



Regional Transit News

Sounder trains coming to South Tacoma, Lakewood; Changes proposed to ST Express bus service

Construction is well underway on a 1.4-mile section of new track that will allow Sound Transit's popular Sounder trains to reach South Tacoma and Lakewood in October 2012. Sounder will provide dependable weekday commuter train service to these communities, as well as service to select weekend events in Seattle. Check "Proposed October 2012 Service Change" section below for details.

Besides Sounder, several important changes are proposed to ST Express bus service to coordinate with the start-up of the Lakewood

Sounder extension and changes to Pierce Transit service between Puyallup and Tacoma. These and other proposed ST Express changes are described in this issue of Regional Transit News.

We welcome your comments and suggestions on the proposed service changes. Send your comments to fastride@soundtransit.org, or leave a message at 1-866-940-4387. You can also write us at Sound Transit Regional Transit News, 401 S. Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98104.

PROPOSED JUNE 2012 SERVICE CHANGE

OPEN HOUSE/PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION ON BACK

PIERCE COUNTY **578, 586**

ST Express Route 578: Seattle–Puyallup–Tacoma

Proposed deletion of Puyallup–Tacoma route segment
Proposed new Sunday service

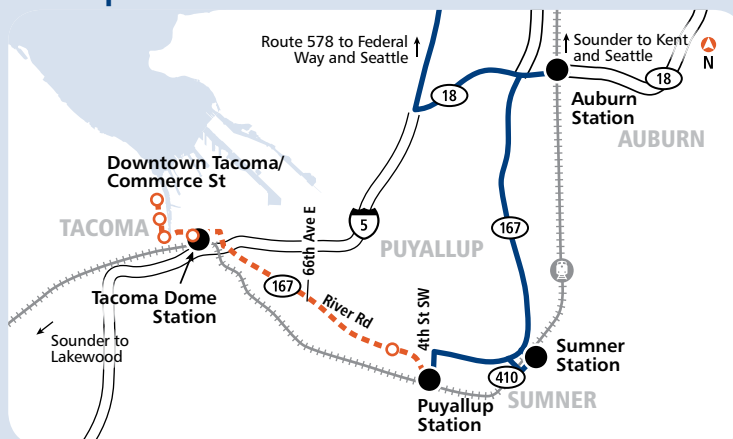
The segment of Route 578 between Puyallup Station and downtown Tacoma would be discontinued to minimize duplication with existing Sounder service and new Pierce Transit Route 400. Route 400 connects Puyallup Station, Tacoma Dome Station and downtown Tacoma and operates every 30 minutes during weekday peak periods. All Route 578 trips would operate between Seattle and Puyallup Station only. New Sunday service would be implemented on Route 578 running every 60 minutes, similar to the current Saturday schedule.

ST Express Route 586: Downtown Tacoma–University District

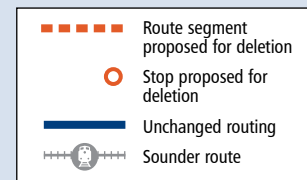
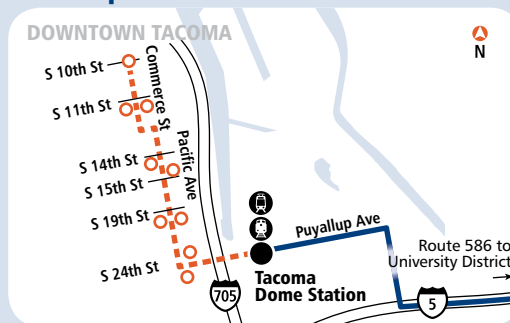
Tacoma Dome–Downtown Tacoma segment deleted

The segment of Route 586 between downtown Tacoma and Tacoma Dome Station would be discontinued to avoid duplication with other transit routes connecting these points, including Tacoma Link, ST Express routes 590 and 594 and Pierce Transit routes 13, 41, 400, 500 and 501.

ST Express Route 578



ST Express Route 586



PROPOSED OCTOBER 2012 SERVICE CHANGE

PIERCE COUNTY **Sounder, 574**

Sounder South Line

Sounder train service extended to South Tacoma and Lakewood

Sounder service to South Tacoma and Lakewood is scheduled to begin in October 2012. South Tacoma Station has 220 park-and-ride spaces and Lakewood Station has over 600 park-and-ride spaces in a covered parking garage. Initial Sounder commuter service to South Tacoma and Lakewood will be five northbound morning trains to Seattle and five southbound afternoon return trains from Seattle to Lakewood. South Tacoma and Lakewood will also have special event train service on weekends to selected Seahawks, Mariners and Sounders FC games in Seattle. Travel time will be 72 minutes from Lakewood to Seattle, and 68 minutes from South Tacoma to Seattle. Watch for detailed train schedules as the service start-up date draws closer.

ST Express Route 574: Lakewood–Sea-Tac Airport

Change to first/last stop in Lakewood

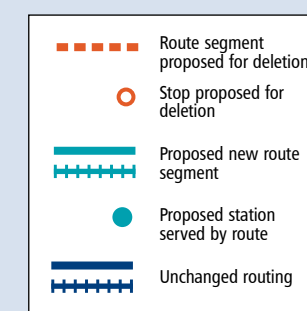
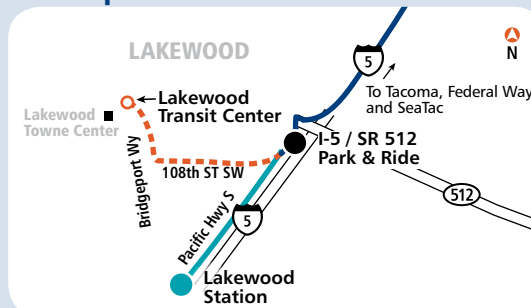
The Lakewood terminus of Route 574, now at the Lakewood Transit Center, would be moved to Lakewood Station. Route 574 buses would continue to serve the SR 512/I-5 Park-and-Ride in Lakewood. This revision would increase park-and-ride options for Route 574 commuters and provide a frequent connection between Lakewood Station and Tacoma Dome Station in both directions all day, seven days a week.

Customers boarding at Lakewood Transit Center could continue to make connections with Route 574 by riding Pierce Transit Route 204 and transferring to Route 574 at the SR 512/I-5 Park-and-Ride.

Sounder South Line



ST Express Route 574



PROPOSED OCTOBER 2012 SERVICE CHANGE



PIERCE COUNTY

590, 592, 593

ST Express Route 590: Tacoma–Seattle

Added weekday service

In response to strong demand, additional Route 590 service would be added on weekdays between Tacoma and Seattle. In combination with existing Route 594 trips, northbound Tacoma-to-Seattle service would increase from every 30 minutes to every 15 minutes between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and between 3:45 and 4:45 p.m. Southbound, more trips would operate from Seattle to Tacoma Dome Station between 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.

ST Express Route 592: DuPont–Lakewood–Seattle

More DuPont service

Less frequent service between Lakewood and Seattle

Revised downtown Seattle routing

Several major changes are proposed for Route 592 to coordinate with the start-up of Sounder train service at Lakewood Station and to speed service to and from downtown Seattle. Under the proposal, all Route 592 trips would start and end at DuPont, and service would operate every 15 minutes over the entire line, including stops at Lakewood Station and SR 512/I-5 Park-and-Ride. This change would adjust service levels to reflect current ridership and expected passenger diversion to the new Sounder service at Lakewood. The change would also make it much easier for DuPont riders to connect with Sounder trains at Lakewood.

To speed up service to and from the downtown Seattle core, Route 592 would no longer stop in the SODO district south of downtown Seattle. After leaving the SR 512/I-5 Park-and-Ride in Lakewood, northbound buses would run non-stop via I-5 to Seneca Street in downtown Seattle, making stops along Seneca, 4th Avenue, Olive Way and Howell Street.

Afternoon Route 592 buses would pick up passengers on Stewart Street, Lenora Street and 2nd Avenue, then operate non-stop from 2nd Avenue Extension and South Washington Street to the SR 512/I-5 Park-and-Ride in Lakewood. The Seattle routing change would reduce travel time to the downtown core by more than 10 minutes.

For current Route 592 riders headed to the SODO district south of downtown Seattle, there would be three service options:

- **Sounder train option:** In the morning, ride Sounder from Lakewood Station to King Street Station. Walk one block east to International District Station and board very frequent combined service to the SODO district provided by Link light rail and bus routes 101, 106 and 150. Reverse this procedure in the afternoon.
- **Downtown Seattle transfer option:** In the morning, ride Route 592 to 4th and Union in downtown Seattle and transfer to very frequent combined

service to the SODO district provided by Link light rail and bus routes 101, 106 and 150 at the University Street Station. In the afternoon, board the same frequent SODO services northbound, get off at Pioneer Square Station and transfer to Route 592 at the 2nd Avenue and Cherry Street stop.

- **Tacoma Dome transfer option:** In the morning, board Route 574 at Lakewood Station or SR 512/I-5 Park-and-Ride and ride to Tacoma Dome Station. Transfer at Tacoma Dome Station to very frequent service on Route 590. Route 590 operates non-stop to the SODO district in Seattle. Reverse this procedure in the afternoon.

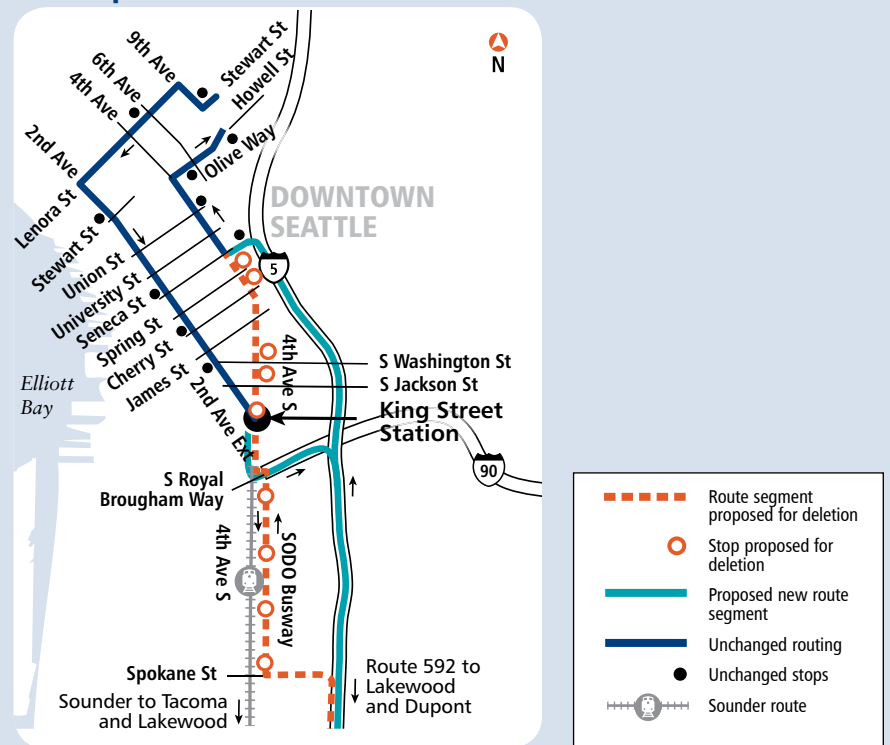
ST Express Route 593: South Tacoma–Tacoma Dome–Downtown Seattle

Route discontinued

Trips converted to Route 590 service

With the start of Sounder commuter train service to South Tacoma Station, ST Route 593 bus service would be discontinued. Route 593 trips would be converted to Route 590 service operating between Tacoma Dome Station and downtown Seattle.

ST Express Route 592



OTHER SOUND TRANSIT SERVICE UPDATES

Snohomish County

Since 2010, there's been a surge in commuter ridership on ST Express bus routes connecting Snohomish County with downtown Seattle. Sound Transit has been monitoring this closely and one of the first steps we've taken is to replace older 40-foot buses with new high-capacity 60-foot models.

Starting Oct. 3, 2011, we're adding one new trip on Route 510 from Everett to Seattle. We're also considering adding more Snohomish County service in February 2012.

East King County

In partnership with King County Metro, Sound Transit has been preparing for the start-up of tolls on the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge (SR 520). Tolls are expected to increase transit ridership across the bridge by up to 30 percent. As in Snohomish County, we've been gradually replacing older 40-foot buses on the bridge routes with new 60-foot high-capacity models. Starting Oct. 3, 2011, we're adding two more trips to the very popular Route 545, which connects Redmond, Overlake and downtown Seattle via SR 520. After tolling begins, Sound Transit will work with King County Metro to closely monitor all bridge service. If needed, extra buses will be available to add service on ST Express routes.

Open Houses

Lakewood Station
11424 Pacific Hwy. S.W.
Lakewood, WA 98499
Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011
3:30–7:30 p.m.

Sound Transit
Union Station
The Great Hall
401 S. Jackson St.
Seattle, WA 98104
Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011
10–11:30 a.m.

Public Hearing

Sound Transit
Union Station
Ruth Fisher Board Room
401 S. Jackson St.
Seattle, WA 98104
Thursday Nov. 3, 2011
1–1:30 p.m.

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