



Kent Station

Parking and Access Improvements



Highlights

- › Allows hundreds more people to conveniently access Sounder trains and buses, so they can enjoy a fast and reliable trip.
- › Improves pedestrian, bicycle and transit access and safety at the station.

About the project

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

The Sounder train travels between Lakewood and downtown Seattle each weekday, providing reliable and convenient connections to Kent and eight other stations along the route. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, Kent Station's parking quickly filled to capacity during the morning commute, and we expect the new garage will be well used in the years to come.

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, along with pedestrian, bicycle and transit improvements.

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Better pedestrian, bicycle, and bus access

- Better pedestrian crossing at Railroad Avenue N and W Smith Street.
- At Railroad Ave., between E Pioneer St. and E Smith St., we'll add a mid-block crossing to provide a convenient connection to the future RapidRide I line.
- Bus layover space for King County Metro.

Completed

- ✓ Added smart bicycle lockers (reservable by the hour) at the station.
- ✓ Awarded the City of Kent a grant for pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of 2nd Ave. N and W James St., including a high visibility crosswalk, raised median, flashing beacon, and ramps for accessibility. This work was completed in 2021.

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Current activities

In 2019, Sound Transit completed conceptual design as well as analysis of potential environmental impacts and benefits. We paused work on this project in 2020 due to financial uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and restarted in late 2021.

In spring 2022, we gathered input from the community about the garage visual design. We are now working to procure a contractor to complete the design and construct the project.

We expect construction to start as early as 2024, and the garage to open to the public in 2027.

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Questions?

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Project timeline



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