



Pacific Avenue || SR 7 Corridor

HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT

FEASIBILITY STUDY

Tacoma City Council
Study Session

June 27, 2017

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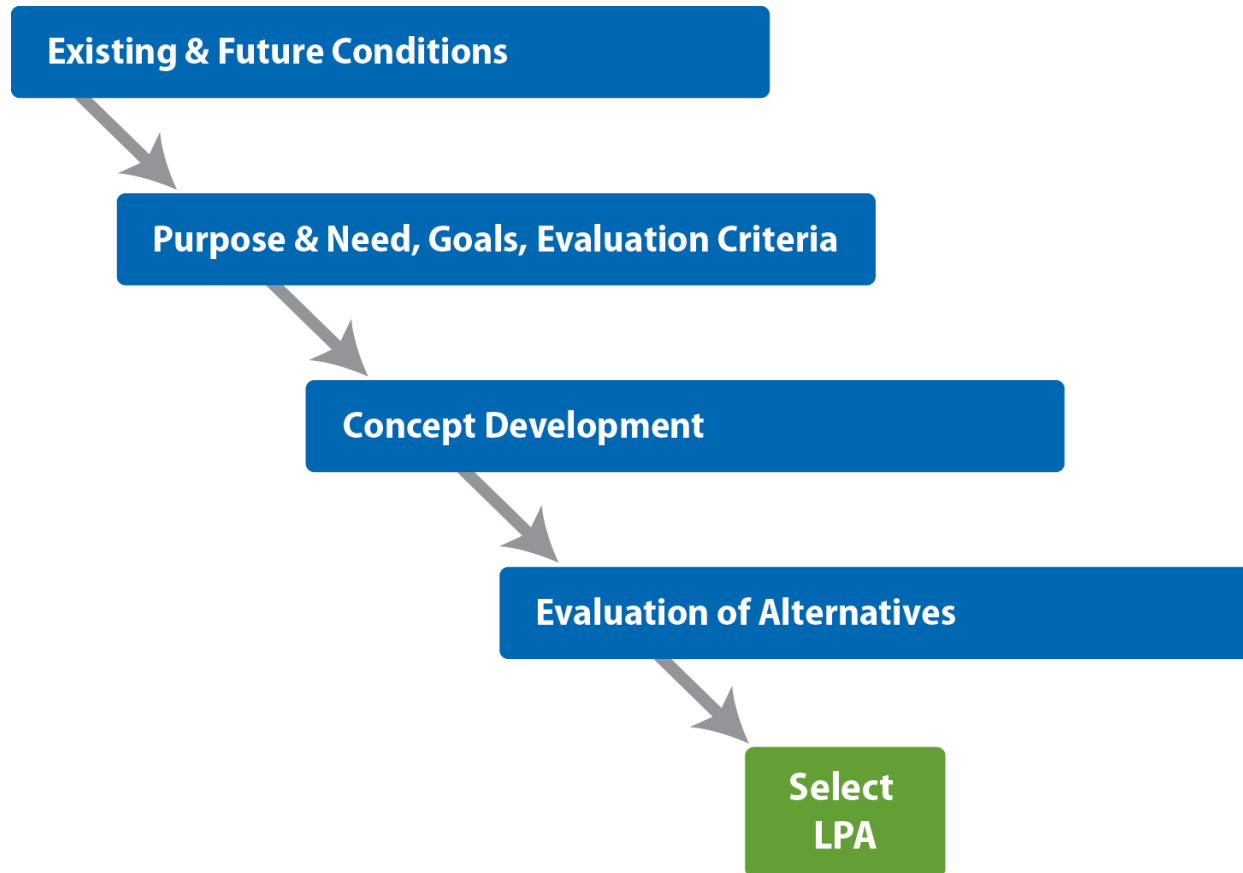
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Project Update

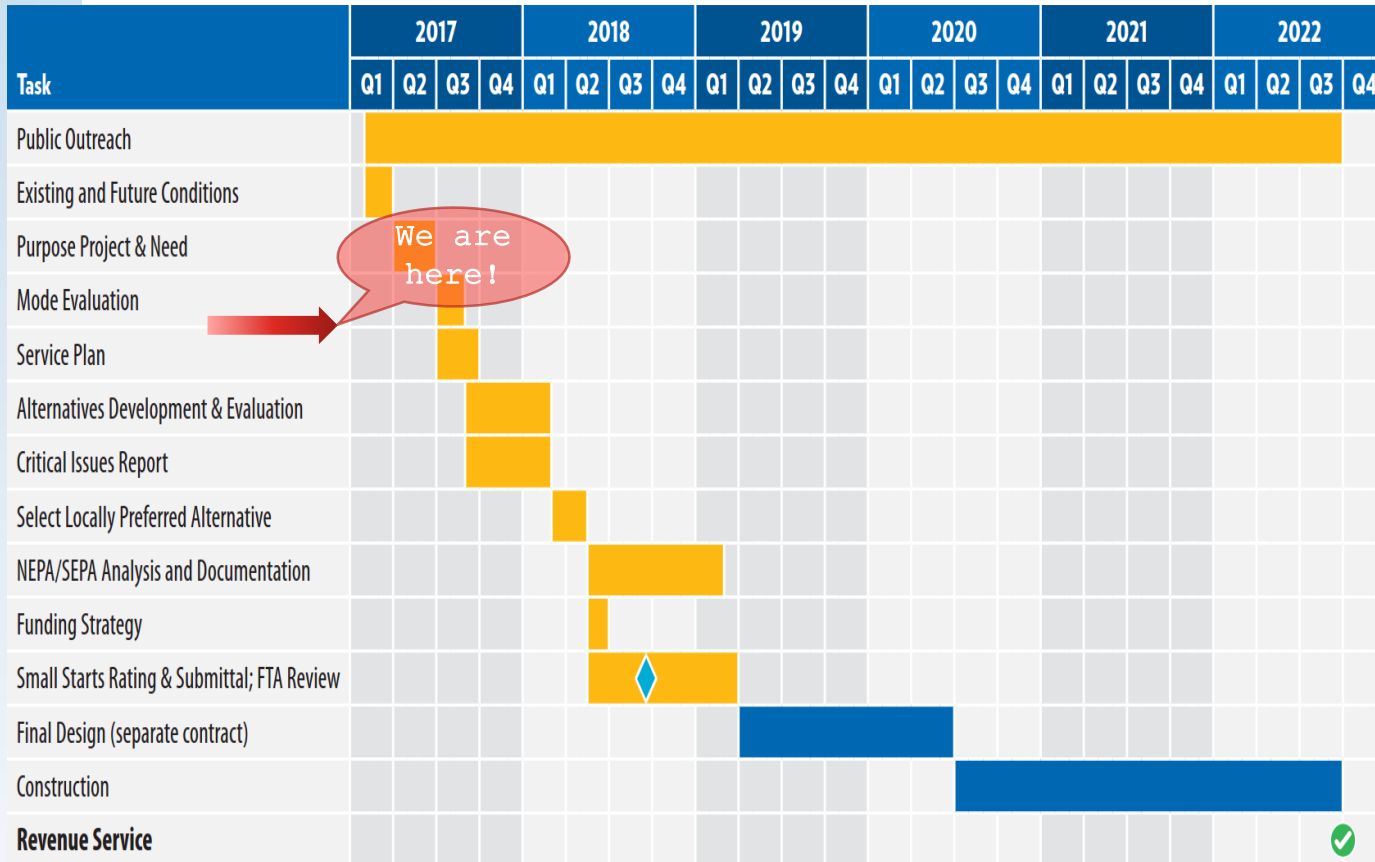
Project Overview

- Study Area: 14.4 miles from downtown Tacoma to Spanaway
- Pierce Transit's highest ridership corridor with **5,950** boardings per weekday
- High service level (15-minute weekday frequency)
- Local funding available for project (**\$75** million)

Alternatives Analysis: Process



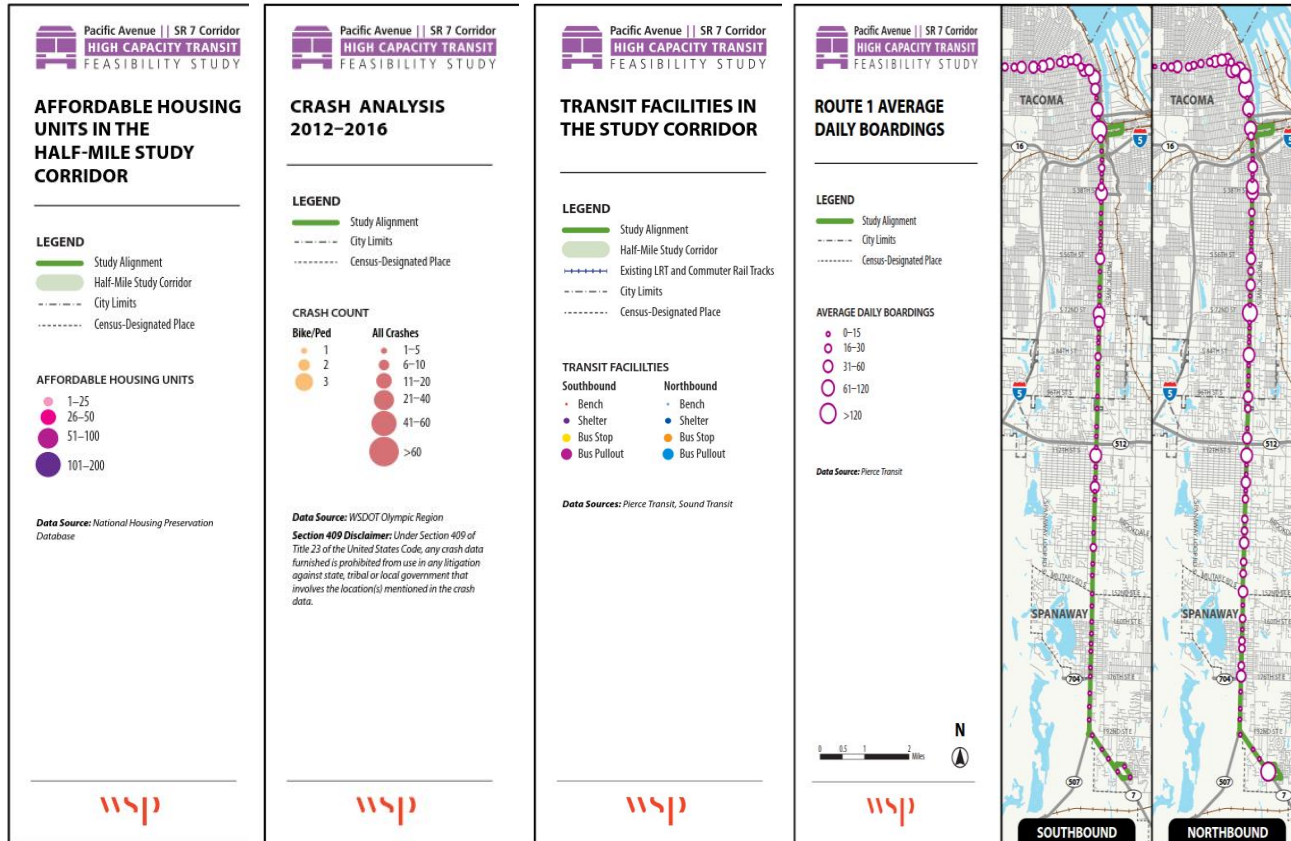
Project Schedule



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Existing & Future Conditions Report

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Purpose and Need Statement

- “Purpose” reflects Pierce Transit’s intentions and expectations for the corridor
- “Need” documents current corridor issues to be addressed
- Goals and evaluation measures based on the P&N will be used to evaluate alternatives
- P&N Statement will also serve as the foundation for the NEPA evaluation
- Process:
 - Developed by consultant team and Pierce Transit staff
 - Reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee
 - Reviewed by the Federal Transit Administration
 - Approved by the Project Management Team
 - Presented to PT Board of Commissioners

Mode Selection

Methodology

Measure against Purpose and Need Statement Goals:

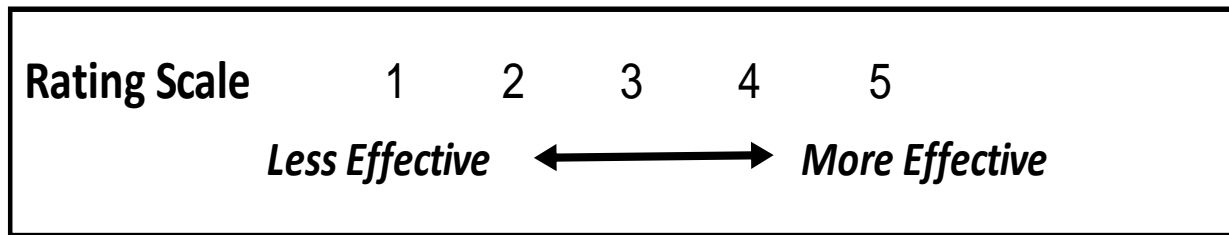
1. Increase transit ridership
2. Provide cost-effective transit service
3. Increase transit capacity
4. Be accessible to all populations
5. Promote environmental stewardship and sustainability
6. Improve pedestrian and bicycle access to corridor transit service

Methodology (continued)

Measure against Purpose and Need Statement Goals:

7. Improve connections with other local or regional travel modes
8. Have a high likelihood of funding
9. Enhance safety and security for transit patrons and public health overall
10. Support planned local and regional growth and corridor revitalization
11. Consistent with local and regional transportation plans
12. Minimize adverse impacts to other travel modes and adjacent property

Mode Evaluation Summary



Next Steps

- Mode Evaluation
 - Based on the Purpose & Need, identify the most appropriate High Capacity Transit mode for the corridor
- Service Plan
 - Replacement versus overlay service
 - Service frequency
 - Project termini
 - Generalized station locations
 - Connections to other transit service
- Development and Evaluation of Alternatives

Public Involvement and Outreach

Public Involvement & Outreach

- Public Involvement Plan (Document)
- Informational Fact Sheet (Handout)
- Website (July 1)
- Open Houses (Beginning in September)
 - o Downtown Tacoma (UW-Tacoma Campus)
 - o Stewart Middle School (Pacific Ave.)
 - o Pacific Lutheran University (Parkland)
 - o Spanaway Elementary School

Public Involvement & Outreach

Open House: Public Meeting #1 (September 2017)

- Introduce Purpose and Need, existing conditions, HCT concepts, mode selection, service plan elements
- Feedback
 - Mode selection
 - Service elements
 - Key issues & concerns
 - Inform the Alternatives Analysis phase

Public Involvement & Outreach

Open House: Public Meeting #2 (November 2017)

- Present Alternatives Analysis Approach, study findings, design options and criteria for selection of Locally Preferred Alternative
- Seek Input
 - Issues/concerns re: selection of alternatives
 - Design options
 - Inform selection of LPA

Public Involvement

Open House: Public Meeting #3 (February 2018)

- Present study findings and selected LPA
- Seek Input
 - Selection of LPA
 - Other key issues/concerns for consideration in final design

Comments? Questions?

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