

FACT SHEET

ABOUT THE SEATTLE STREETCAR	<p>As Seattle's first new rail line in more than 25 years, the 2.6 mile South Lake Union line of the Seattle Streetcar will soon connect Seattle's growing South Lake Union and Denny Triangle neighborhoods and waterfront park to the vibrant downtown retail core.</p> <p>Each of the three modern streetcars will make 11 stops and will take less than 15 minutes to make the one-way journey from the Westlake Hub to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in South Lake Union. Operated by King County's METRO Transit Division, the Streetcar is expected to carry 330,000 passengers in its first year.</p>
FUTURE STREETCAR NETWORK	<p>Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels set aside funds in his 2008 budget to help develop a streetcar network that will connect neighborhoods and provide a convenient and reliable way to get around our city. This funding will lay the groundwork for developing a modern streetcar system. The Streetcar Alliance, a diverse community group spearheaded by the Urban League of Greater Seattle, is championing this broader network of streetcars. Sound Transit, a Seattle Streetcar partner, has also undertaken extensive planning for a new streetcar line that serves the International District, First Hill and Capitol Hill.</p>
STREETCAR KICKS OFF NEW DOWNTOWN TRANSIT CONNECTIONS	<p>Together with the re-opening of the downtown bus tunnel, the opening of the South Lake Union line of the Seattle Streetcar marks a significant step for urban transit connections in downtown Seattle.</p> <p>The Streetcar will provide a seamless connection for the thousands of new workers and residents in South Lake Union and Denny Triangle to downtown's Westlake Hub, linking riders to the regional bus service, the monorail and new downtown light rail system (2009).</p> <p>This connection will be a first for Seattle and will help provide a variety of dependable alternatives to single occupancy vehicle commuting. Soon, workers and scientists at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center can take the Seattle Streetcar to the downtown transit tunnel and then transfer to a light rail train heading for the airport. Employees at Washington Mutual will enjoy a short walk to the Streetcar's Westlake Center Transit Hub where a streetcar will take them to business meetings or lunch on the shores of Lake Union.</p>
STREETCAR VEHICLE FEATURES	<p>The Streetcar's unique and innovative features include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just by logging onto the Seattle Streetcar's Web site (www.seattlestreetcar.org), NextBus Global Position System (GPS) technology will tell you when the next streetcar will arrive, so you can more accurately schedule your trips on the Streetcar • Designed and manufactured by Inekon Group, each of the three Seattle Streetcars can carry approximately 140 passengers • Low-floor center sections for easy accessible boarding, air conditioning, and a passenger information system with audible announcements and LED message signs • Regenerative braking—the electric motors are used during breaking, sending electricity back into the grid • Digital message boards will be installed at stops along the route informing riders when the next streetcar will arrive

<p>FARES</p>	<p>Transit trips on the Streetcar will be free to all riders during the month of December. Following this period, riders can pay a fare or use their METRO transit pass, Pugetpass or a bus transfer to ride the Seattle Streetcar. Select METRO and Pugetpass passes are available on-line at seattlestreetcar.org, metrokc.gov or at more than 120 locations throughout Seattle and King County.</p> <p>Streetcar fares are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult fare is \$1.50 • Children ages 5 and under are free • Youth fare (ages 6-17) is 50c • Senior citizen fare (ages 65 and over) is 50c <p>Bicycles are allowed in the center section of the Seattle Streetcar vehicles.</p>
<p>ROUTE</p>	<p>The Seattle Streetcar can be accessed at the following 11 stops:</p> <p><i>Heading south towards downtown Seattle:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairview Avenue and Ward Street (Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Station) • Lake Union Park (University of Washington/UW Medicine Station) • Westlake Avenue and Mercer Street (Sponsorship still available) • Westlake Avenue and Thomas Street (Evergreen Bank Station) • Westlake Avenue and Ninth Avenue (2201 Westlake Station) • <i>South Side:</i> Westlake Avenue and Seventh Avenue (Sponsorship still available) • Westlake Hub (Pacific Place Station) <p><i>Heading north towards Lake Union:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westlake Hub (Pacific Place Station) • Westlake Avenue and Seventh Avenue (Seattle Children’s Hospital Research Institute Station) • Westlake Avenue and Denny Way (Pan Pacific Hotel Seattle Station) • Terry Avenue and Thomas Street (Group Health Station) • Terry Avenue and Mercer Street (Sponsorship still available) • Lake Union Park (University of Washington/UW Medicine Station) • Fairview Avenue and Campus Drive (Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Station)
<p>HOURS</p>	<p>The Seattle Streetcar South Lake Union line is expected to open December 12, 2007.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At that time, the Streetcar will begin operating from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday ○ 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday ○ 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday and holidays • The streetcar will run at 15-minute intervals • These hours of operation will be coordinated with other modes of transportation, such as METRO and Sound Transit buses and local and regional events.

SPONSORS	The City of Seattle is inviting businesses/organization to be a part of the Streetcar by offering several sponsorship opportunities. Current sponsors include Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, University of Washington/UW Medicine, Evergreen Bank, Vulcan Real Estate, Pacific Place, Seattle Children's Hospital Research Institute, Pan Pacific Hotel Seattle, and Group Health, among others.
FUNDING	<p>The South Lake Union line of the Seattle Streetcar project has been built on time in just 15 months of construction and no city general fund dollars were used to construct or operate the line.</p> <p>The total budget for design and construction of the South Lake Union line of the Seattle Streetcar is \$50.5 million. In 2005, area property owners agreed to contribute costs and contribute \$25.7 million toward the project (approximately 50 percent of capital costs) through an approved Local Improvement District fund. The remainder of funds comes from federal, state and local governments.</p> <p>Sponsorships of the Streetcars and stations will provide 25 percent of the service cost for operations.</p>
TIMELINE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2003 – Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels proposes the Seattle Streetcar • February 2004 – Seattle Department of Transportation begins a study designed to provide information about the proposed Streetcar • June 2004 – Seattle Streetcar Network and Feasibility Analysis Report issued • June 2005 – Seattle City Council approves project to build the South Lake Union line of the Seattle Streetcar • July 2006 – Construction begins • September 2007 – Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels proposes \$350,000 in budget for a study focusing on a potential streetcar network • October 2007 – Substantial completion of construction and the start of vehicle testing • November 2007 – Construction is complete • December 14, 2007 – Operations begin
WEB SITE	Additional information about the Streetcar is located at www.seattlestreetcar.org .
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