Participate online: April 1 – April 20, 2021

South Tacoma and Lakewood Stations Access Improvements

How will COVID-19 impact these projects?

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The COVID-19 recession has greatly reduced the revenues Sound Transit relies on to expand our regional transit system, while real estate and construction costs in our area continue to surge. Without alternative revenue sources, Sound Transit will not be able to deliver many voter-approved projects on their original timelines. Through a process called realignment, the Sound Transit Board of Directors is working to determine how plans and schedules for many projects, including South Tacoma and Lakewood Stations Access Improvements, will need to change to address these financial pressures. Learn more.

Welcome

Making it easier to take regional transit

Sound Transit is working to make regional transit more convenient for all. We want your input on how we can improve the experience of getting to Sounder trains and regional buses in South Tacoma and Lakewood.

Sounder South's weekday service connects Lakewood and Seattle, with seven stops along the way.

What are we planning?

Access improvement projects can mean investments in things like safer walking, rolling and bicycling connections between stations and their surrounding neighborhoods; better pickup and drop-off areas; additional station lighting and weather shelters; parking options and more.

We're currently in the early planning phase for both South Tacoma and Lakewood. In this phase, we develop and compare possible improvements to meet the projects' goals, as outlined below, in partnership with local agencies, organizations and community groups. After that, the Sound Transit Board will select a package of improvements to move forward to the next phase of planning, and we'll begin designing concepts and environmental review.

Types of access improvements

What's possible?

Planning better access for all could mean safer walking, rolling and bicycling routes near the stations, parking options and more.

Pedestrian improvements

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Near South Tacoma and Lakewood stations, such as:

- Installing or upgrading sidewalks.
- Improving crossings in accordance with the Americans with

Disabilities Act.
- Enhancing station and/or street lighting.
- Creating more direct connections between stations and the nearby communities.

Bike improvements

Near South Tacoma and Lakewood stations, such as:

- Constructing new or improving existing bicycle connections to the station (i.e., regular or protected bike lanes, bike greenways, trails).
- Adding wayfinding signage for cyclists.
- Creating additional or improving existing bicycle parking at stations.

Transit connections

Near South Tacoma and Lakewood stations, such as:

- Installing improved bus zones and shelters.
- Adding transit signal priority at select intersections.

Vehicle access

Within current station areas at both South Tacoma and Lakewood, such as:

- Improving pickup/drop-off locations.
- Improving traffic flow in to/out of stations through signal/signage changes.
- Adding or improving parking through options like new shared spots or renting additional lots nearby.

General station amenities

Within current station areas at both South Tacoma and Lakewood, such as:

- Adding lighting and ADA accessible curb ramps.
- Adding more seating.
- Additional wind/rain protections.

Goals and objectives

We'll use the following goals and objectives to evaluate potential improvements. Tell us if we're missing anything in the South Tacoma Station and Lakewood Station surveys.

Affordability

Ensure the package of improvements is consistent with

Environment

Minimize negative effects on the natural and the Sound Transit Financial Plan.

Access

Provide and improve connections between multiple transportation modes.

Objectives

- Improve connections for underserved communities.
- Address a substantial travel barrier (for example, sidewalk gaps or a missing connection to transit).
- Provide connections to community destinations (such as amenities, employment centers or dense housing areas).
- Maintain existing ridership and attract new riders.

Passenger experience

Enhance the experience of passengers at the station, with an emphasis on underserved communities.

Objective

- Improve comfort at the stations for people of all abilities (such as lighting, curb ramps and seating).

built environment.

Objectives

- Minimize negative impacts to underserved communities (such as housing or business displacement).
- Minimize negative impacts to the natural environment (such as impacts to wetlands, streams or other natural resources).
- Minimize negative impacts to the built environment (such as impacts to pedestrians).

Partnership

Enhance the overall connections between the station to the surrounding neighborhood in partnership with the city and stakeholders.

Objectives

- Stay consistent with existing zoning, plans and policies, as well as transit agencies' and local governments' goals.
- Support and benefit local communities and ensure neighborhood compatibility.

Share your thoughts

Learn more about the South Tacoma Station and Lakewood Station areas and share your ideas for how to make getting around these neighborhoods and connecting to buses and Sounder trains even easier.

South Tacoma Station

Comment on South Tacoma Station!

Lakewood Station

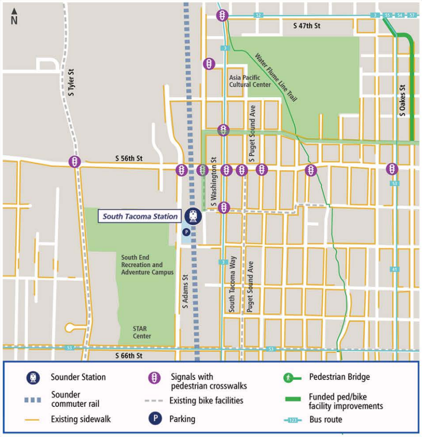
Comment on Lakewood Station!

South Tacoma Station Access Improvements

Help guide new investments in the South Tacoma Station area

Sound Transit is improving access to the South Tacoma Station for people who walk, roll, bike, drive or take transit. We're in the early planning phase, exploring many ways we can improve connections to South Tacoma Station, and we need your input! How can Sound Transit make it easier to get to regional transit in South Tacoma?

South Tacoma Station Area



Map of the area close to South Tacoma Station | Click to enlarge

South Tacoma Station today

Station:

- 220 parking spaces
- Bicycle lockers and racks
- Passenger pickup/drop-off area

Nearby:

- Two blocks from Pierce Transit Route 3, serving neighborhoods between Lakewood and downtown Tacoma
- Less than a mile from the STAR Center
- Quarter-mile from South Tacoma business district

We need your input

About Sounder service at South Tacoma Station

Weekdays:

Dependable, congestion-free service connecting South Tacoma to Seattle.

In the future:

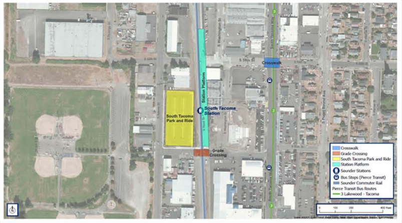
When sports and other public events can safely resume, Sounder special event trains are the best way to get there. Look for select service to weekend Mariners, Sounders FC and Seahawks games, and more.

Did you know?

7 weekday morning and evening trips

230 daily riders

70 minutes from South Tacoma → Seattle



Aerial view of South Tacoma Station | Click to enlarge

The first step to improving access to the South Tacoma Station is identifying types of improvements that support the community and are compatible with the neighborhood. What would make it easier for you to get to the station, or around the station area? Please help us by taking the survey below by April 20 to tell us about your priorities.

Comment on South Tacoma Station access 💬

Have you ever taken Sounder from South Tacoma Station?

○ Yes
○ No

Are there any additional goals we should consider as we identify and evaluate potential improvements?

What would make walking, riding or rolling in the neighborhood easier or safer for you?

Are there any challenges or observations you'd like to share about getting to and from this station, or about riding Sounder in general? Please be as specific as possible.

How do you expect your travel to change after COVID-19 restrictions are over?

○ I will go back to commuting as I did before COVID-19.

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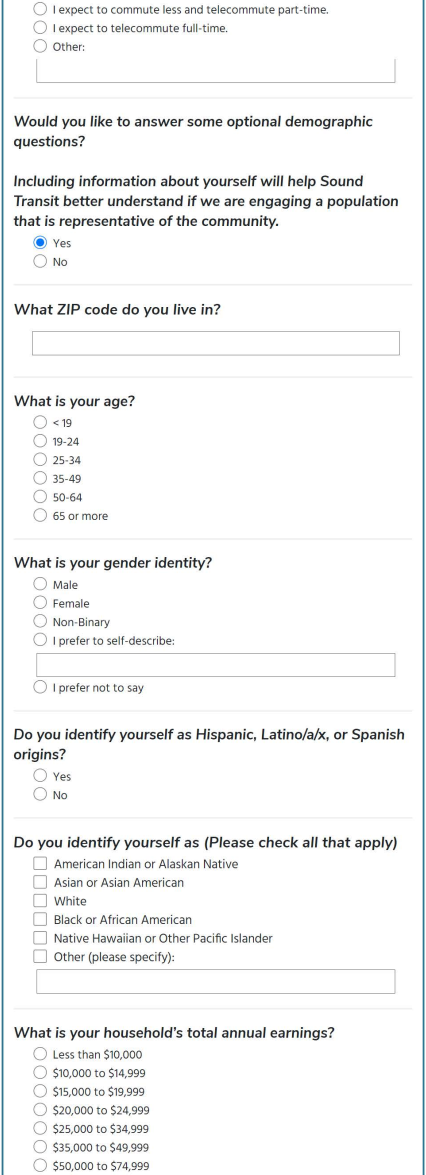

○ I expect to commute less and telecommute part-time.
○ I expect to telecommute full-time.
○ Other:

Would you like to answer some optional demographic questions?

Including information about yourself will help Sound Transit better understand if we are engaging a population that is representative of the community.

● Yes
○ No

What ZIP code do you live in?

What is your age?

○ < 19
○ 19-24
○ 25-34
○ 35-49
○ 50-64
○ 65 or more

What is your gender identity?

○ Male
○ Female
○ Non-Binary
○ I prefer to self-describe:
○ I prefer not to say

Do you identify yourself as Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origins?

○ Yes
○ No

Do you identify yourself as (Please check all that apply)

☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
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What is your household's total annual earnings?

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○ $35,000 to $49,999
○ $50,000 to $74,999

○ $75,000 to $99,999
○ $100,000 to $149,999
○ $150,000 to $199,999
○ $200,000 or more
○ I prefer not to say

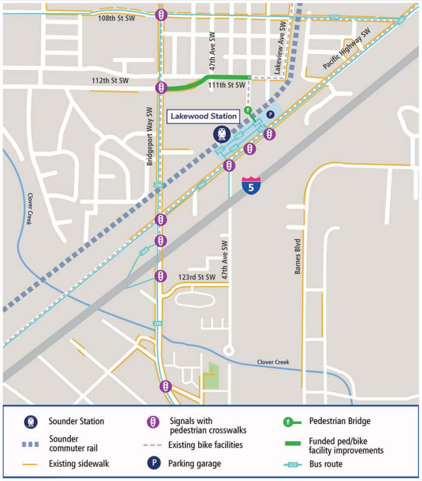
Submit

Lakewood Station Access Improvements

Help guide new investments in the Lakewood Station area

Sound Transit is improving access to Lakewood Station for people who walk, roll, bike, drive or take transit. We're in the early planning phase, exploring many ways we can improve connections to Lakewood Station, and we need your input! How can Sound Transit make it easier to get to regional transit in Lakewood?

Lakewood Station Area



Map of the area close to Lakewood Station | Click to enlarge

Lakewood Station today

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This station serves as a key regional transfer point, connecting travelers from South Pierce county with destinations to the north.

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Did you know?

7 weekday morning and evening trips

400 daily riders

75 minutes from Lakewood➔ Seattle

Station:

- 600 parking spaces
- Served by regional transit, including ST Express routes 580 (Puyallup - Lakewood), 592 (Dupont - Seattle) and 594 (Lakewood/Tacoma-Seattle), as well as Intercity Transit
- Bicycle lockers and racks
- Passenger pickup/drop-off area
- Nearby: Blocks from Pierce Transit Route 206, serving neighborhoods between Lakewood and Madigan Army Medical Center

Nearby projects:

- Learn about the Lakewood Station District Subarea Plan.
- 111th/112th Street SW Improvements: The City of Lakewood, with a funding contribution from Sound Transit, is constructing sidewalks, bicycle lanes, lighting, and other improvements on both sides of 112th Street SW and 111th Street SW between Bridgeport Way SW and Kendrick Street SW.

We need your input

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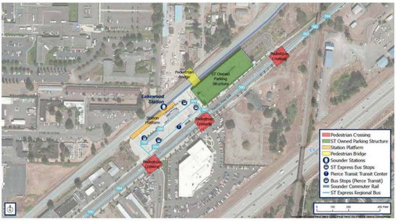

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Comment on Lakewood Station access

Have you ever taken transit from Lakewood Station?

☐ I've taken Sounder at the station
☐ I've taken ST Express buses at the station
☐ I've taken Intercity Transit buses at the station

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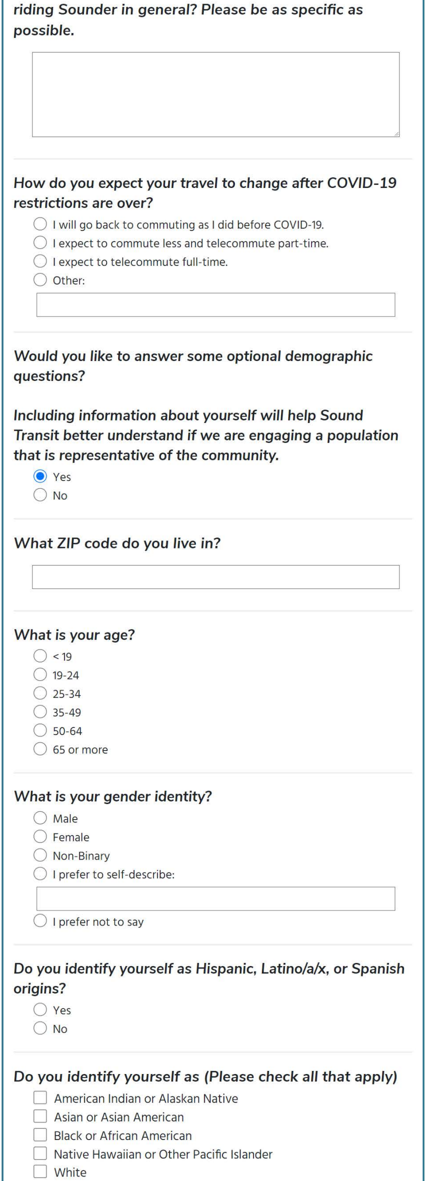

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Learn more

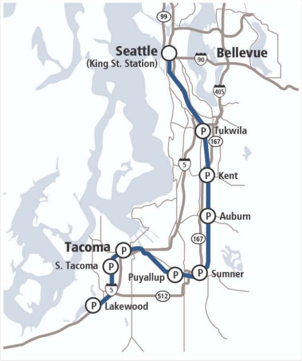
What comes next?

- We'll share what we heard from you in an outreach summary. Your input will help us identify and evaluate potential improvements.
- We expect to share a draft list of improvements for you to weigh in on later this year. Then the Sound Transit Board will choose some improvements for further study.

Our current timelines may change, however. The COVID-19 recession has greatly reduced the revenues Sound Transit relies on to expand our regional transit system, while real estate and construction costs in our area continue to surge.

- Through a process called realignment, the Board is working to determine how plans and schedules for many projects, including South Tacoma and Lakewood Stations Access Improvements, will need to change to address these financial pressures.
- The Sound Transit Board is expected to make decisions about realigning project schedules and plans in summer 2021. Stay tuned for a chance to weigh in on realignment this April. Learn more here.

About Sounder -



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Sounder South trains run between Lakewood and downtown Seattle during weekday commute hours, with seven stops along the way. When large-scale public events resume, Sounder will also reinstate its special service to select weekend sporting events, conventions and celebrations.

A smooth, comfy, Wi-Fi-enabled trip from Lakewood Station to Seattle's King Street Station takes about 75 minutes. The ride between South Tacoma and Seattle is about 70 minutes.

Lakewood to Seattle (northbound) schedule (weekdays)

Train	Lakewood	S. Tacoma	Tacoma Dome	Puyallup	Sumner	Auburn	Kent	Tukwila	Seattle
1500	4:36am	4:41am	4:50am	5:03am	5:08am	5:18am	5:25am	5:32am	5:52am
1502	5:01am	5:06am	5:15am	5:28am	5:33am	5:43am	5:50am	5:57am	6:17am
1504	5:26am	5:31am	5:40am	5:53am	5:58am	6:08am	6:15am	6:22am	6:42am
1506	5:46am	5:51am	6:00am	6:13am	6:18am	6:28am	6:35am	6:42am	7:02am
1508	6:06am	6:11am	6:20am	6:33am	6:38am	6:48am	6:55am	7:02am	7:22am
1510	6:26am	6:31am	6:40am	6:53am	6:58am	7:08am	7:15am	7:22am	7:42am
1512	6:46am	6:51am	7:00am	7:13am	7:18am	7:28am	7:35am	7:42am	8:02am
1516	:	:	7:50am	8:03am	8:08am	8:18am	8:25am	8:32am	8:52am
1524	:	:	5:15pm	5:27pm	5:32pm	5:42pm	5:49pm	5:56pm	6:16pm

Seattle to Lakewood (southbound) schedule (weekdays)

Train	Seattle	Tukwila	Kent	Auburn	Sumner	Puyallup	Tacoma Dome	S. Tacoma	Lakewood
1503	6:35am	6:48am	6:55am	7:02am	7:12am	7:17am	7:36am	:	:
1511	3:35pm	3:48pm	3:55pm	4:02pm	4:12pm	4:17pm	4:30pm	4:39pm	4:51pm
1513	3:55pm	4:08pm	4:15pm	4:22pm	4:32pm	4:37pm	4:57pm	:	:
1515	4:15pm	4:28pm	4:35pm	4:42pm	4:52pm	4:57pm	5:10pm	5:19pm	5:31pm
1517	4:35pm	4:48pm	4:55pm	5:02pm	5:12pm	5:17pm	5:30pm	5:39pm	5:51pm
1519	4:55pm	5:08pm	5:15pm	5:22pm	5:32pm	5:37pm	5:50pm	5:59pm	6:11pm
1521	5:20pm	5:33pm	5:40pm	5:47pm	5:57pm	6:02pm	6:15pm	6:24pm	6:36pm
1523	5:45pm	5:58pm	6:05pm	6:12pm	6:22pm	6:27pm	6:40pm	6:49pm	7:01pm
1525	6:30pm	6:43pm	6:50pm	6:57pm	7:07pm	7:12pm	7:25pm	7:34pm	7:46pm

Related links

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- Tacoma Dome Link Extension
- Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension
- Amtrak Cascades

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