



# Edmonds and Mukilteo Stations

## Parking and Access Improvements

### Executive Summary

As part of the voter approved Sound Transit 3 funding package in 2016, Sound Transit identified \$40 million in funding to improve parking and access at Edmonds and Mukilteo Stations. Because the Sound Transit 3 package was not specific about what parking or access improvements to implement, this Phase 1 work was initiated to:



**Define the goals and intended outcomes of the parking and access improvements**



**Develop a methodology to identify potential parking and access improvements**



**Develop a public engagement and technical stakeholder review process**



**Create a method to evaluate, screen, and prioritize parking and access improvements**

Ultimately, parking and access improvements were identified, screened, presented for public review, and prioritized for both Edmonds and Mukilteo Stations. This Phase 1 report focuses on the parking and access improvements at Mukilteo Station and there is a similar report for Edmonds. The top-rated parking and access projects for Mukilteo Station are listed in **Table ES-1** and are summarized on **Figure ES-1**.



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**Table ES-1 Mukilteo Station improvements recommended for further study**

Map ID	Project Description	Recommendation Notes
3	<b>Commuter parking lot near Diamond Knot Brewing</b> Sound Transit would work with the City of Mukilteo to lease 100 parking spaces owned by the City near the Diamond Knot Brewing Company located southwest of the intersection of SR 525 and Front Street. Parking spaces are located across the street from Lighthouse Park, and about a quarter-mile walk from the station entrance. This project would also include parking lot resurfacing, lighting, and access improvements. The parking facility could be used by non-transit riders during periods when Sounder trains are not running (evenings or weekends).	This improvement leverages existing community assets and benefits a high number of potential riders.
4	<b>City of Mukilteo parking lot adjacent to the station</b> Sound Transit would work with a property owner to lease 60-150 parking spaces at a potential new parking facility that may be built by a developer on land where the existing ferry holding lanes are located. If the parking facility is built, and if Sound Transit and the developer can successfully negotiate a lease agreement, the parking facility could be used by non-transit riders during periods when Sounder trains are not running (evenings or weekends).	This improvement is in a good location and leverages new parking resources that may be built by the private sector.
6	<b>Parking improvements near Mukilteo Station</b> Sound Transit would partner with the City of Mukilteo to allow Sounder riders to park in the on-street spaces near the station. This improvement may require new parking meters to allow for different time limits during different times of the day/days of the week. This improvement would result in 20-30 parking spaces depending on how many on-street spaces are available to Sounder riders. The parking facility could be used by non-transit riders during periods when Sounder trains are not running (evenings or weekends).	This improvement is in a good location and leverages existing parking resources near the station that are generally lightly utilized when Sounder trains are running.
10	<b>On-demand bicycle lockers</b> This improvement would install on-demand secure bicycle lockers at Mukilteo Station to increase the availability of secure bicycle parking.	This improvement leverages existing community assets and builds a permanent community asset.

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13	<b>2nd Street streetscape improvements</b> This improvement would construct sidewalks with planting strips on 2nd Street from SR 525 to Loveland Avenue to meet the City's current sidewalk standard as defined in the City's Downtown Business District Subarea Plan and improve access from Old Town Mukilteo to the station.	This improvement builds a permanent community asset and reflects broad public input. In addition, it fits within existing City of Mukilteo plans.
15	<b>SR 525 sidewalk between 2nd Street and 3rd Street</b> This improvement would construct a missing segment of sidewalk along Mukilteo Speedway between 2nd and 3rd streets in Old Town, making pedestrian access to Mukilteo Station more direct. This improvement may also include the completion of pedestrian landing areas on either side of the SR 525 bridge over the BNSF/ Sounder tracks if they are not able to be implemented by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) as part of the SR 525 sidewalk widening project.	This improvement builds a permanent community asset and reflects broad public input. In addition, it fits within existing City of Mukilteo plans and leverages improvements being made by WSDOT.
18	<b>Old Town bus stop</b> This improvement would construct new bus stops in Old Town along Mukilteo Speedway between 2nd and 5th Streets to improve access between Old Town, Lighthouse Park, and Mukilteo Station once the new ferry terminal opens.	This improvement leverages existing community assets and benefits a high number of potential riders.
19	<b>Remote parking at Rosehill Community Center parking lot</b> Sound Transit would partner with the City of Mukilteo to lease parking at the Rosehill Community Center (or on-street along 3rd Street). Between 30 and 50 spaces could be provided depending on how much parking is available to lease. The parking facility could be used by non-transit riders during periods when Sounder trains are not running (evenings or weekends).	This improvement leverages existing parking assets.
21	<b>Adaptive Signal Control system at 5th Street and SR 525</b> This improvement would install new traffic signal controllers at the Mukilteo Speedway and 5th Street intersection. This improvement would reduce delays for transit and other vehicles through this intersection by automatically adjusting traffic signal timing to adapt to changing traffic conditions.	This improvement benefits a high number of potential riders who either park or drop off passengers at the station.

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22	<b>5th Street bicycle and pedestrian improvements</b> This improvement would enhance 5th Street from Lincoln Avenue to the eastern city limits by adding a bike lane and shared-use path. This improvement may also include additions to Lincoln Avenue to enhance bike connections to the station, such as wayfinding signage.	This improvement builds a permanent community asset and reflects broad public input. In addition, it fits within existing City of Mukilteo plans.
25	<b>SR 525 bicycle improvements (5th Street to 76th Street SW)</b> This improvement would construct a buffered southbound bicycle lane along SR 525 from 5th Street to 76th Street SW. Due to constraints along SR 525 between 5th Street and Park Avenue, alternative facilities would be constructed Downtown, including: safety improvements at 5th Street / Lincoln Avenue, neighborhood greenway improvements on Lincoln Avenue from 5th Street to 3rd Street, and widening the sidewalk in Totem Park to connect to 2nd Street.	This improvement builds a permanent community asset and connects Mukilteo Station to the large residential area to the south.
29	<b>Pick-up/drop-off enhancements</b> Washington State Ferries (WSF) is currently reconstructing the Mukilteo Ferry terminal. As part of their project, WSF is building a new pick-up/drop-off area for Mukilteo Station. For this improvement, Sound Transit would evaluate the operations of this new pick-up/drop-off area and identify any additional pick-up/drop-off areas that may be feasible near the station and potentially improve circulation for Sounder passengers.	This improvement has a low cost per potential rider to implement and leverages a new asset being built by WSF.
107	<b>Bus transfer timing improvements (not mapped)</b> Sound Transit will work with Community Transit (CT) and Everett Transit (ET) to evaluate how well the schedules for Sounder and CT and ET buses align at Mukilteo Station. The ferry schedule will also be considered since many Sounder riders use the ferry for access at Mukilteo. The agencies will look for ways to modify bus and/or train schedules to optimize transfers between the transit modes. Implementation of improvements is expected in conjunction with the opening of the new WSF ferry terminal in 2020.	This improvement provides access improvements to a high number of potential riders and benefits existing riders who arrive via bus, leverages existing transit services, and has a very low cost per potential rider.

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### Mukilteo Improvements Recommended for Further Study



Figure ES-1 Improvements Recommended for Further Study

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## Next Steps

The next step for this project is to advance the above list of parking and access improvements to a Phase 2 analysis. Phase 2 will include more detailed engineering and design to further refine the above listed improvements as appropriate. A refined set of parking and access improvements will then undergo environmental review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). In addition, Phase 2 will more clearly identify project implementation responsibilities in terms of whether Sound Transit or partner agencies would construct the specific improvements and more specific timelines for implementation. Following completion of environmental review, the Sound Transit Board may select the final list of parking and access improvements to be built at the station. Given the impacts to agency revenues stemming from the COVID-19 outbreak, the Sound Transit Board is undertaking a review of all capital projects and will provide further guidance in 2021.



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