What will my fare be?

The easiest way to pay for your ride is with an ORCA card that you can purchase at any one of our ticket vending machines. You can also pay your fare with cash or the Transit Go Mobile Ticket app. Please note that when paying in cash on a bus you will want to have the exact fare because you do not get change back. When paying cash to use the Link system, you must purchase your ticket at a ticket vending machine.

Why use an ORCA Card? Because it makes transferring easy!

When you use the ORCA card to transfer between ORCA-family transit services, like Link light rail and Metro or Sound Transit buses, your first-leg fare counts toward the second leg of your trip. If the second leg of your trip costs the same or less than your first, your transfer is free. If your second-leg fare costs more than your first, your ORCA card will automatically deduct the difference from your E-purse balance. Transfer value expires two hours after you first tap your ORCA card to begin your trip.

Link fares:

Currently Sound Transit’s Link fare model is distance-based and ranges from $2.25 - $3.50 depending on how far a rider is traveling.

Bus fares:

Metro’s fares range from an adult single ride fare at $2.75 with cash, ORCA card or Transit Go Mobile Ticket, to lower or no-cost fare for those who qualify for a reduced fare using an ORCA card.

Sound Transit’s fare ranges from an adult single ride fare at $3.25 with cash, ORCA card or Transit Go Mobile Ticket to lower or no cost fare for those who qualify for a reduced fare using an ORCA card.

What are the guidelines and policies we are using to make sure service is equitable?

Title VI Review click for more details

- An equity requirement of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
- Evaluates major service changes to determine if proposed changes would have a discriminatory impact.
- Both Sound Transit and Metro will complete a Title VI analysis at the completion of the East Link Connections mobility project.

Equity Impact Review (EIR) click for more details
A process to measure and document achievement of Metro's project goals to improve mobility for priority populations, which include:

- Black, Indigenous and other people of color.
- Low and no income families.
- People with disabilities.
- Immigrants and refugees.
- Limited English Proficient (LEP) speakers.

Merges empirical data and community engagement findings to inform planning, decision-making and implementation of actions that affect equity in King County.

The Equity Impact Review is updated for each project phase.

What are we measuring? click for more details

- Equitable process.
- Equitable outcomes.
- Access to jobs, community assets and frequent service (trips every 15-minutes or better).
- Impact on travel range.

This map shows areas of greatest need for priority populations, described above, by census block groups in the study area — or Equity Priority Areas (EPA). Mapping this data helps us to achieve the project goal of improving mobility for priority populations. There are five factors measured in determining the EPA score: racial makeup, income, language, disability and citizenship status. On a scale of one to five, a higher score indicates a higher level of priority populations living in that area. | Click to enlarge