



Supporting a growing regional light rail system

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About the project

Expanding the Sound Transit voter-approved light rail system requires the building of an Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) South by 2026 to receive, store and service a larger fleet of trains. Sound Transit currently operates a central OMF at South Forest Street in Seattle. We are building a second facility in Bellevue and will build an additional OMF in the north corridor to support further light rail expansion.

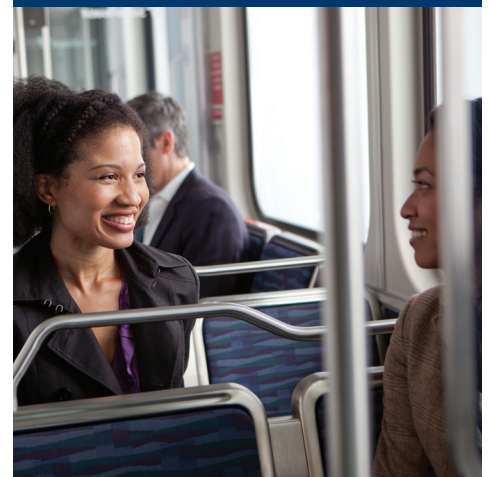
In early-2019, the public weighed in on six potential sites. Based on public input and technical analysis, the Sound Transit Board identified three of those sites – one in Kent and two in Federal Way – for further study in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The map on the next page shows the location of the three sites.

Benefits

- › Ensures thousands of passengers have clean, well-maintained trains. Regional light rail service is suspended every night between 1–5 a.m. so trains can be cleaned and serviced.
- › Enables nightly safety inspections of light rail tracks.
- › When completed, this facility will create more than 300 living-wage jobs.

If you are a resident, business or property owner near an OMF South site, we encourage you to visit our website and sign up for project email updates.

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Site requirements

To build an OMF, it takes more than approximately 60 relatively flat acres (for reference, one football field is 1.3 acres) that are near an operating light rail line.

Current project status

Thanks to everyone who provided public comments for the OMF South project during the EIS scoping period in early 2019.

We compiled your feedback during this official comment period into a summary report, available on our website: soundtransit.org/omfs.

On May 23 2019, the Sound Transit Board identified three sites to study in the Draft EIS.

The Draft EIS analyzes and documents the OMF South site options' potential impacts to the natural and built environment and proposes ways to mitigate unavoidable impacts. During this phase, additional conceptual design work will occur, with potential changes to site configurations.

1 Midway Landfill alternative

In the City of Kent, south of South 245th Street, west of and adjacent to Interstate 5 and situated mostly on the former landfill site, with connecting tracks to the Federal Way Link Extension.

2 South 336th Street alternative*

In the City of Federal Way, west of I-5 and south of South 336th Street, with connecting tracks to the Federal Way Link Extension terminus. The connecting tracks would serve as future Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE) guideway tracks.

3 South 344th Street alternative*

In the City of Federal Way, west of I-5 and north of South 344th Street, with connecting tracks to the Federal Way Link Extension terminus. The connecting tracks would serve as future TDLE guideway tracks.

*As part of the TDLE project, the Sound Transit Board has selected an I-5 alignment along this segment as the preferred alternative.

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Potential OMF South site alternatives

Link Operations and Maintenance Facility South (OMF South) site alternatives*

Angle Lake–Federal Way: 2024
(Federal Way Link Extension in construction)

Other Link light rail service

Federal Way–Fife–Tacoma: 2030
(Tacoma Dome Link Extension project in planning)

Angle Lake–Seattle (in service)

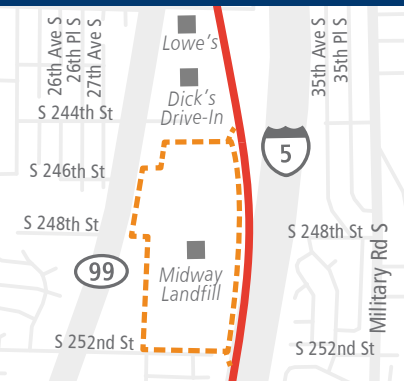
- New station
- Existing station

*Map from February 2020:

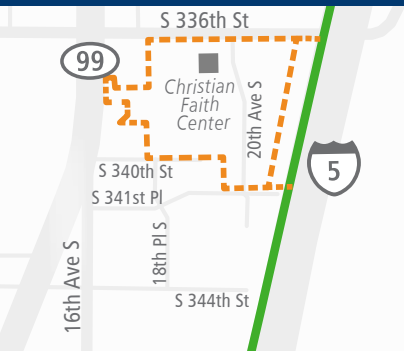
Site alternatives under study in an Environmental Impact Statement. Site and track configurations and size are not final and are subject to refinements.



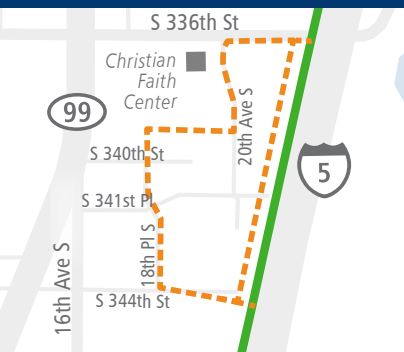
Midway Landfill Alternative



South 336th Street Alternative



South 344th Street Alternative



Next steps for the project

This project is currently in the planning phase, expected to last until 2021. As part of planning, Sound Transit is conducting environmental review and preparing a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) EIS. The next opportunity for the public to provide input will be following release of the Draft EIS in late-2020. Based on that public input and further technical analysis, the Sound Transit Board will identify a preferred site. A Final EIS will then be prepared in response to Draft EIS comments.

Equity and inclusion

Sound Transit is committed to inclusively engaging those who live and work along the project corridors, including historically-underrepresented communities. Throughout planning and environmental review, we are working closely with these communities to identify and understand potential benefits and impacts with the goal of delivering a project that best serves the needs of all.

Project timeline



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