



Kent Station

Parking and Access Improvements



Project overview

Sound Transit is working to improve access to the Kent Sounder station for drivers, pedestrians, transit riders and bicyclists.

The Sounder commuter train travels between Lakewood and downtown Seattle with 13 roundtrips each weekday, providing reliable and convenient connections to Kent and eight other stations along the route. Currently, the Kent parking garage fills up early every weekday.

In November of 2017 the Sound Transit Board identified a preferred package of access improvements for Kent Station, including a new parking garage at East James Street and Railroad Avenue North that will hold approximately 500 parking stalls, along with pedestrian, bicycle and transit improvements.

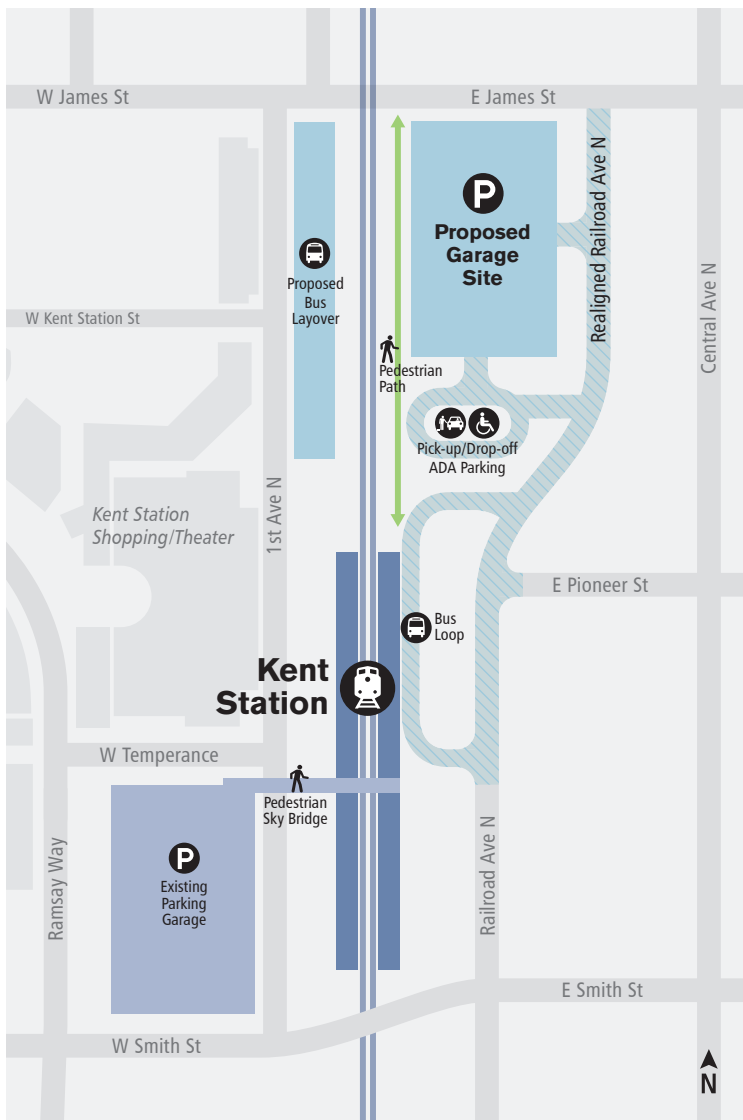
Benefits

- › Allows hundreds more people to conveniently access the Sounder train and enjoy a fast and reliable commute.
- › Improves access to special events like Seahawks, Sounders and Mariners games, through Sound Transit's special event service.
- › Improves pedestrian, bicycle and transit access and safety at the station.

Highlights

- › New garage with approximately 500 parking spaces
- › Improvements for:
 - bicyclists
 - pedestrians
 - transit riders

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Current activities

Sound Transit has completed conceptual design, including a new bus layover space on 1st Avenue North to support the expected growth in bus service to Kent Station. Under state law, Sound Transit analyzed potential environmental impacts and benefits of the project and issued a Determination of Nonsignificance in October 2019. Topics analyze include aesthetics, transportation, and construction impacts.

Learn more about the project:

soundtransit.org/kent-access-improvements.

Have specific questions?

Contact Community Outreach Specialist

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Sounder south capacity expansion

Sounder trains have provided reliable and traffic-free service for South King County and Pierce County residents for nearly 20 years. With funding approved by voters in 2016, Sound Transit is considering options to expand Sounder South capacity in the coming years so more people can ride Sounder. Improvements could include additional daily trips and station updates to accommodate longer trains and more riders. Sound Transit will release a draft plan for Sounder South Capacity Expansion in early 2020, and will implement the improvements on a rolling basis through 2036.

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PLANNING 2017–2020

- Nov 2017: Sound Transit Board identified preferred improvement package
- 2018/2019: Conceptual engineering and environmental review
- Fall 2019: Public comment
- Early 2020: Sound Transit Board selects project to build



DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION 2020–2023

- Hire a firm to design and build the project
- Acquire property and obtain permits
- Complete parking garage design
- Groundbreaking and construction updates

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The garage and other improvements are trending toward opening in 2024.

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