

Sound Transit Update

Tacoma City Council Study Session

May 14, 2024



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Agenda

- Introducing Interim CEO Goran Sparrman
- South Tacoma Station Access Improvements
- Tacoma Dome Station Access Improvements
- Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE)
- Sounder South Strategic Plan Update
- T Line
- Questions and Discussion



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South Tacoma Sounder Access Improvements Project

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South Tacoma Station Access Improvements Project Overview

Proposed improvements: Capital investments for walking, biking, rolling and busing.

Current Conditions: Parking is underutilized. Sidewalk grid around the stations is incomplete and not fully ADA accessible. Minimal bike access.

Complete by: 2030



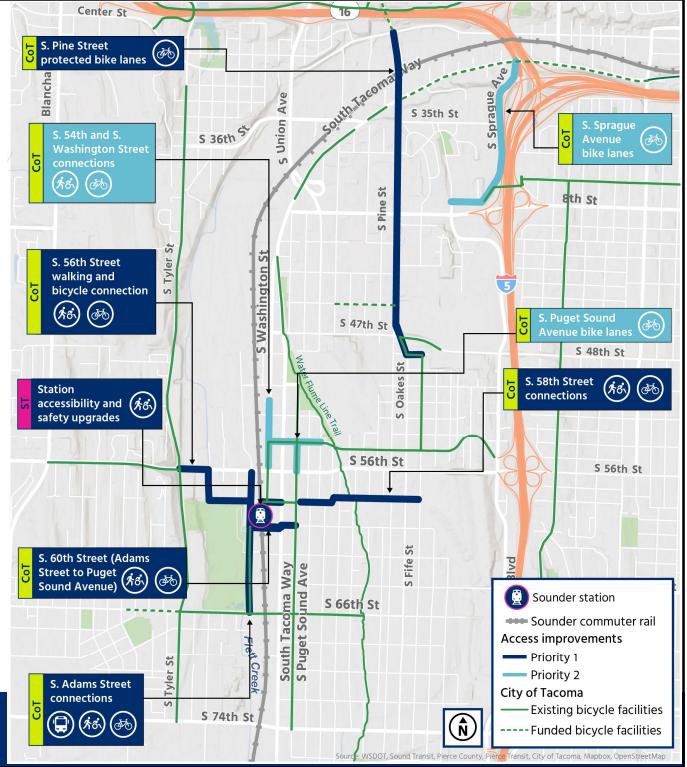
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South Tacoma Station Recommended Improvements

- **At Station:** curb ramps & sidewalk improvements, lighting, wayfinding, PA system and expanded tactile pavers
- **Priority 1:** ~6 miles of bicycle facilities and sidewalks
- **Priority 2:** Additional non-motorized improvements



Next Steps

Action	South Tacoma
Sound Transit Board Selects Project to be Built	March 2024
Sound Transit Board establishes project baseline budget and schedule & Approves Funding Agreement with City of Tacoma	Q3 2024

Tacoma Dome Access Improvements Project

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Tacoma Dome Access Improvements Project Overview

ST2 project, dedicated funding for Tacoma Dome Station Access Improvements

Potential improvements:

- Up to 300 stalls of surface parking and/or
- Pedestrian improvements within ¼ mile
- Bicycle improvements within ½ mile
- Improved bus facilities and connections
- Expanded or new passenger loading areas

Anticipated public engagement: Mid 2024*

Complete by: 2032*



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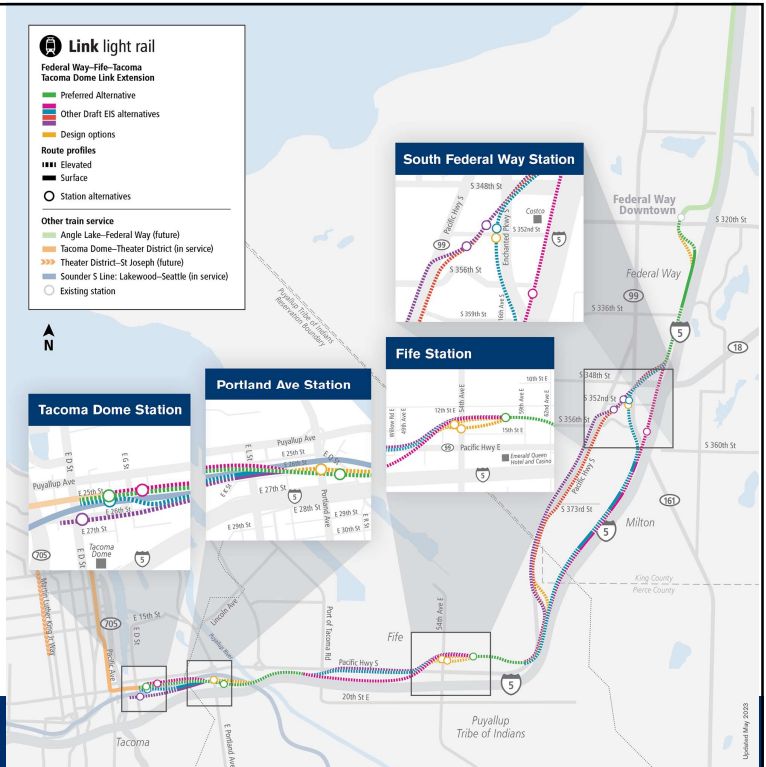
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Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE)

Project Overview

- 10 miles
- 4 stations
- 1 river crossing
- Continued development of Draft EIS
- 2023 ST Board identified additional station and alignment alternatives in Fife and Federal Way

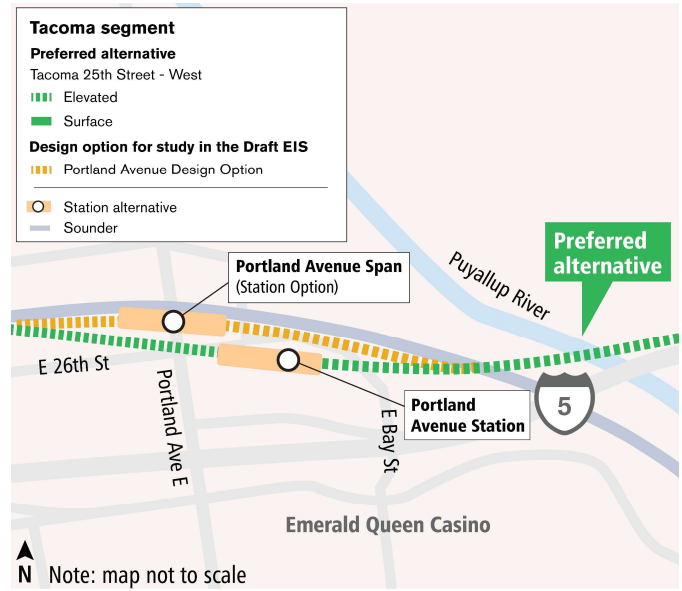


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Portland Avenue Station

- Portland Avenue Station (preferred)
- Portland Ave Span (option)
- Board direction to evaluate a pedestrian bridge over I-5
- Agreement with WSDOT to allow for widening of I-5 underpass sidewalk
- Non-motorized and transit access to station



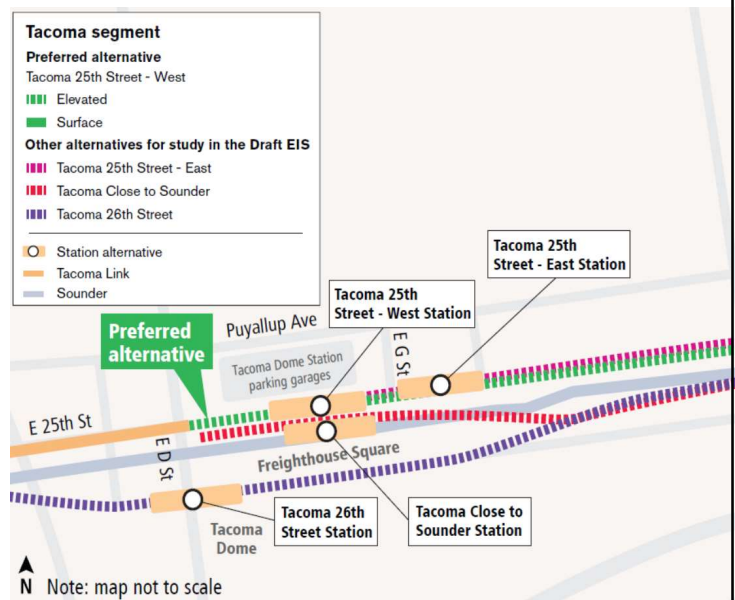
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Tacoma Dome Station

- Four station location alternatives
 - Tacoma 25th St. West (Preferred Alternative)
 - Tacoma 25th St. East
 - Tacoma Close to Sounder
 - Tacoma 26th St.



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TDLE Next steps*

- **Late Q3 2024:** Draft EIS publication and comment period
- **Early 2025:** Sound Transit Board modifies or confirms preferred alternative
- **2026:** Final EIS issued
- **2026:** ST Board selects project to be built
- **2026:** FTA issues Record of Decision
- **2035:** Forecasted in-service

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Souder South Strategic Plan Update

Sounder Strategic Plan Update

Originally completed April 2020

Objectives

- Revisit the prioritization of ST3 Sounder expansion projects: platform extensions vs. new trips
- Inform ST & BNSF decision-making on reconfiguring existing peak-focused service

Activities

- External engagement
- Peer agency evaluation
- Sounder demographics & equity study
- Ridership estimating and capacity analysis



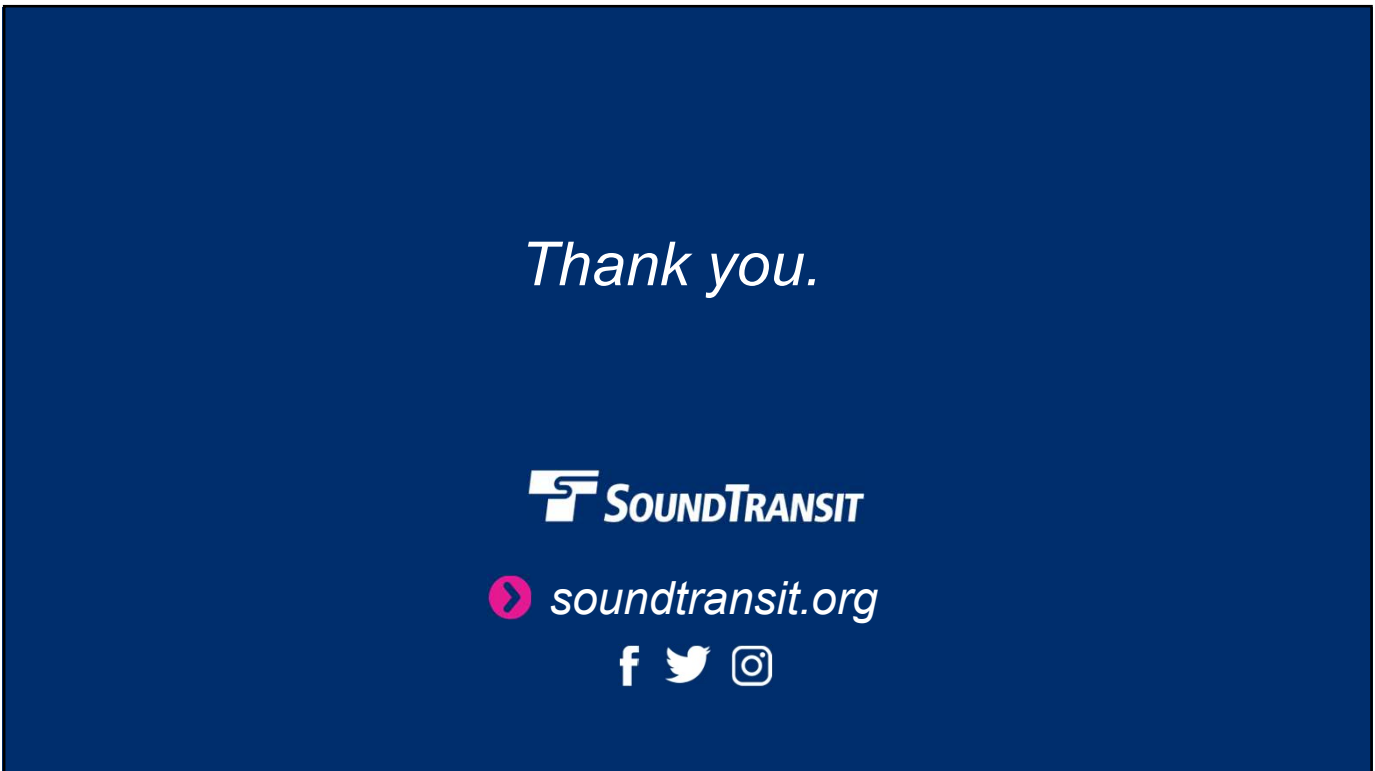
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