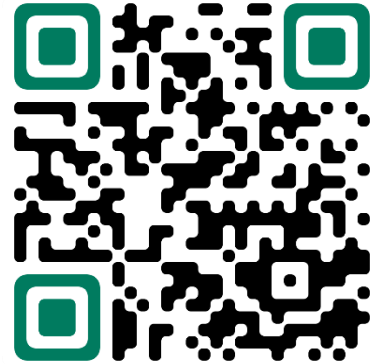
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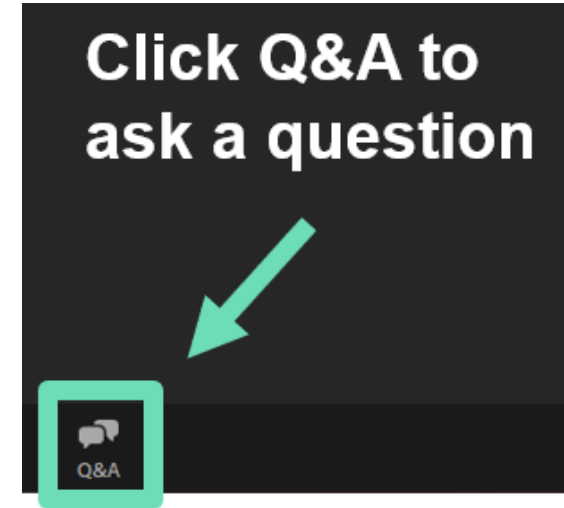


# Questions, comments, or concerns?

## Submit a question via Zoom Q&A window

- Keep questions focused on this project
- Submit your questions as short, complete sentences
- We will answer as many questions as possible by 1:30 p.m.

Questions specific to an individual situation can be difficult for us to answer now.



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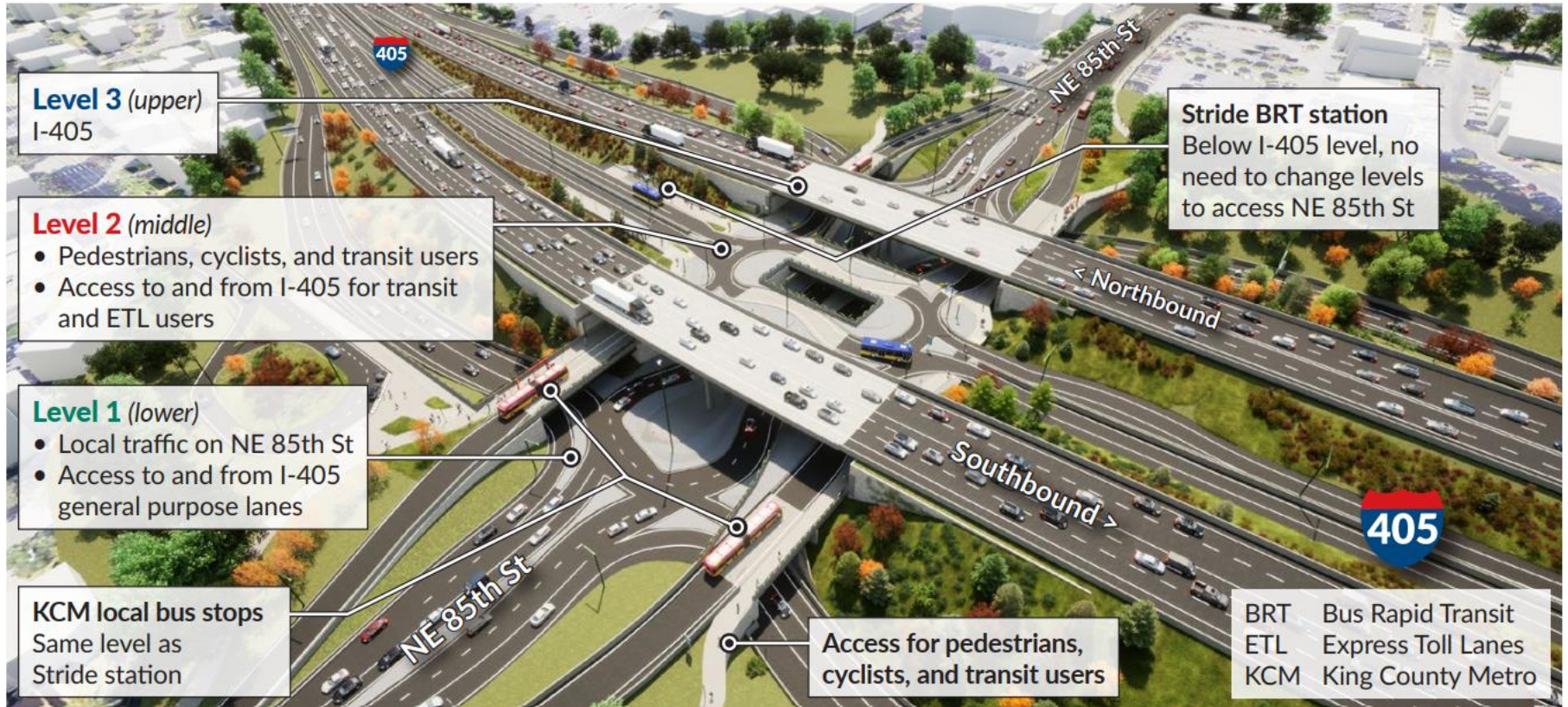


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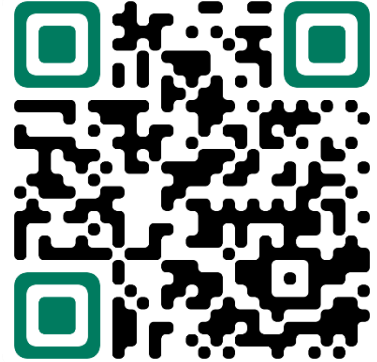
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