

## Funding

Anticipated project funding for Tacoma Link Expansion includes a \$50 million contribution from Sound Transit taxes, \$50 million from an anticipated federal Small Starts grant, and \$50 million from partnership funding (to be determined) which may include other grant sources (to be determined).

Sound Transit will work with the City of Tacoma and the community to identify an affordable project that is the right fit for Tacoma. During the environmental phase, Sound Transit will study a terminus at South 19th Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way as well as a cost savings option to end the line at South 11th Street. Partner and federal funding will need to be secured before timing of final design and construction can be determined. The Sound Transit Board of Directors will select the project to be built following environmental review and public comment.

## Environmental review

Sound Transit, in coordination with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), will evaluate potential environmental impacts in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Sound Transit will share results with the public and agencies in fall/winter 2014

## Tacoma Link Expansion

May 2014

# PROJECT OVERVIEW

LENGTH: 2.4 MILES

STATIONS: 5 PROPOSED LOCATIONS

PROJECT FEATURES:

- Double track
- Train tracks in traffic lane shared with cars and buses
- Compatible with on-street parallel parking and bike lanes (no bike lanes on MLK Jr. Way)
- Power substations will provide power to vehicles
- Includes expansion of existing operations and maintenance facility

FREQUENCY: 10-15 MINUTES during the majority of the day

Benefits:

- Operates seven days a week, from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. most days.
- Serves ethnically and economically diverse neighborhoods. Within a quarter-mile of the alignment, the population is 40% minority, 25% have low-incomes and 30% of households have no vehicle.
- Expansion will more than double Tacoma's existing Link system—from 1.6 miles to 4 miles.
- Encourages economic development in Tacoma. The City of Tacoma identified 11 economic development opportunities within a five-minute walk of the corridor, with an estimated value of \$321 million.
- Estimated to serve nearly 45,000 jobs by 2030.
- Saves 10 to 15 minutes per trip compared to existing bus service.

## Expanding Tacoma Link

In 2008, voters approved a regional transit expansion plan that included funding for a partnership to potentially expand Tacoma Link. The existing 1.6-mile light rail line currently serves six stations between downtown Tacoma's Theater District and the Tacoma Dome. Trains run every 12 minutes and now provide a million rides per year.

In February, the Sound Transit Board of Directors, in cooperation with the City of Tacoma and with feedback from community members, identified an alignment for the potential expansion. The proposed route continues north from the existing Theater District Station to the Hilltop District via Stadium Way, North 1st Street, Division Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way. As part of environmental review, Sound Transit will evaluate community and environmental impacts of the proposed alignment, stations and expanded maintenance facility.

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Alternatives Development

Identify funding partner(s) & apply for Federal Grant

Environmental Review & Preliminary Design

Final Design

Construction

Testing & Pre-Operations

Start of Service



## How to get involved

Provide feedback on potential station locations and complete an online survey by May 23 at [soundtransit.org/TacomaLinkExpansion](http://soundtransit.org/TacomaLinkExpansion), where you'll find more information, project updates and upcoming events. To learn more or request a project briefing for your organization, contact Erin Hunter, South Corridor Outreach Lead, at 206-370-5511 or [erin.hunter@soundtransit.org](mailto:erin.hunter@soundtransit.org).

Para información acerca del proyecto llame al: 1-800-823-9230

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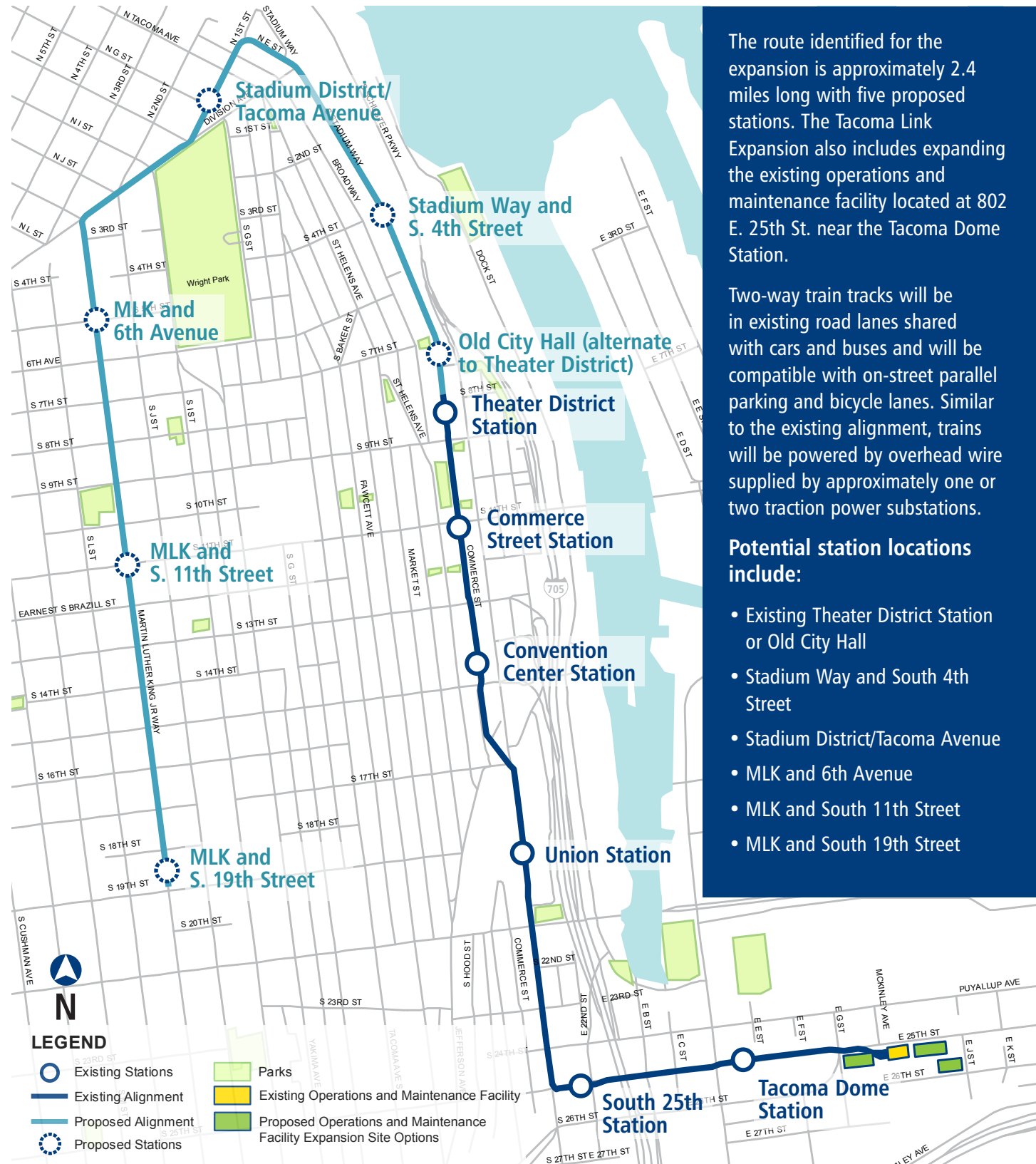


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# Preferred alignment, proposed station locations, and maintenance facility expansion



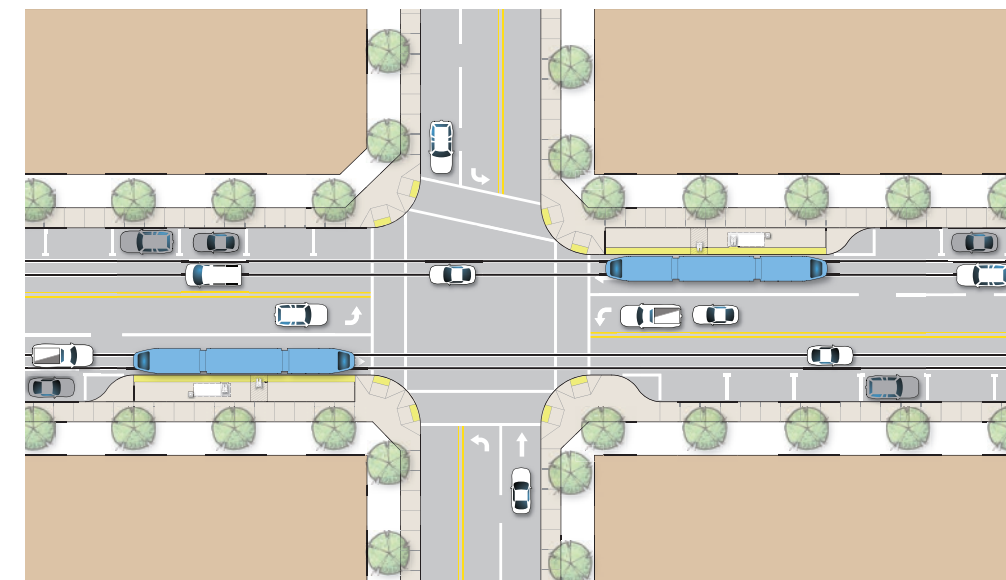
# How did we identify potential station locations?

Sound Transit considers the following factors to identify feasible station locations:

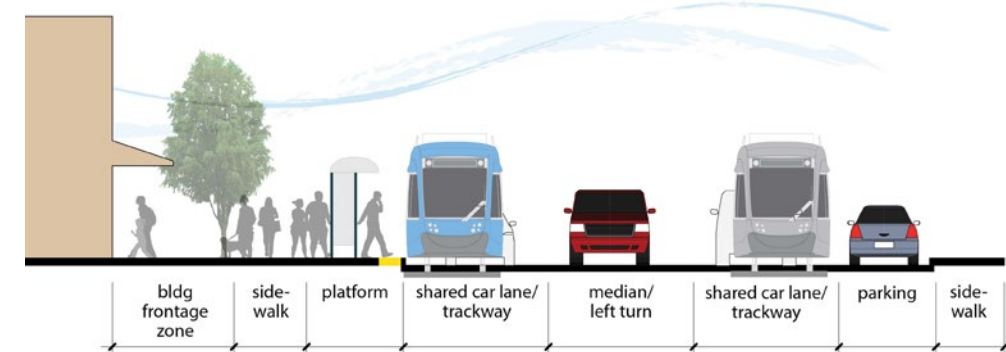
- Located near key destinations or activity areas
- Located on street grades less than two percent to foster ADA accessibility
- Spaced approximately a quarter-mile or less for easy access
- Located near key bus stops and arterials
- Positioned to minimize impacts to bicycle lanes, on-street parking and driveways

# Potential station design

Following is an example of how a curbside station could be positioned in the street. Sound Transit is also considering a median station design.



Typical Curbside Station – plan view



Typical Curbside Station – section view

## Key station features

The public will have the opportunity to comment on station design during the final design phase. Stations include:

- Passenger shelters
- Seating
- Fare collection
- Lighting (may be provided by street lighting)
- Trash receptacles
- Rider information signage and area map
- Art