

Welcome!

Sound Transit is improving access to Kent Station for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and bus riders, including construction of a new garage.

This open house provides an early look at:

- › Garage layout and access
- › Potential pedestrian, bicycle and transit improvements

Kent Station, which opened in 2000, has become a **transit hub** for local residents and workers.

- › 13 roundtrip Sounder trains stop here each weekday, plus special event service; over 2,000 people board Sounder trains from Kent Station each weekday
- › More than 15 bus routes stop here
- › The current garage has 877 parking spaces, and fills to capacity each weekday morning
 - Carpool parking permits are available now
 - Solo parking permits are expected to be available in 2019



WHO IS SOUND TRANSIT?

We plan, build and operate regional transit systems and services to improve mobility in urban areas of King, Pierce and Snohomish counties.



Sounder commuter rail

Our Sounder trains travel between Lakewood and Seattle (making stops in South Tacoma, Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner, Auburn, Kent and Tukwila) and between Everett and Seattle (making stops in Mukilteo and Edmonds). Sounder regularly runs weekday mornings and afternoons with weekend service for special events.



ST Express bus

ST Express bus routes serve urban centers in Pierce, King and Snohomish counties with fast service between major cities and job centers. ST Express service offers easy transfers to train service and local buses, and operates seven days a week for many routes.



Link light rail

Currently, Link light rail runs from Angle Lake and Sea-Tac Airport through downtown Seattle and to the University of Washington. Construction is underway to extend service to Northgate in 2021, to Bellevue and east King County in 2023. By 2024, service will further extend to Federal Way, Lynnwood and downtown Redmond. Link light rail runs seven days a week with trains running every 6, 10 or 15 minutes depending on the time of day.



Tacoma Link

The existing 1.6-mile light rail line currently serves six stations between the Theater District and the Tacoma Dome. Trains run every 12 minutes and provide nearly a million rides per year. Sound Transit is extending this route north to the Hilltop District, adding six stations. This extension is targeted to open for service in 2022. Tacoma Link will further extend to Tacoma Community College in 2039.

Sound Transit Board

Sound Transit is governed by an 18-member board made up of local elected officials and the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation. The board establishes policies and gives direction and oversight.

Funding

The system plan is paid for with a combination of voter-approved local taxes, federal grants, farebox revenues, borrowed funds and interest revenues.

SYSTEM EXPANSION

Sound Transit is:

- › Building a 116-mile network extending regional light rail from Tacoma to Everett and from densely developed Seattle neighborhoods to Redmond and Issaquah
- › Extending Tacoma Link
- › Establishing Bus Rapid Transit to the north, east and south of Lake Washington.
- › Expanding Sounder south line capacity and service, adding two new stations.
- › Improving access and expanding parking at Sounder stations.

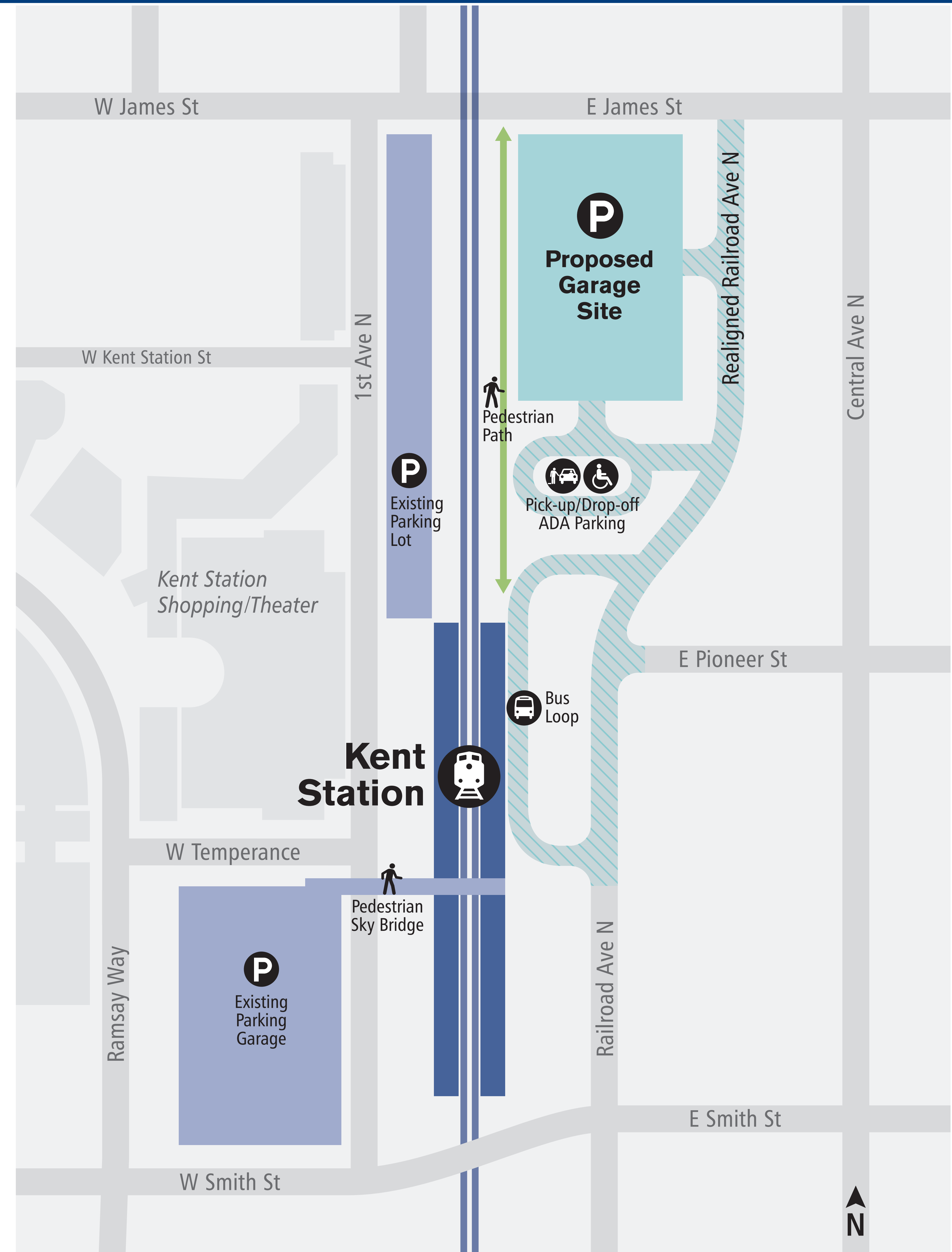


Link Light Rail	Sounder Commuter Rail	Bus
Future service:	Future service:	Future service:
Everett–Seattle–West Seattle	DuPont–Lakewood	Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
Redmond–Seattle–Mariner		
Ballard–Seattle–Tacoma	In service:	In service:
Issaquah–Bellevue–South Kirkland	North Line (Everett–Seattle)	ST Express bus (service re-evaluated annually)
Tacoma Dome–Tacoma Community College	South Line (Lakewood–Seattle)	
In service:		
Univ. of Washington–Angle Lake	○ New station or bus facility	○ Existing station or bus facility
Tacoma Dome–Theater District	P Added parking	P Existing parking
	⊕ Station improvements	○ Provisional light rail station
	∞ Major transfer hub	

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Sound Transit is planning a new garage and other improvements so more people can conveniently access the Sounder train and local bus service.

- In November 2017, the Sound Transit Board identified the site at East James Street and Railroad Avenue North as the preferred site for a new parking garage with approximately 530 spaces (about 460 net new spaces)
- Walking, bicycling and bus transit are important ways for Sounder and bus riders to get to the Kent Station, and we are evaluating a range of potential improvements, including improved pedestrian crossings, better bus shelters and new bicycle lockers

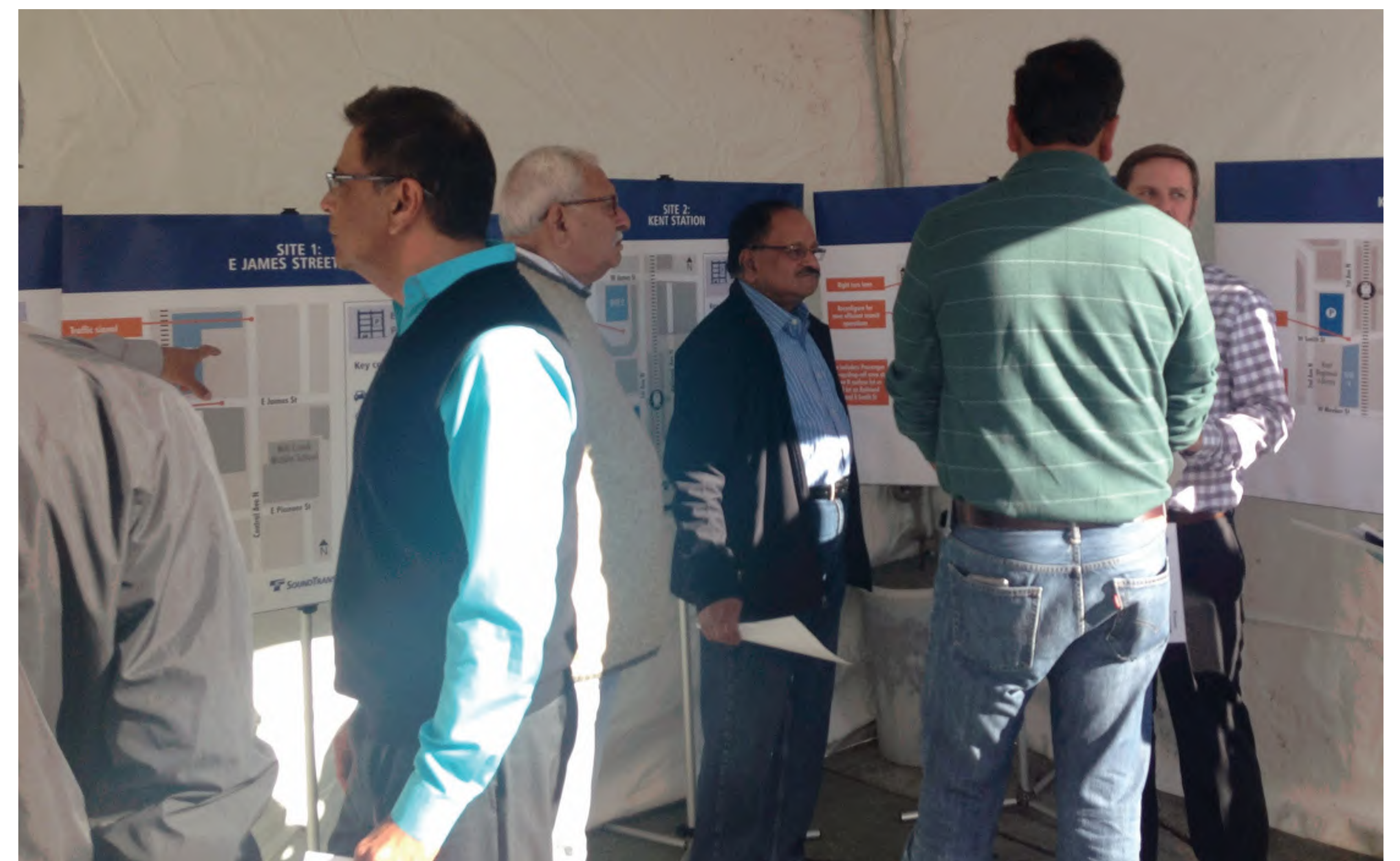


PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT TO DATE

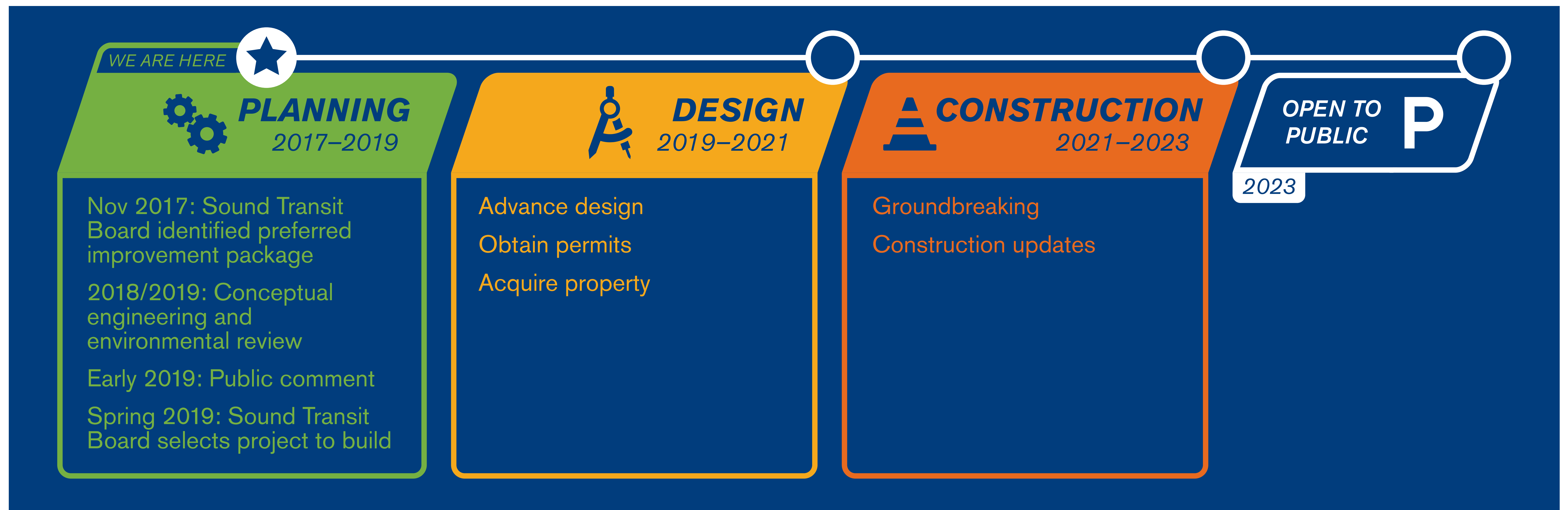
In 2017 Sound Transit worked closely with the City of Kent and collected community feedback to help identify a site for a new parking garage and other improvements.

- Two open houses were held, with over 170 participants
- A stakeholder group met four times and provided input
- The Kent City Council recommended the garage site at East James Street and Railroad Avenue North

Criteria to identify a garage site included: improving access to transit, promoting a sustainable environment, feasibility, and supporting regional and community goals.



SCHEDULE

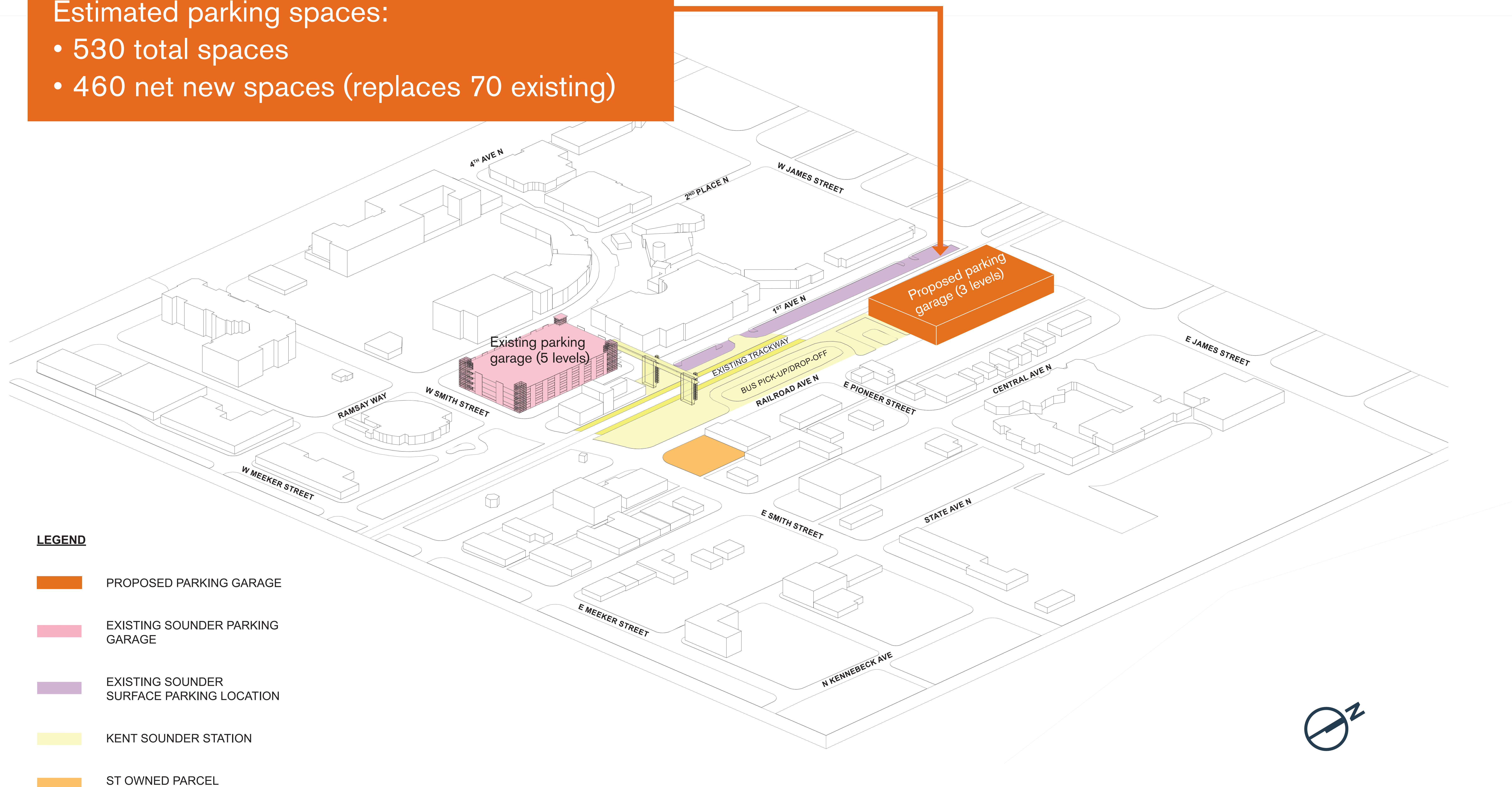


EARLY GARAGE CONCEPT

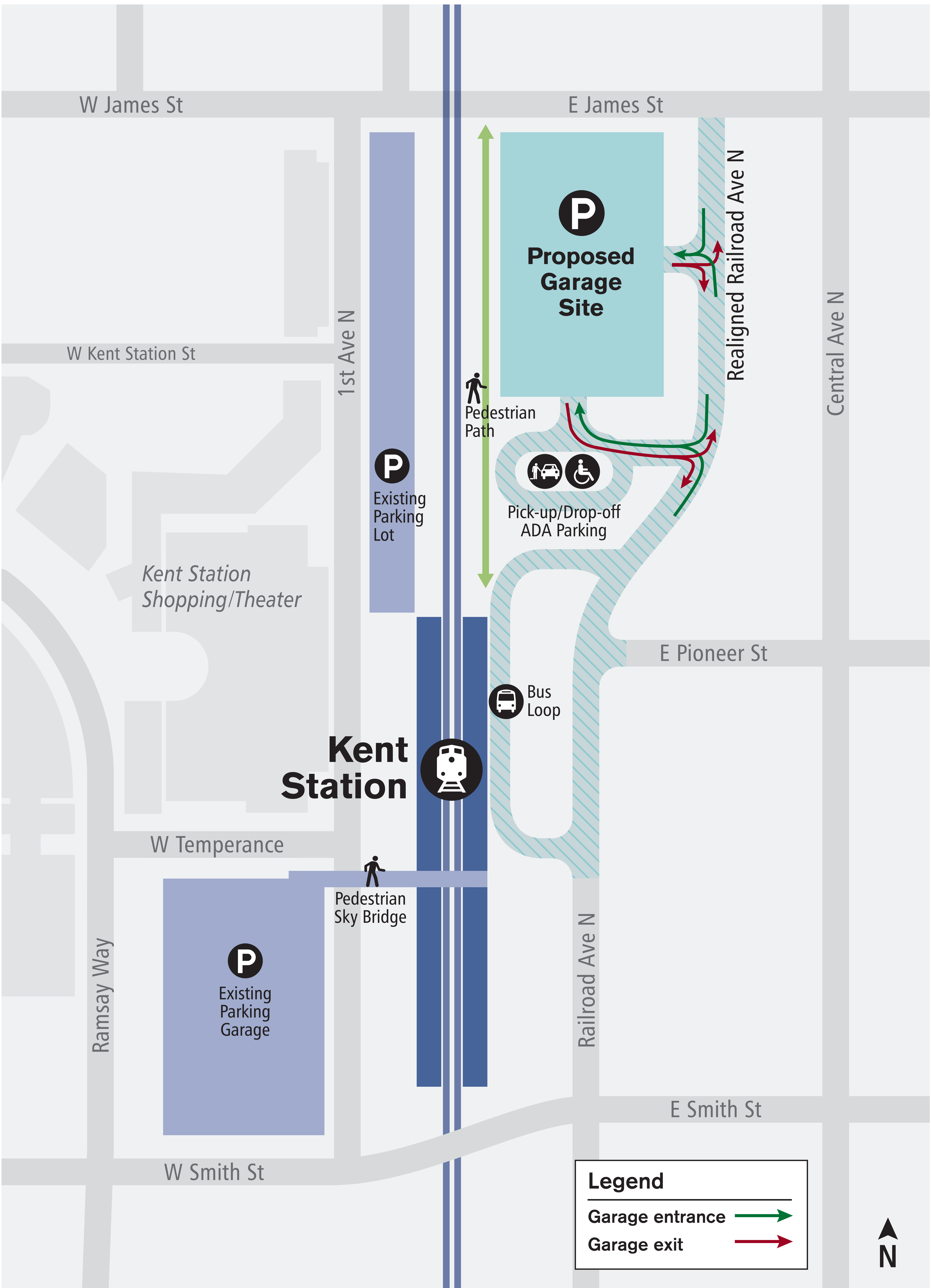
Garage entrances: 2 off realigned
Railroad Ave North (south and east of garage)

Estimated parking spaces:

- 530 total spaces
- 460 net new spaces (replaces 70 existing)



ACCESSING THE GARAGE

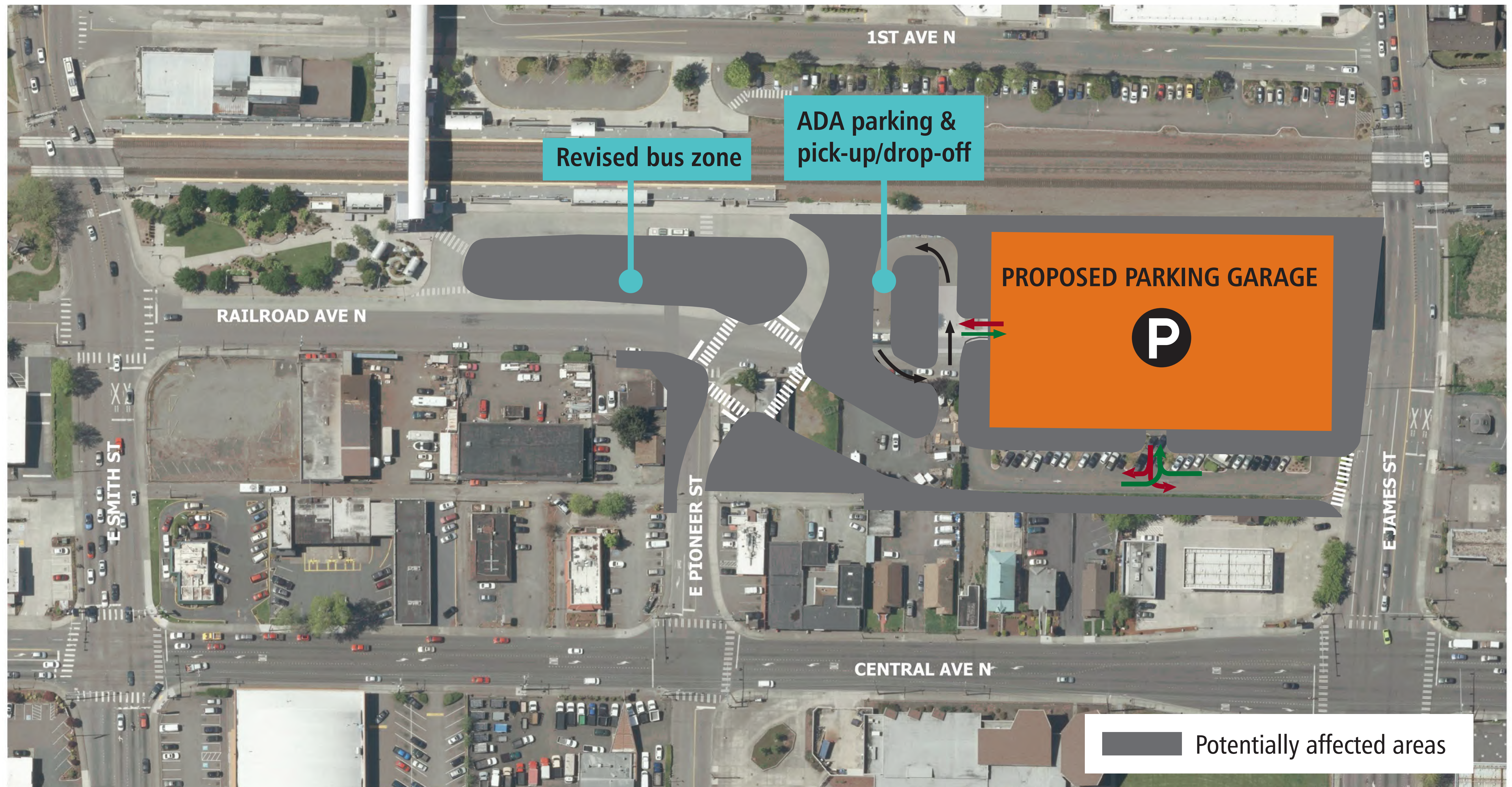


Representative concept, subject to change.

REALIGNING RAILROAD AVENUE NORTH

Sound Transit has worked closely with the City of Kent and King County Metro to propose changes to Railroad Avenue North. This includes:

- Moving Railroad Avenue North east of the new garage
- Changes to bus bays and space for bus layover
- Changes to the pick-up and drop-off location and ADA accessible parking area

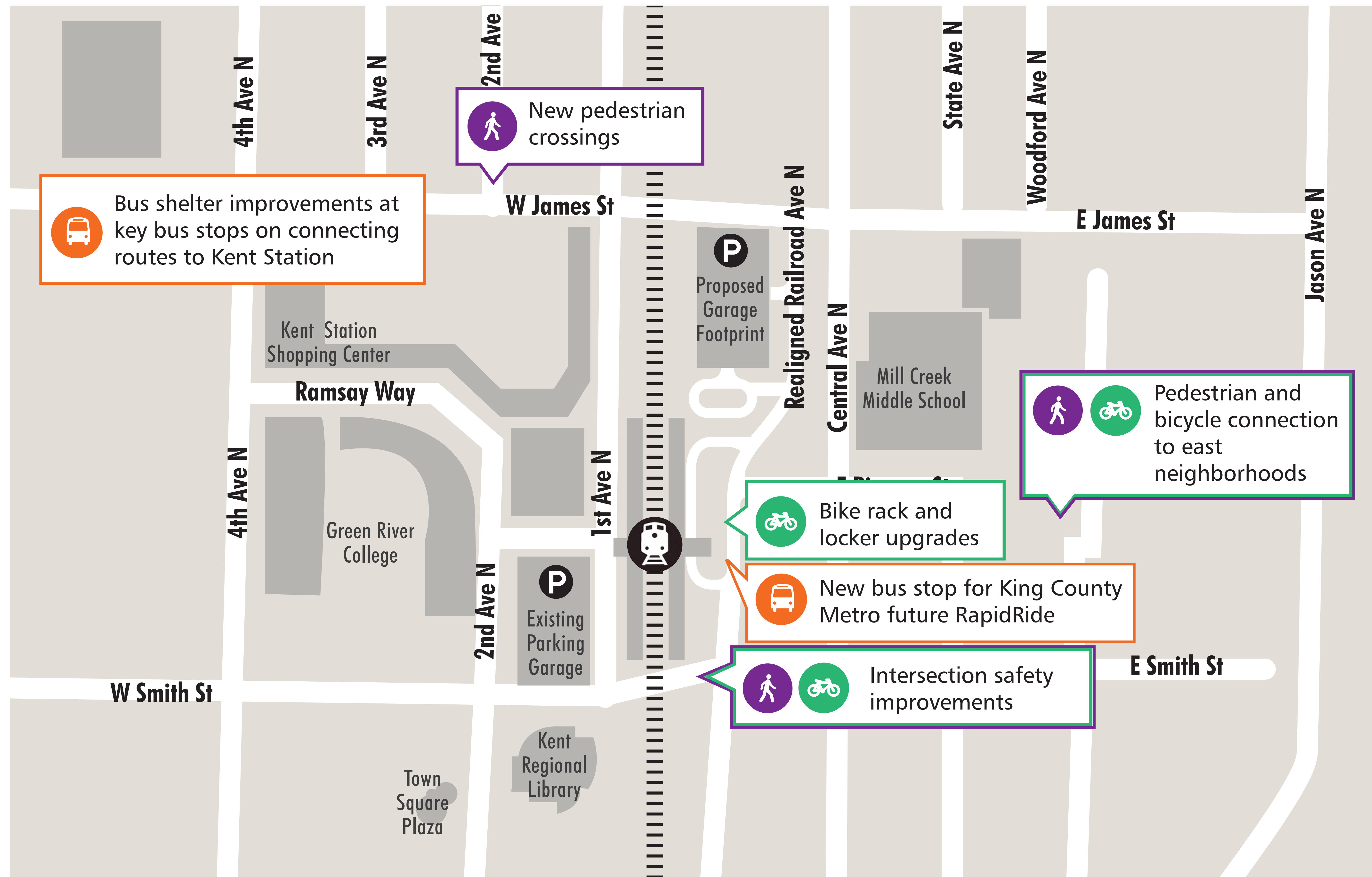


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A sidewalk on all sides of the garage and on realigned Railroad Avenue are proposed.

MAKING IT EASIER TO WALK, BICYCLE AND BUS TO THE STATION

Sound Transit, the City of Kent and King County Metro are looking at several potential options for improving pedestrian, bicycle and bus access to Kent Station, shown on the map below. More information about these projects as they are refined will be available in spring 2019.



NEXT STEPS

Thank you for attending the open house! We will consider your input as we continue designs for the garage and pedestrian, bicycle and transit improvements.

Sound Transit is currently evaluating potential environmental impacts and possible mitigation measures for this project. We will share the results of this evaluation for public review and comment in spring 2019 – stay tuned for another open house.



Stay engaged

 **Sign up to receive project emails:** soundtransit.org/subscribe

 **Learn more about the project:** soundtransit.org/kent-access-improvements

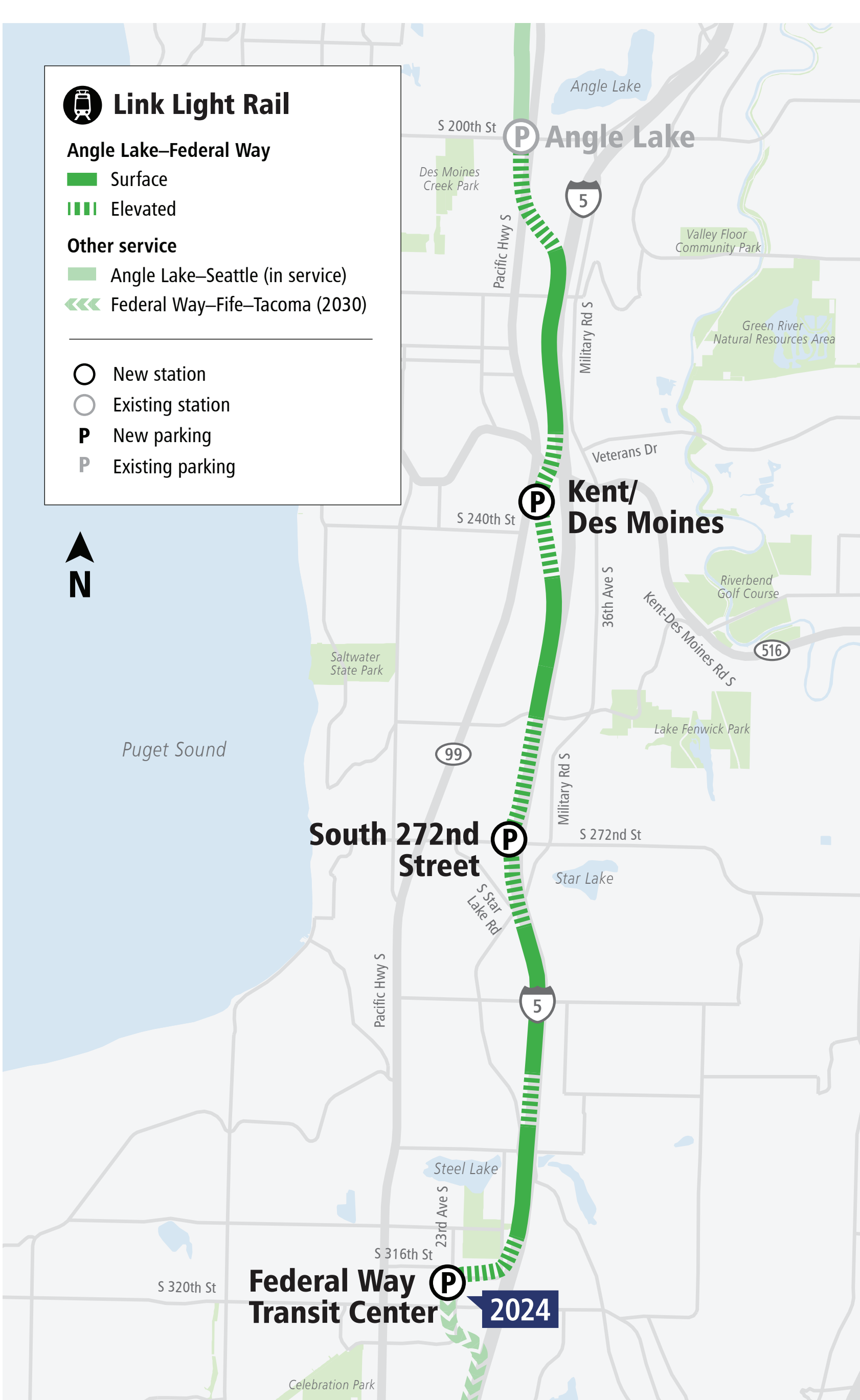
 **Contact Community Outreach Specialist** Melanie Mayock,
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OTHER SOUND TRANSIT PROJECTS IN THE KENT AREA



Sounder South Capacity Expansion

As ridership on the Sounder South line continues to grow, Sound Transit is working to increase train and platform capacity from seven cars to 10, accommodating 40 percent more passengers. Sound Transit will also negotiate with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway, the railway owns the tracks used by Sounder, to run more daily trips. Planning for Sounder South Capacity Expansion will get under way in late 2018, with improvements completed by 2036.



Federal Way Link Extension

The Federal Way Link Extension project will extend light rail from the Angle Lake Station in the City of SeaTac to the Federal Way Transit Center. The 7.8-mile alignment will include three stations near Kent Des Moines Road, South 272nd Street and the Federal Way Transit Center. Service is scheduled to begin in 2024.



Tacoma Dome Link Extension and Operations and Maintenance Facility

The Tacoma Dome Link Extension will extend light rail approximately 9.7 miles from the Federal Way Transit Center to the Tacoma Dome Station area. The project also includes an operations and maintenance facility in the south corridor (South King and Pierce counties). The extension includes 4 new light rail stations, two new parking garages, and is scheduled to open in 2030.