

# **Edmonds and Mukilteo Stations**

Parking and Access Improvements

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# Mukilteo Station improvements recommended for further study



#### Map Key

- 1. Lighthouse Park parking lot
- 2. City of Mukilteo parking lot adjacent to station
- 3. Parking improvements near Mukilteo Station Church
- 4. Remote parking at Rosehill Community Center parking lot
- 5. 2nd Street streetscape Improvements
- 6. SR 1525 sidewalk between 2nd and 3rd Street

- 7. 5th Street bicycle and pedestrian improvements
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- 9. Old Town bus stops
- 10. Adaptive Signal Control system at 5th St and SR 525
- 11. Pick-up/Drop-off Enhancements
- 12. On-demand secure bike lockers
- 13. Bus transfer timing improvements (not mapped)



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#### 1. City of Mukilteo commuter parking lot

Explore options for using the City of Mukilteo commuter parking lot near Lighthouse Park for Sounder rider use. The parking facility could be used by non-transit riders during periods when Sounder trains are not running (evenings and weekends). This improvement would resurface the parking lot and could include a new all-weather path between the parking lot and the Sounder station under the State Route 525 bridge over the BNSF railroad tracks to provide a more direct connection between Sounder and the parking area. (Additional study is required to determine if there is adequate right-of-way and clearance under the bridge). This improvement could provide up to 100 parking spaces.

#### 2. City of Mukilteo parking lot adjacent to Mukilteo Station

Partner with the City of Mukilteo to allow Sounder riders to park in the on-street spaces near the station. This project would require new parking meters to allow for different time limits during different times of the day/days of the week. This project 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 and weekends).

#### 3. Parking improvements near Mukilteo Station

Sound Transit would work with property owners near the station to potentially lease 60-150 parking spaces at a proposed privately funded parking structure where the current ferry holding lanes are located. The parking facility could be used by non-transit riders during periods when Sounder trains are not running (evenings and weekends).

#### 4. Remote parking at Rosehill Community Center parking lot

Explore options for Sounder rider 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 and weekends). Sounder riders would walk to the station via State Route 525 or connect via bus.

#### 5. 2nd Street streetscape improvements

Construct sidewalks with planting strips on 2nd Street from SR 525 to Loveland Avenue to fill sidewalk gaps and meet the city's current street frontage standard as defined in the Downtown Business District Subarea Plan. The project would also include lighting, landscaping and pedestrian amenities like seating. No additional right-of-way is required and there would be no impacts to on-street parking.

#### 6. SR 525 sidewalk between 2nd Street and 3rd Street

Construct a missing segment of sidewalk along Mukilteo Speedway between 2nd and 3rd streets in Old Town, creating more direct pedestrian access to the Sounder station. This project could also include construction of pedestrian areas at the ends of the BNSF bridge if the Washington State Ferries project is not able to include these improvements as part of their sidewalk widening project across the bridge.

#### 7. 5th Street bicycle and pedestrian improvements

Improve 5th Street from Lincoln Avenue to the eastern city limits by adding a bike lane and shared-use path. This improvement would provide a safer and more convenient pedestrian and bicycle connection between Old Town and western Everett to the Mukilteo Sounder station. Currently 5th Street does not have any pedestrian or bicycle facilities. This facility would connect to existing bike lanes along Mukilteo Boulevard in the City of Everett.

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#### 8. SR 525 bicycle improvements (5th Street to 76th Street SW)

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, we would construct alternative facilities 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.

#### 9. Old Town bus stops

Construct new bus stops in Old Town along Mukilteo Speedway between 2nd and 5th streets to improve access between Old Town, Lighthouse Park and the Sounder station once the new ferry terminal opens. (Once the ferry terminal opens, the existing bus stop next to Diamond Knot Brewing Company will close, and the buses will instead stop right outside the Sounder station on their way to the new bus transit center at the ferry terminal.) Additional study will identify the best location for the bus stops, considering the need to cross the Speedway.

#### 10. Adaptive Signal Control system at 5th Street and SR 525

Install new traffic signal controllers at the Mukilteo Speedway and 5th Street intersection. This would reduce delays for transit and other vehicles through this intersection by automatically adjusting traffic signal timing to adapt to changing traffic conditions.

#### 11. Pick-up/drop-off enhancements

Evaluate the operations of the new pick-up/drop-off area for Mukilteo Station, currently under construction as part of the Washington State Ferries project to reconstruct the Mukilteo Ferry terminal. Identify any additional pick-up/drop-off options and vehicle circulation enhancements needed and feasible near the station.

#### 12. On-demand bicycle lockers

Install on-demand electronic bicycle lockers at Mukilteo Station to increase the availability of secure bicycle parking.

#### 13. Bus transfer timing improvements (not mapped)

Sound Transit will work with Community Transit and Everett Transit to evaluate how well the schedules for Sounder and Community Transit and Everett Transit buses align at Mukilteo Station. We'll also consider the ferry schedule, 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. We would expect to implement the improvements in conjunction with the new ferry terminal opening in late 2020.

#### **Next steps**

We expect the Sound Transit Board to take action at its April 2020 meeting to advance the potential improvements to the next phase of study, which includes conceptual design and environmental review. We won't necessarily implement all 13 potential Mukilteo improvements; we may eliminate some due to cost or other factors as we learn more. We'll have updates for the community and opportunities for public input during this next phase of work.

After we complete conceptual design and environmental review, the Sound Transit Board will select the specific improvements to be completed for each station; we expect this action in the first half of 2021.