

**OVERVIEW**

As part of Sound Transit's Puyallup Station Access Improvements Project, the community outreach team hosted a series of events to inform the community of proposed changes to Puyallup Station. The project team held four informal meetings at the station and nearby venues for attendees to learn about the project and ask questions. Sound Transit shared its decision to include a 420-stall parking garage at the Eagles Lodge site and additional surface parking spaces along the north side of Third Avenue Northwest and the Red Lot.

Approximately 250 people attended the events including nearby residents, community members, local business owners, commuters and game day riders. Notifications were provided in several ways including fliers, social media, email alerts, postcards, press release, announcements on the train and in-person visibility. Overall, the community appreciated learning about the Board's Decision, although a few individuals were disappointed Sound Transit did not have more detailed information to share.

**EVENTS**

<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Audience</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>
Wednesday, Nov. 19 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Puyallup Station - Commuters (131 W. Main Ave.)	Sounder riders (commuters)	45
Wednesday, Dec. 3 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Anthem Coffee (210 W. Pioneer Ave)	Community members	30
Saturday, Dec. 6 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Holiday Market (Pioneer Park Pavilion)	Community members	100
Sunday, Dec. 14 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Puyallup Station – Game Day (131 W. Main Ave.)	Sounder riders (Seahawks game day riders)	75

**KEY THEMES**

Sound Transit staff recorded attendees' questions and comments during the drop-in sessions, summarized qualitatively below:

- The public recognizes the project need but is concerned about the long schedule to complete the parking garage and other improvements.
- People are curious about the decision to locate the garage at the Eagles site and asked about other nearby properties including the Vancouver Door Company, the Department of Social and Health Services parking garage, Del's Feed and Farm Supply and the land previously owned by ARCO.
- Some members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles organization are unaware of the pending purchase agreement between Sound Transit and the Eagles leadership. Members want to know where their meeting space will be relocated.
- The public is overwhelmingly in favor of installing a pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks for improved safety, convenience and flexibility.

- Several individuals are concerned about the implications of the project including increased traffic, potential impacts to nearby businesses and whether or not the number of parking stalls will sufficiently meet future demand.
- While some individuals still prefer a garage/station at Shaw Road, others are happy the parking garage will be close to Puyallup Station.
- Other concerns include cost of parking, handicap stalls, future maintenance, bicycle facilities and property acquisition.
- The majority of people requested additional trains, particularly during off-peak and weekend hours.

#### **FEEDBACK ABOUT FOR DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION**

- Prioritize the pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks.
- Consider adding two north-south crosswalks at the intersection of 2nd Street SW and Main Avenue.
- Consider traffic signal improvements along 5th Street SW to maintain traffic flow.
- Consider future maintenance when designing the parking garage (i.e. concrete vs. paint that would chip and need to be repainted).
- Consider reserving parking spots on the first level of the garage for nearby business patrons.
- Research current bike usage at Puyallup Station including need for additional lockers, shelters and racks.

#### **NOTES**

- Future coffee shop drop-ins should be scheduled in the late afternoon with set-up near the drink pick-up bar for maximum exposure.
- The “Stay Safe” lights were a great giveaway and helped draw attention to the booth.
- It could have been helpful to have a graph showing current number of parking spots and ridership along with projected growth.
- Events at Puyallup Station were successful and many riders were interested in the upcoming changes. For future events, consider setting up a booth in the morning as well.

#### **SUPPORTING MATERIALS**

Attached you will find supporting materials for the Puyallup Station Access Improvements Project drop-in sessions including:

- [Photos](#) - *page 3*
- [Postcard](#) (mailed to .5 mile radius of Puyallup Station) - *page 4*
- [Flier](#) (distributed to nearby businesses) - *page 5*
- [Display boards](#) - *pages 6-7*
- [Factsheet](#) - *pages 8-9*
- Event summaries
  - [Puyallup Station - Commuters](#) - *page 10-11*
  - [Anthem Coffee](#) - *page 12*
  - [Holiday Market](#) - *pages 13-15*
  - [Puyallup Station - Game Day](#) - *pages 16-17*

**PHOTOS**



## POSTCARD



# PUYALLUP STATION ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

**Learn about progress on parking and other access improvements for Puyallup Station**

- Visit [soundtransit.org](http://soundtransit.org)
- Attend a drop-in session:

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**Questions?** Visit [soundtransit.org/puyallupimprovements](http://soundtransit.org/puyallupimprovements) or contact Jennifer Lemus at 206-398-5314 or [Jennifer.Lemus@soundtransit.org](mailto:Jennifer.Lemus@soundtransit.org).

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## PUYALLUP STATION ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

Sound Transit has been working with the Puyallup community on station access improvement options. On August 28, the Sound Transit Board of Directors selected a preferred package for access improvements and will begin further development and design of the project. Voters approved funding to improve access to Sounder commuter rail stations in the 2008 Sound Transit 2 ballot measure.

**Please join us to:**




- Understand the purpose, goals and schedule of the project
- Learn about the Board's decision on the parking garage location (Eagles Lodge site on 5th Street Northwest) and pedestrian and bike improvements
- Learn about upcoming activities and opportunities to stay involved

 Sign up to receive email updates about Puyallup Station improvements at [soundtransit.org/subscribe](http://soundtransit.org/subscribe).

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# Improving access to Puyallup Station

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- Potentially two pedestrian bridges, one across the railroad tracks and the other across 5th Street SW
- Traffic improvements in the station area
- Car, bike and pedestrian access improvements to the SR 410/Traffic Avenue interchange, funded by a partnership with the Washington State Department of Transportation and cities of Puyallup and Sumner

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	Bike storage (location TBD)
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	Station area lighting

Puyallup Station Access Improvements Project



# Project timeline





## Sounder Commuter Rail

### Puyallup Station Access Improvements Project

**FACT SHEET**

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### Stay informed about the Puyallup Station Access Improvements Project

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Have specific questions or a community group we should visit?

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Si desea conocer mayores detalles sobre el proyecto de mejoras del acceso a la estación Puyallup por favor llame al telefono 1-800-823-9230 durante las horas normales de oficina.

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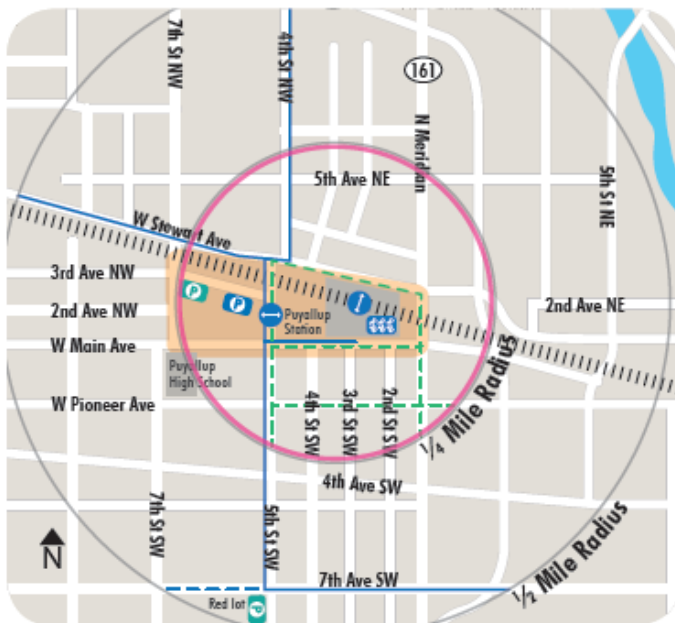
## Project Background

Sound Transit will improve access to Puyallup Station for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. Improvements will be complete by 2021. Voters approved funding to improve access at Sounder stations on the 2008 Sound Transit 2 ballot measure.

Over 1,100 people a day ride a Sounder commuter train or ST Express bus from the Puyallup Station. About two-thirds of Sounder riders drive and park at the station or other lots and another 20 percent use bus services to access the station. Many of these riders find station access difficult because parking is full by 6 a.m. Traffic congestion creates delays at intersections around the station, affecting both drivers and buses.

Sound Transit is predicting a 50 percent increase in ridership by 2035 - approximately 600 new riders in Puyallup alone. To help meet demand, three Sounder south line round trips will be added by 2017. Additional parking and congestion management will be required to meet this growing ridership. Similarly, additional bicycle and pedestrian amenities will expand non-motorized access to the station. The total budget for the project is \$55 million.

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