

# 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

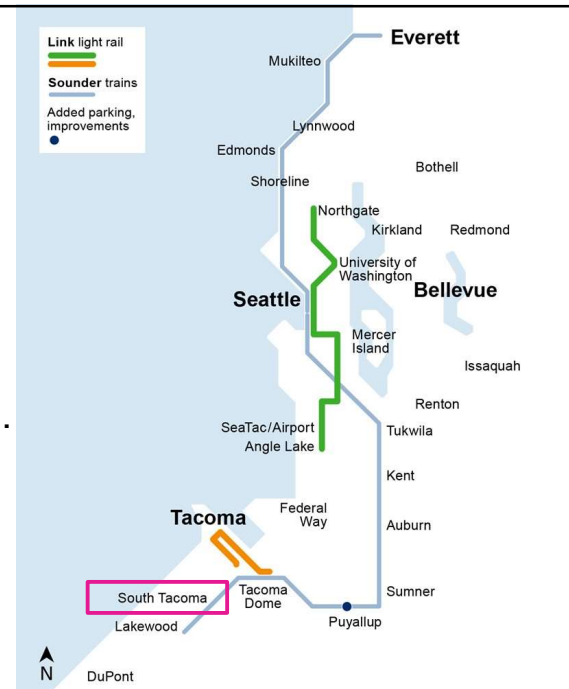
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## South Tacoma Station Access Improvements Project Overview

**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

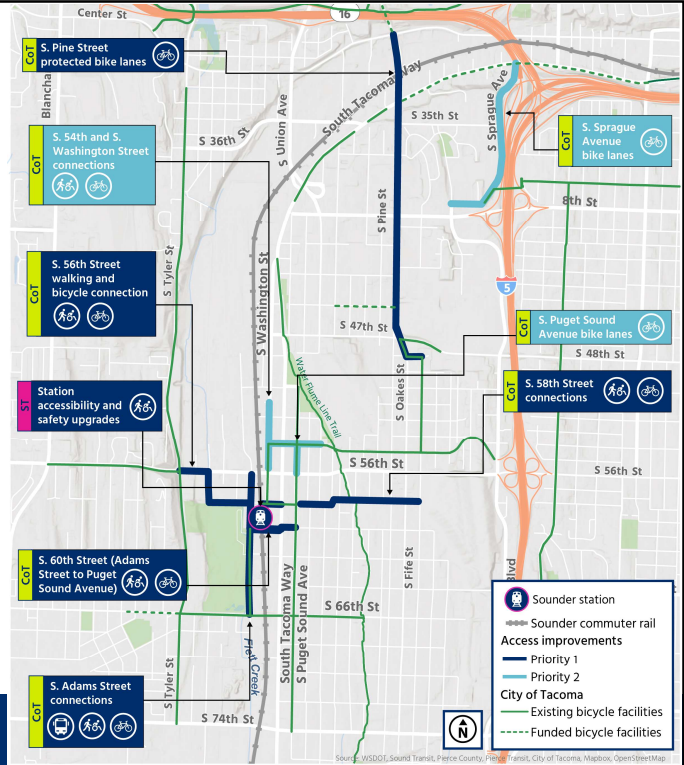


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## South Tacoma Station Recommended Improvements

- **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



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## 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

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# 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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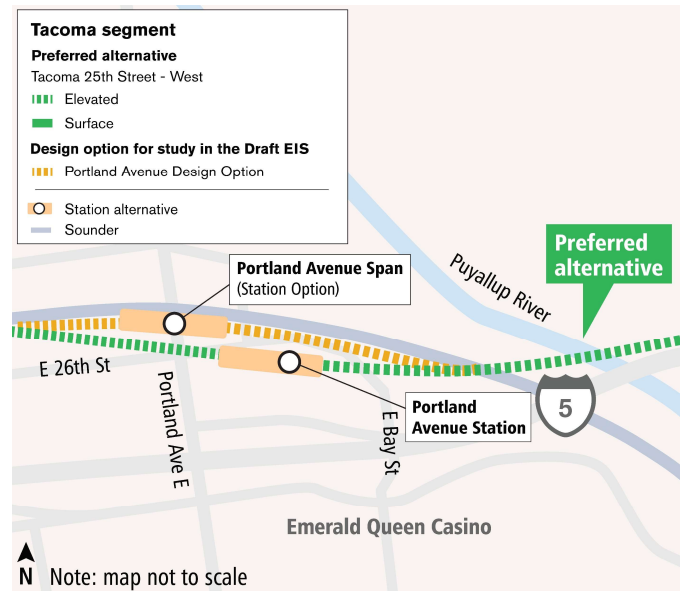
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## Portland Avenue Station

- 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



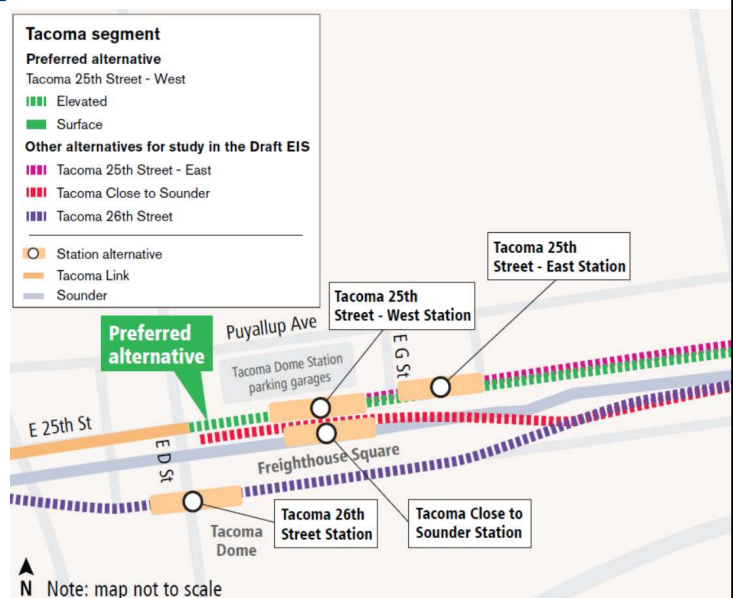
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## Tacoma Dome Station

- 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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# ***Sounder 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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# T Line

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