

I. GENERAL QUESTIONS

How many people take the train now?

Over 1,100 people a day ride a Sounder Train or Express Bus from the Puyallup Station.

How many train trips are there today?

There are 10 round trip trains today and it will increase to 13 trains in 2017.

Is the project fully funded?

Yes. Funding was approved for access improvements by voters during Sound Transit 2 in 2008.

Why does it take so long to complete this project?

In fall of 2014 Sound Transit began the preliminary design and environmental review phase of the project. This review phase a necessary step before a project can begin construction. After we complete this phase in 2016, we will move into final design.

Will Sound Transit add additional trains during the day and over the weekends?

Sound Transit will be adding three Sounder south line round trips by 2017. One of the additional roundtrip is expected to include midday hours. Since Sound Transit is a commuter train and shares the tracks with Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway and Amtrak, late evening and weekend train service is limited and only scheduled for special events.

II. PARKING

How many parking spaces are at the station today?

- Station South: 302
- Station North: 62
- Eagles: 68
- Total Parking: 432

How much parking is Sound Transit planning to add?

The current plan is to add about 600 spaces near the station.

How did you come up with the need for “up to 600 parking stalls?”

Sound Transit needs to provide capacity for increased Sounder ridership, which is expected to grow to a total of 1600 riders per day by 2035. The majority of both existing and future Sounder riders are expected to arrive at the station by automobile. With 600 additional riders expected to patronize the station, an additional 600 spaces are planned to accommodate this need.

Where will the new parking be located? Will Sound Transit own that land?

The new garage will be sited at 5th Street Southwest and 2nd Avenue Northwest and an adjacent surface lot will be located north of 3rd Avenue Northwest between 5th Street Northwest and 7th Street Northwest. Sound Transit plans to purchase land for both the garage and surface lot and relocate any affected businesses and/or organizations.

III. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Why can't Sound Transit build another station?

There are no plans for Sound Transit to build a new station in Puyallup. The community of Puyallup requested the location of the Puyallup Sounder station by its current location.

Where will the pedestrian bridges be placed?

The project team is considering installing two separate pedestrian bridges, one across the railroad tracks and the other across 5th Street Northwest.

How tall will the pedestrian bridge over the tracks be?

The bridge could be anywhere between 25 -35 feet tall (2-1/2 to 3-1/2 stories).

Will the bicycle facility be covered?

The project team has not begun designing bicycle facilities at this time, but will consider a sheltered area.

Will the handicap stalls remain in their current location?

Yes, we anticipate the current parking lot at the station to remain unchanged.

IV. IMPACTS TO THE COMMUNITY

By the time the garage is built, will there be enough spots to meet the future demand for parking?

The addition of 600 stalls would provide parking for the majority of the 1600 riders we expect to use the station in 2035. Currently there is parking for less than 40 percent of the riders. The project team will work to maximize the number of stalls within the new garage.

Will parking in the garage be free for users?

In general, parking is free at Sound Transit's parking facilities but that is subject to change. For instance, in 2014 Sound Transit conducted parking pilot programs that introduced paid parking/permitted parking in certain locations. Sound Transit's Board of Directors will make the final decision on any changes to the parking policies, including establishing a paid parking program.

How will the new garage benefit the community?

The new garage and surface parking will provide approximately 600 more parking spots and reduce the need for Sound Transit riders to park on city streets. The project team will consider the community's aesthetics and attempt to reduce visual and traffic-related impacts.

How will Sound Transit mitigate traffic after the garage is installed?

Sound Transit will continue to consider various traffic operation and capital improvements to address traffic impacts.