



January 12, 2009

Dear Recipient:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Sound Transit (the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority) have completed preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Tukwila Commuter Rail Station. In compliance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), the NEPA EA also serves as a SEPA Addendum to the Tacoma to Seattle Commuter Rail Notice of Adoption of NEPA Environmental Assessment and SEPA Mitigated DNS (June 1998).

Sound Transit proposes to replace the existing temporary Tukwila Commuter Rail Station with a permanent station. The project site is in the city of Tukwila in King County, Washington, south of Interstate 405 (I-405) and east of State Route (SR) 181 (West Valley Highway). The project includes construction of station platforms and parking for 350 vehicles. The NEPA EA addresses the potential environmental impacts and mitigation measures associated with the proposal.


Copies of the NEPA EA can be obtained by contacting Julian Franco at Sound Transit, 401 S Jackson Street, Seattle, 98104-2826, by email at [julian.franco@soundtransit.org](mailto:julian.franco@soundtransit.org), or by phone at (206) 689-3397. The document is also available for review on the Sound Transit website at the following address: <http://www.soundtransit.org/environmental>

Comments on the NEPA EA will be accepted by Sound Transit until February 15, 2009. Comments can be sent to Paul Cornish, Project Manager, Sound Transit, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, WA 98104. Written comments are encouraged but email comments will be accepted at the following address: [paul.cornish@soundtransit.org](mailto:paul.cornish@soundtransit.org). All comments should include your name and return address.

A public hearing/open house on the Tukwila Commuter Rail Station Project and environmental documentation will be held from 4-7 PM on January 29, 2009 at the Embassy Suites located at 15920 West Valley Highway in Tukwila, Washington.

For further information on the hearing and the project, contact Paul Cornish, Sound Transit Project Manager at (206) 398-5342, or Steve Kennedy, Senior Environmental Planner, Sound Transit at (206) 398-5302.

Sincerely,

  
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