

# **Fall 2023 Engagement Summary**

### **Executive summary**

Sound Transit is collaborating with the City of Lakewood to build a better-connected network, so more people can walk, roll, bike, and take transit to Lakewood Station and other neighborhood destinations. After gauging interest on multiple proposals in the winter of 2022-2023, we hosted an online open house in the fall of 2023 to share updates and seek feedback on which improvements to prioritize. The online open house was open from Sept. 19 through Oct. 12 and drew over 475 visitors, including 14 visitors to our sites in Tagalog and Spanish.

Based on early cost estimates, we anticipate having enough money for all Priority 1 improvements, but we may not be able to build all Priority 2 improvements. The online open house asked for feedback on our proposed prioritization of the Priority 2 improvements. We received more than 20 survey responses, and two-thirds agreed with Sound Transit's proposed prioritization. In addition, over 75% preferred more improvements for walking, biking, or rolling over more parking. One theme from the comments was improving safety for bicyclists and youth walking to and from local schools near Lakewood Station, like Clover Park High School.

The online open house also highlighted two of the Priority 1 improvements, the 47th Avenue SW bridge and a shared use path from 115th Street Court SW to Lakewood Station.

We publicized the online open house by sending out mailers to area homes and businesses and providing posters to local businesses and residences.



Over **475 users** visited the online open house from Sept. 19, 2023 – Oct. 12



More than **20 people** completed the online survey



Engaged with over 130 people at 3 in-person events



Sent over **5,900 mailers** to recipients in the project area and distributed flyers to local businesses, organizations, and multifamily residences



Sent 2 project email updates to more than 1,700 recipients per blast



Published a project update in 2 City publications



Received over **31,000 impressions** and **173 clicks**on social media

Engagement by the numbers

We also sent emails to the project list and published stories in the City of Lakewood's quarterly newsletter (Lakewood Connections) and the City Manager's Bulletin. We also ran ads on social media.

Finally, we tabled at two community events and one pop-up event, where outreach staff had conversations with over 130 local community members speaking with over 130 people.

The feedback we collected will factor into working with the City of Lakewood as we finalize proposals and recommend priorities to the Sound Transit Board of Directors. In 2024, the Sound Transit Board will select a set of improvements to build. We expect to complete all improvements by 2030.

Jump to summary of feedback.

# Resumen ejecutivo

Sound Transit está colaborando con la ciudad de Lakewood para construir una red mejor conectada para que más personas puedan caminar, circular, andar en bicicleta y tomar el transporte público a la estación de Lakewood y otros destinos en el vecindario. Luego de evaluar el interés en diferentes propuestas en el invierno de 2022-2023, organizamos una jornada de puertas abiertas en línea en otoño de 2023 para compartir novedades y recibir comentarios sobre las medidas que se deben priorizar. La jornada de puertas abiertas en línea tuvo lugar del 19 de septiembre al 12 de octubre y atrajo a más de 475 visitantes, incluidos 14 visitantes a nuestros sitios en tagalo y español.

De acuerdo con las estimaciones de costos iniciales, anticipamos que tendremos suficiente dinero para realizar todas las mejoras de Prioridad 1, pero es posible que no podamos construir todas las mejoras de Prioridad 2. En la jornada de puertas abiertas en línea solicitamos comentarios sobre nuestra priorización de las mejoras de Prioridad 2 propuestas. Recibimos más de 20 respuestas a la encuesta, y dos tercios estuvieron de acuerdo con la priorización propuesta por Sound Transit. Además, más del 75% prefirió la realización de mejoras para caminar, andar en bicicleta o circular que la realización de más plazas de estacionamientos. Un tema de los comentarios fue mejorar la seguridad para los ciclistas y los jóvenes que caminan desde y hacia escuelas locales cerca de la estación Lakewood, como la Clover Park High School.

En la jornada de puertas abiertas en línea también se destacaron dos de las mejoras de Prioridad 1: el puente de 47th Avenue SW y el camino de uso compartido de 115th Street Court SW a la estación Lakewood.

Más de **475 usuarios** visitaron la jornada de puertas abiertas en línea del 19 de Sept. al 12 de Oct. de 2023

Más de **20 personas** completaron la encuesta en línea

Hablamos con más de 130 personas en 3 eventos en persona

Enviamos más de **5,900 correos** a destinatarios en el área del proyecto y distribuimos folletos a negocios, organizaciones y residencias multifamiliares locales

Enviamos 2 actualizaciones del proyecto por correo electrónico a más de 1,700 destinatarios

Publicamos una actualización del proyecto en 2 publicaciones de la ciudad

Recibimos más de 31,000 impresiones y 173 clics en redes sociales

Participación y compromiso en cifras

Para anunciar la jornada de puertas abiertas en línea, enviamos correspondencia a los hogares y negocios del área, y proporcionamos carteles a los negocios y residencias locales. También enviamos correos electrónicos a la lista de distribución del proyecto y publicamos artículos en el boletín trimestral de la ciudad de Lakewood (Lakewood Connections) y el Boletín del administrador de la ciudad.

También pusimos anuncios en las redes sociales. Por último, nos presentamos en dos eventos

comunitarios y en un evento móvil en los que hablamos con más de 130 personas.

Los comentarios que recabamos se tendrán en cuenta para trabajar con la ciudad de Lakewood a medida que terminemos las propuestas y recomendemos las prioridades a la Junta de Directores de Sound Transit. En 2024, la Junta de Sound Transit elegirá las mejoras que se construirán. Esperamos completar todas las mejoras para 2030.

# **Ehekutibong Buod**

Nakikipagtulungan ang Sound Transit sa Lungsod ng Lakewood para bumuo ng mas mahusay na konektadong network para mas maraming tao ang makapaglakad, makapamasyal, makapagbisikleta, at makasakay ng pampublikong transportasyon papunta sa Istasyon ng Lakewood at iba pang destinasyon sa komunidad. Pagkatapos sukatin ang interes sa maraming panukala sa taglamig ng 2022-2023, naghost kami ng online open house sa taglagas ng 2023 para ibahagi ang mga update at humingi ng feedback kung aling mga pagpapabuti ang uunahin. Bukas ang online open house mula Setyembre 19 hanggang Oktubre 12 at umani ng higit sa 475 bisita, kabilang ang 14 na bisita sa aming mga site na Tagalog at Espanyol.

Batay sa maagang mga pagtatantya ng gastos, inaasahan naming magkaroon ng sapat na pera para sa lahat ng pagpapabuting nasa Priyoridad 1, pero maaaring hindi namin magawa ang lahat ng pagpapabuting nasa Priyoridad 2. Humingi ng feedback ang online open house sa aming i minungkahing pagsasapriyoridad ng mga pagpapabuting nasa Priyoridad 2. Nakatanggap kami ng mahigit 20 tugon sa survey, at dalawang-katlo ang sumang-ayon sa iminungkahing pagsasapriyoridad ng Sound Transit. Bilang karagdagan, higit sa 75% ang may gusto sa mas maraming pagpapabuti para sa paglalakad, pagbibisikleta, o pamamasyal kaysa sa mas maraming paradahan. Isang tema mula sa mga komento ang pagpapabuti ng kaligtasan para sa mga siklista at kabataang naglalakad papunta o mula sa mga lokal na paaralan na malapit sa Istasyon ng Lakewood, tulad ng Clover Park High School.



Higit sa **475 user** ang bumisita sa online open house mula Setyembre 19, 2023 – Oktubre 12



Mahigit **20 katao** ang nakakompleto ng online na survey



Nakipag-ugnayan sa mahigit 130 katao sa 3 personal na kaganapan



Nagpadala ng mahigit **5,900 mailer** sa mga tatanggap sa lugar ng proyekto at namahagi ng mga flyer sa mga lokal na negosyo, organisasyon, at tirahang may maraming pamilya



Nagpadala ng 2 update sa email ng proyekto sa mahigit 1,700 tatanggap kada pasabog



Naglathala ng update sa proyekto sa 2 publikasyon ng Lungsod



Nakatanggap ng mahigit 31,000 impression at 173 pag-click sa social media

Pakikipag-ugnayan sa numero

Itinampok din ng online open house ang dalawa sa mga pagpapabuting nasa Priyoridad 1, ang tulay ng 47th Avenue SW at nakabahaging daanan mula sa 115th Street Court SW hanggang Istasyon ng Lakewood.

Isinapubliko namin ang online open house sa pamamagitan ng pagpapadala ng mga mailer sa lugar ng mga bahay at negosyo at pagbibigay ng mga poster sa mga lokal na negosyo at tirahan. Nagpadala rin kami ng mga email sa listahan ng proyekto at naglathala ng mga kwento sa newsletter kada quarter ng Lungsod ng Lakewood (Lakewood Connections) at sa Bulletin ng Manager ng Lungsod. Nagpatakbo rin kami ng mga ad sa social media. Panghuli, dumalo kami sa dalawang kaganapang pangkomunidad at isang pop-up na kaganapan at nakipag-usap sa higit 130 katao.

Magiging salik ang nakolekta naming feedback sa pakikipagtulungan sa Lungsod ng Lakewood habang tinatapos namin ang mga panukala at magrekomenda ng mga priyoridad sa Lupon ng Mga Direktor sa Sound Transit. Sa 2024, ang Sound Transit Board ay pipili ng hanay ng mga pagpapabuti na gagawin. Inaasahan naming makokompleto ang lahat ng pagpapabuti sa 2030.

# Summary of survey feedback

The online open house included our expected prioritization of the four Priority 2 improvements and asked people for their feedback.



A map of the Priority 1 and Priority 2 improvements proposed in Lakewood.

**Question 1:** Of the four Priority 2 improvements, we anticipate prioritizing them as follows, based on our criteria of benefiting underserved communities, addressing a major barrier to access, and being located close to Lakewood Station:

- 1. Springbrook neighborhood connections (Priority 2 portion)
- 2. Davisson Road SW connections
- 3. Clover Park High School connections
- 4. Surface parking

Do you agree or disagree with this prioritization? Why?

Respondents largely agreed with Sound Transit's prioritization, with over 66% (14 of 21 people) expressing approval.

- Several people commented that surface parking should not be prioritized, with some noting that the current parking garage at Lakewood Station is underutilized.
- Some expressed a desire for the Clover Park High School connections to be a higher priority, or that those improvements be combined with the Davisson Road SW connections as they are geographically close.

**Question 2:** Would you prefer building more parking at Lakewood Station or building more improvements for walking, biking, and rolling to the station (sidewalks, bike lanes, crossing signals, etc.)?

- a. I prefer more parking at Lakewood Station.
- b. I prefer more improvements for walking, biking, or rolling to the station.
- c. I have no preference.

Over 75% (16 of 21 people) of respondents preferred more improvements for walking, biking, or rolling to the station.

**Question 3:** Is there anything else you'd want us or the City of Lakewood to know as we continue planning these improvements?

Responses to this question ranged from concerns regarding the safety of youth going to school and the effect of proposed improvements on on-street parking for neighbors. Additionally, there was a desire for more Sounder trips.

See <u>Appendix A</u> for more information about the other engagement activities during this period and <u>Appendix B</u> for additional information about the online open house. See <u>Appendix C</u> for the complete survey results.

# **Engagement activities**

In addition to the online survey we also spoke with community members at three tabling events during the engagement period: the Lakewood Farmer's Market on Sept. 19, a Springbrook Connections Community Meal on Sept. 23, and a pop-up event at Lakewood Station on Oct. 4.

Feedback from the in-person events included the following:

- People were excited to hear about the proposed improvements near them, particularly residents of Springbrook.
  - People were glad to hear about the proposed sidewalk improvements on the 47th Avenue SW bridge to have a safer way to cross I-5 in the future (a Priority 1 improvement).
  - A few people expressed excitement about the Bridgeport Way and 115th connections (a Priority 1 improvement).

- One resident expressed excitement about the potential improvements along Chicago Avenue (part of the Springbrook Neighborhood Connections Priority 2 improvements).
- One resident requested that the sidewalks from the Kendrick Street SW connections (a Priority 1 improvement) be added only to the west side, citing concerns about on-street parking effects for them and their neighbors.
- One resident expressed a desire to see Clover Park High School prioritizes; in Sound Transit's proposed prioritization of Priority 2 improvements, it was listed third out of the four.

### **Next steps**

We are sharing this engagement summary on our project website and with the City of Lakewood. We'll take this community feedback into consideration as we finalize designs and prioritize upgrades.

In the next few months, we'll finalize the environmental review, which will be made available on the Sound Transit website. In 2024, the Sound Transit Board will select the "project to be built," which moves it forward to the next phase. From there, Sound Transit and the City of Lakewood will confirm agreements for final design and construction. We anticipate Lakewood will construct most of the improvements in the City's right-of-way (such as public roads) with Sound Transit constructing improvements such as the shared use path from the 115th Street Court SW cul-de-sac to the station, the reconfigured sidewalk on the 47th Avenue SW bridge, and improvements at the station itself.



The project timeline. We are nearing the completion of the planning phase.

In some areas the proposed changes will mean reclaiming space in the City's right-of-way currently being used for private use, such as informal on-street parking, business parking, or landscaping. The City will work with individual property owners during the next stage of design to resolve right-of-way usage. All improvements are set to be completed by 2030.

### To stay informed:

- Contact Melanie Mayock, Senior Engagement Specialist: <a href="melanie.mayock@soundtransit.org">melanie.mayock@soundtransit.org</a> or 206-689-4877
- Visit the project website for information or to sign up for project updates by email: <u>Lakewood</u>
   <u>Station Access Improvements</u>

# **Appendix A: Engagement activities**

We used an online open house (see <u>Appendix B</u>) as our main way to share information and gather feedback. However, we also provided opportunities for people to connect with the project team in person by tabling at community events.

### **Community events**

During the **Lakewood Farmers Market** on Sept. 19, we talked to almost 70 people about a variety of topics, including how to use transit, the Sounder schedule, and the Lakewood Station project.

On Sept. 23, we spoke with about 10 people at the **Springbrook Connections Community Meal**. We shared information and answered questions about planned improvements in the Springbrook neighborhood and around the station area and encouraged people to fill out the survey. King County Public Health staff were also there to help Springbrook residents sign up for ORCA Lift.

We held a pop-up **tabling event at Lakewood Station** on Oct. 4, interacting with about 60 people, all Sounder riders. We handed out information



It was a rainy day of tabling at the Springbrook Community Meal on Sept. 23.

about the project and encouraged people to participate in the online survey.

### **Notifications**

We used several notification tools to share information about the online open house and the opportunity to comment. We sent a mailer with text in English, Spanish, and Tagalog to over 5,900 residential and business addresses. We also sent two email updates to approximately 1,700 people on the project listsery, on Sept. 19 and Oct. 10.

We dropped off posters for display at more than 10 local businesses and community destinations, hung posters at Lakewood Station, and distributed flyers at six multifamily complexes near the proposed improvements. We ran an ad on Facebook from Sep. 21-27, which garnered 31,000 impressions and 173 clicks.

We also placed a story about the project in the Lakewood Connections fall newsletter, as well as in the City Manager's Bulletin on Oct. 6.



Front side of mailer promoting online open house sent to over 7,600 Lakewood addresses



#### Examples of proposed improvements

- New path at 115th St. Ct. SW to create faster connections to Lakewood Station from Bridgeport Way SW.
- Wider sidewalk on the 47th Avenue SW bridge for a more convenient trip to and from Lakewood Station from Springbrook

See project map next page →

#### Ejemplos de mejoras propuestas

- Nuevo camino en 115th St. Ct. SW para crear rutas peatonales más rápidas a la estación de Lakewood desde Bridgeport Way SW.
- Acera más ancha en el puente de 47 th Avenue SW para un trayecto más cómodo hacia la estación de Lakewood desde Springbrook

Vea el mapa del proyecto en la página siguiente →

#### Mga halimbawa ng mga iminumungkahing pagpapahusay

- Bagong daan sa 115th St. Ct. SW para mas mapabilis ang koneksyon ng mga pedestrian sa Lakewood Station mula sa Bridgeport Way SW.
- Pinalawak na sidewalk sa tulay sa 47th Avenue SW para sa pinadaling biyahe papunta at mula sa Lakewood Station mula sa Springbrook.

Tingnan ang mapa ng proyekto sa susunod na pahina →

#### Acerca del proyecto

Sound Transit planea la creación de una red mejor conectada, para que más personas puedan caminar, circular, andar en bicicleta o tomar el transporte público a la estación de Lakewood y otros destinos comunitarios. Esto puede incluir el reemplazo de aceras faltantes y rampas, añadir carriles para bicicletas, la remodelación de las paradas de autobús y más.

Ya sea que tome el tren o el autobús en la estación Lakewood, o que viva o trabaje en la zona, esto le afectará.

#### ¡Que rem os conocer su opinión!

Visite nuestra jornada de puertas abiertas en línea antes del 12 de octubre:

lakewoodstation-esp.participate.online

#### Visítenos en persona:

Sábado 23 de septiembre, de 3 a 5 p. m.: Visite nuestra mesa en el comedor comunitario de Springbrook Connections, Springbrook Park, 12601 Addison St SW, Lakewood, WA.

Miércoles 4 de octubre, de 4:30 a 7 p. m.: Visite nuestra mesa en la estación de Lakewood, 11424 Pacific Hwy SW, Lakewood, WA.



#### About the project

Sound Transit is planning a better-connected network, so more people can walk, roll, bike and take transit to Lakewood Station and community destinations. This could include filling in missing sidewalks and curb ramps, adding bike lanes, updating bus stops and more.

Whether you catch the train or bus at Lakewood Station, or live or work in the area, this affects you.

#### We want to hear from you!

Visit our online open house by Oct. 12: lakewoodstation.participate.online



#### Visit us in person

Saturday, Sept. 23, 3-5 p.m.: Visit our table at the Springbrook Connections Community Meal, Springbrook Park, 12601 Addison St SW, Lakewood, WA.

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 4:30-7 p.m.: Visit our table at Lakewood Station, 11424 Pacific Hwy SW., Lakewood, WA.

#### Tungkol sa proyekto

Ang Sound Transit sy may pin aplanong pin ahusay na network para mas maraming tao ang makapaglakad-lakad, makagamit ng roller blades, makapagbisikleta, at makasakay ng pampublikong transportasyon papunta sa Lakewood Station at sa mga destinasyon sa komunidad. Puwedeng kasama rito ang paglalagay ng kulang na sidewalk at curb ramp, pagdaragdag ng mga bike lane, pag-update sa mga bus stop, at higit pa.

Sumasakay ka man ng tren o bus sa Lakewood Station, o nakatira o nagtatrabaho ka man sa lugar, makakaapekto ito sa iyo.

#### Gusto naming malaman ang opinyon mo!

Bisitahin ang aming online na open house bago lumipas ang Oktubre 12:

lakewoodstation-ti.participate.online

#### Personal kaming bisitahin:

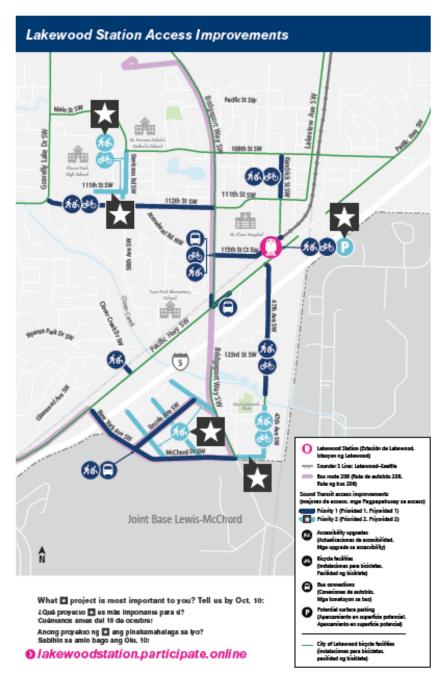
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Inside contents of mailer, providing improvement examples and ways for people to engage, including in-person events as well as the online open house.



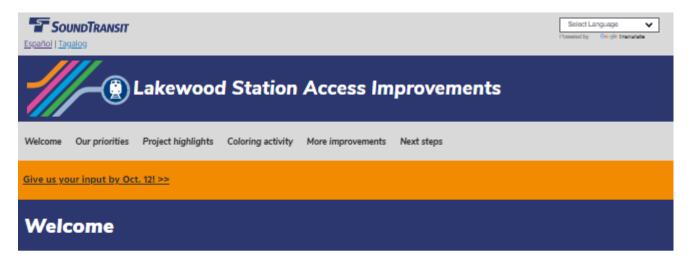
Inside contents of mailer, showing a map of the proposed improvements



Poster promoting online open house given to businesses and organizations within the project area and posted at Lakewood station. The same graphic was used for flyering at residences.

### **Appendix B: Online open house**

The online open house was launched from Sept. 19 to Oct. 12, 2023, to display potential improvements in walking, biking, rolling, and transit access around Lakewood Station. The website included a homepage, three project highlight stories, and a survey for feedback. A full <u>capture of the site</u> is on the project website, available in English, <u>Spanish</u>, and <u>Tagalog</u>.



Sound Transit is partnering with the City of Lakewood to make upgrades to streets around the Lakewood Station area. This would help more people walk, roll, bike and take transit to the station and other nearby community destinations. Whether you catch the train or bus at Lakewood Station, or live or work in the area, the upgrades will make navigating these areas safer and more accessible for everyone.

In fall of 2022, we released a set of potential street and sidewalk improvements. We expect to build most of the improvements, but the costs of design and construction may require Sound Transit to prioritize certain improvements over others. Read on and learn more, then give us your opinion on which improvements you'd like to see built!

The City of Lakewood is also conducting a review of the 2021 Station District Subarea Plan that governs land use in this part of Lakewood. <u>Find</u> <u>out more.</u>

#### Visit us in-person

Saturday, Sep. 23, 3-5 p.m.: Visit our table at the Springbrook Connections Community Meal, Springbrook Park, 12601 Addison St SW, Lakewood, WA.

Screenshot of the online open house home page



Sounder trains and regional buses give Lakewood residents a comfortable and congestion-free travel option to Tacoma, Seattle, and other destinations in between. We want more people to join us on the journey!

# **Appendix C: Survey responses**

	Count	Language
Total responses	21	21 English No responses in Spanish or Tagalog

- 1. Of the four Priority 2 improvements, we anticipate prioritizing them as follows, based on our criteria of benefiting underserved communities, addressing a major barrier to access, and being located close to Lakewood Station:
  - 1. Springbrook neighborhood connections (Priority 2 portion)
  - 2. Davisson Road SW connections
  - 3. Clover Park High School connections
  - 4. Surface parking

#### Do you agree or disagree with this prioritization? Why?

Value	Count	Percent
Agree	14	66.7%
Disagree	7	33.3%
Totals	21	100%

#### **Comments:**

- The more connections the more crime be there. Don't need more parking.
- Parking should always be last.
- I'd rank them: 1. Clover Park High School connections 2. Springbrook neighborhood connections (Priority 2 portion) 3. Davisson Road SW connections ... 100. Surface parking
- I think this order makes sense to better serve communities in connecting to the Lakewood station. A change that I would make is combining Davisson Road SW connections and Clover Park High School connections into a single phase/package because of how close these are to each other.
- Give use (the tax payers) back our money. Pierce County voted against Sound Transit.
- Cancel the parking. We don't need it. Buy bus service or service like Runner/Metro Flex.

- Davisson Rd for sure. Many kids walking to school and so many speeders which makes it dangerous for the kids.
- Building more parking is a step in a less useful direction. Adding safer and more frequent means of getting to the station would be a more long-term priority.
- I could not find access to offer my opinion on the frequency of the Sounder service in Lakewood on SounderSouth.Participate.Online as indicated in the Fall Lakewood connections article. I would definitely use the Sounder if it ran more frequently on weekends, evenings and midday! Traditional 9-5 commuters should not be transit's sole focus! Major metropolitan areas in this country have recognized for decades that public transit is not just for folks getting to work. Please consider bringing this resource to the masses so they can access shopping, healthcare, and entertainment in the wider Puget Sound region. If we increase Sounder runs, more surface parking is needed for the probable increase in transit users.
- Parking is definitely the least of our worries. The Lakewood station is so under utilized that the
  parking it has rarely even gets filled. I'd suggest instead of creating surface parking instead
  increase the height of or create another parking garage. That would prevent the excess usage
  of other land that parking always manages to take up. As an example of something that uses
  too much parking for no reason, grocery stores frequently have excess parking. As well as that
  being an eyesore for the community.
- Drop the parking expansion until ridership has recovered up to 75% of pre-covid ridership.
- Parking should be first!

# 2. Would you prefer building more parking at Lakewood Station or building more improvements for walking, biking or rolling to the station (sidewalks, bike lanes, crossing signals, etc.)?

Value	Count	Percent
I prefer more parking at Lakewood Station.	3	14.3%
I prefer more improvements for walking, biking or rolling to the station.	16	76.2%
I have no preference.	2	9.5%
Totals	21	100%

# 3. Is there anything you'd want us or the City of Lakewood to know as we continue planning these improvements?

There were 13 responses to this question.

- 1. More security. More lights around the waiting areas for bus, train car pool.
- 2. Continuing to ensure that parking and cars are always at the bottom of the prioritization list is the best way to meet our climate and equity goals.

- 3. I would like to learn about what other areas north of Lakewood Station can be considered for priority 2, or after, improvements.
- 4. The Sounder doesn't run frequently enough throughout the day.
- 5. Terrible survey by a terrible organization.
- 6. No more parking ever.
- 7. The high school and middle schoolers that walk and catch the buses on Davisson have been in danger for years especially as the DST changes for winter. They are out there in the dark.
- 8. During peak commuting times whenever I-5 is busiest adding a set of smaller circulating busses that run out to Lakewood neighborhoods and back to the Station would be a good idea. You have to get the frequency of timely access to "getting moving" in some way to about 10-15 minutes. This wait time (10-15 minutes) is pretty standard across successful transit systems, as you know.
- 9. Sidewalks for the children safety
- 10. 115th street connection should help but if there is some parking there
- 11. Please, please, please, do more than make painted bike lanes. Add something that at least deters drivers from veering into or parking in bike lanes. Planters, spare barriers, orange dividers, small concrete curbs along the length of the bike lane. Anything other than JUST a painted line.
- 12. Despite the ill-informed perceptions among City Council members about people riding bikes and walking to transit there are a ton of airport workers that use Sound Transit to get to the airport and rely on the service. Also people take their bikes on the Sounder so they can bike around Tacoma or Seattle.
- 13. We have family and friends who are long-time Lakewood residence living on Kendrick Street between 111th and 108th. The impact on these folks' properties and lives from what you propose will be difficult. The properties on the east side of Kendrick will lose parking, especially the lower income brick apartments and the house on the corner of 109th and Kendrick, fencing and landscaping. The properties on the west side have wide margins and would have very limited impact. The City is already planning on updating 47th Ave (next block west of Kendrick) which is a direct route to 100th Street whereas Kendrick dead ends after 4 blocks. We are suggesting having sidewalks installed on the west side to minimize the disruption of the east side properties along with saving the project some funds. We would also like you to consider moving the Kendrick project to Priority 2 to help keep the disruption delayed to our 90 year old parents, plus it would save the project money by waiting for the 60 unit townhouse development on the church lot to improve that block with sidewalks. Thank you for your consideration.