



# Everett Link and Sonrise

## What the Church Family Needs to Know

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### A serious possibility, not a final decision

**SONRISE** One proposed Everett Link alternative would displace Sonrise from its present location. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement, a study comparing the project's options and effects, lists Sonrise at 11625 Airport Road as "Displacement" under AIR-1A and "No impact" under AIR-2B in its community-facility table. [1] **No preferred alternative has been identified for this segment**, and no final property-acquisition decision has been made. [2, 3]

### What is being proposed?

Sound Transit plans approximately 16 miles of light rail from Lynnwood to Everett, connecting communities, homes, and jobs through six new stations and a possible additional station at SR 99/Airport Road. [4] The two alternatives near Sonrise differ in important ways:

- **AIR-1A, east side of Airport Road:** Identifies Sonrise for displacement, along with nearby La Palmera and 7-Eleven. [2]
- **AIR-2B, west side of Airport Road:** Does not identify Sonrise for displacement, but involves Airport Road construction closures and effects on other neighbors; "No impact" in the facility table is not a promise of no disruption. [2, 1]

### What could this mean for Sonrise?

"Displacement" means removing an existing use, not simply building tracks nearby. [1] For planning purposes, Sonrise must therefore take seriously the possibility of losing use of the present church building and needing another ministry location. Exact property needs, timing, and relocation arrangements are not yet settled. [3]

The Airport Road station is not funded for final design or construction, but that does not establish that Sonrise is safe: the published alternatives still identify the displacement risk. [2] Questions remain about which impacts come from the tracks, the station, or supporting infrastructure.

The published schedule anticipates final project selection in winter 2027–2028, acquisition/relocation during 2028–2030, construction beginning in 2030, and phased service in 2037 and 2041; **these are project milestones, not a Sonrise move date.** [4]

### Why speak up now?

Sonrise helps people move out of homelessness, drug use, and addiction; find healing and stability; and contribute to the community. Protecting that work deserves timely, constructive engagement, not fear or hostility toward public transportation. Sound Transit says public comments will help shape the preferred alternatives, and substantive comments will receive responses in the Final EIS. [5]

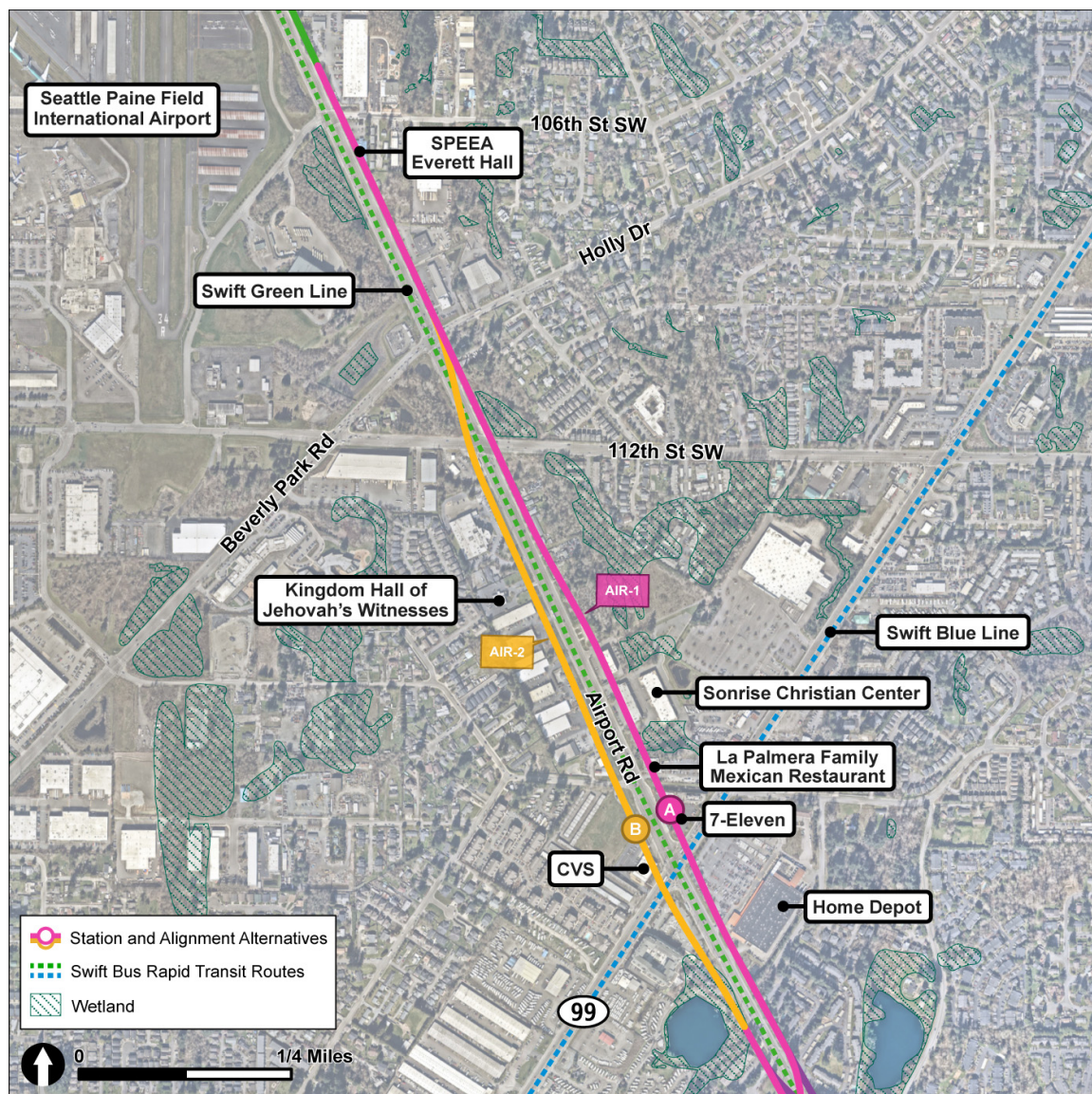
**Next nearby meeting: Tuesday, October 13, 5:30–8:30 p.m., Mariner High School, 200 120th St SW, Everett.**

**Comments are due November 2, 2026.** [5] Please consider attending, asking respectful questions, and submitting a specific comment about the people and ministry that could be affected. If you attend, please come prepared to give a two-minute statement; the companion meeting guide explains how.

May God give the church family wisdom, unity, and grace in this process. This is a great opportunity to offer a public Christian testimony of the quality of Sonrise's people. The faithful response is to stay informed, speak truthfully, and care for neighbors while advocating for continued ministry.

Full web addresses and the official project map are on the reverse side.

## Where Sonrise sits in the proposed routes



Official Sound Transit conceptual map. Sonrise is labeled to the right of Airport Road; AIR-1/Station A and AIR-2/Station B correspond to AIR-1A and AIR-2B. This is not a final property-acquisition survey.

### Printed web addresses

- [1] Draft EIS, Table 4-48, p. 121: <https://www.soundtransit.org/sites/default/files/documents/02-EVLE-DEIS-Full.pdf>
- [2] Station alternatives: <https://everettlink.participate.online/alternatives/sr-99-airport-road/>
- [3] Property-owner guidance: <https://everettlink.participate.online/property-owners/>
- [4] Project overview: <https://everettlink.participate.online/project-overview/>
- [5] Comment process: <https://everettlink.participate.online/comment-now/>
- Map: <https://everettlink.participate.online/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/AIR.jpg>