

**Link Light Rail
Adjusted Cost Comparison**

	Year	Inflation	Adj. Cost (X 1,000)	Total Cost (X 1,000)	Ridership Increase %	Ridership (X 1,000)	Cumulative Ridership (X 1,000)	Cost Per Boarding
Construction:				80,400				
2004	1	0	3,700	84,100	3	840	840	100.12
2005	2	3.42	3,827	87,927	3	865	1,705	51.56
2006	3	3.42	3,957	91,884	3	891	2,596	35.39
2007	4	3.42	4,093	95,977	3	918	3,514	27.31
2008	5	3.42	4,233	100,209	3	945	4,460	22.47
2009	6	3.42	4,377	104,587	3	974	5,433	19.25
2010	7	3.42	4,527	109,114	3	1,003	6,436	16.95
2011	8	3.42	4,682	113,796	3	1,033	7,470	15.23
2012	9	3.42	4,842	118,638	3	1,064	8,534	13.90
2013	10	3.42	5,008	123,646	3	1,096	9,630	12.84
2014	11	3.42	5,179	128,825	3	1,129	10,759	11.97
2015	12	3.42	5,356	134,181	3	1,163	11,921	11.26
2016	13	3.42	5,539	139,720	3	1,198	13,119	10.65
2017	14	3.42	5,729	145,449	3	1,234	14,353	10.13
2018	15	3.42	5,925	151,374	3	1,271	15,623	9.69
2019	16	3.42	6,127	157,501	3	1,309	16,932	9.30
2020	17	3.42	6,337	163,838	3	1,348	18,280	8.96
2021	18	3.42	6,554	170,392	3	1,388	19,668	8.66
2022	19	3.42	6,778	177,169	3	1,430	21,098	8.40
2023	20	3.42	7,010	184,179	3	1,473	22,571	8.16
2024	21	3.42	7,249	191,428	3	1,517	24,088	7.95
2025	22	3.42	7,497	198,925	3	1,563	25,651	7.76
2026	23	3.42	7,754	206,679	3	1,610	27,260	7.58
2027	24	3.42	8,019	214,698	3	1,658	28,918	7.42
2028	25	3.42	8,293	222,991	3	1,708	30,626	7.28
2029	26	3.42	8,577	231,567	3	1,759	32,385	7.15
2030	27	3.42	8,870	240,437	3	1,812	34,196	7.03
2031	28	3.42	9,173	249,610	3	1,866	36,062	6.92
2032	29	3.42	9,487	259,097	3	1,922	37,984	6.82
2033	30	3.42	9,811	268,909	3	1,980	39,963	6.73
2034	31	3.42	10,147	279,056	3	2,039	42,002	6.64

Operating Cost does not include expected increase in maintenance requirements as equipment ages.

Operating Cost does not include additional equipment and construction for additional capacity requirements.

Inflation rate (3.42%) is based on data from [InflationData.com](https://inflationdata.com).

Ridership Increase % (3%) is based on Sound Transit's [Quarterly Performance Report to the CEO](#).