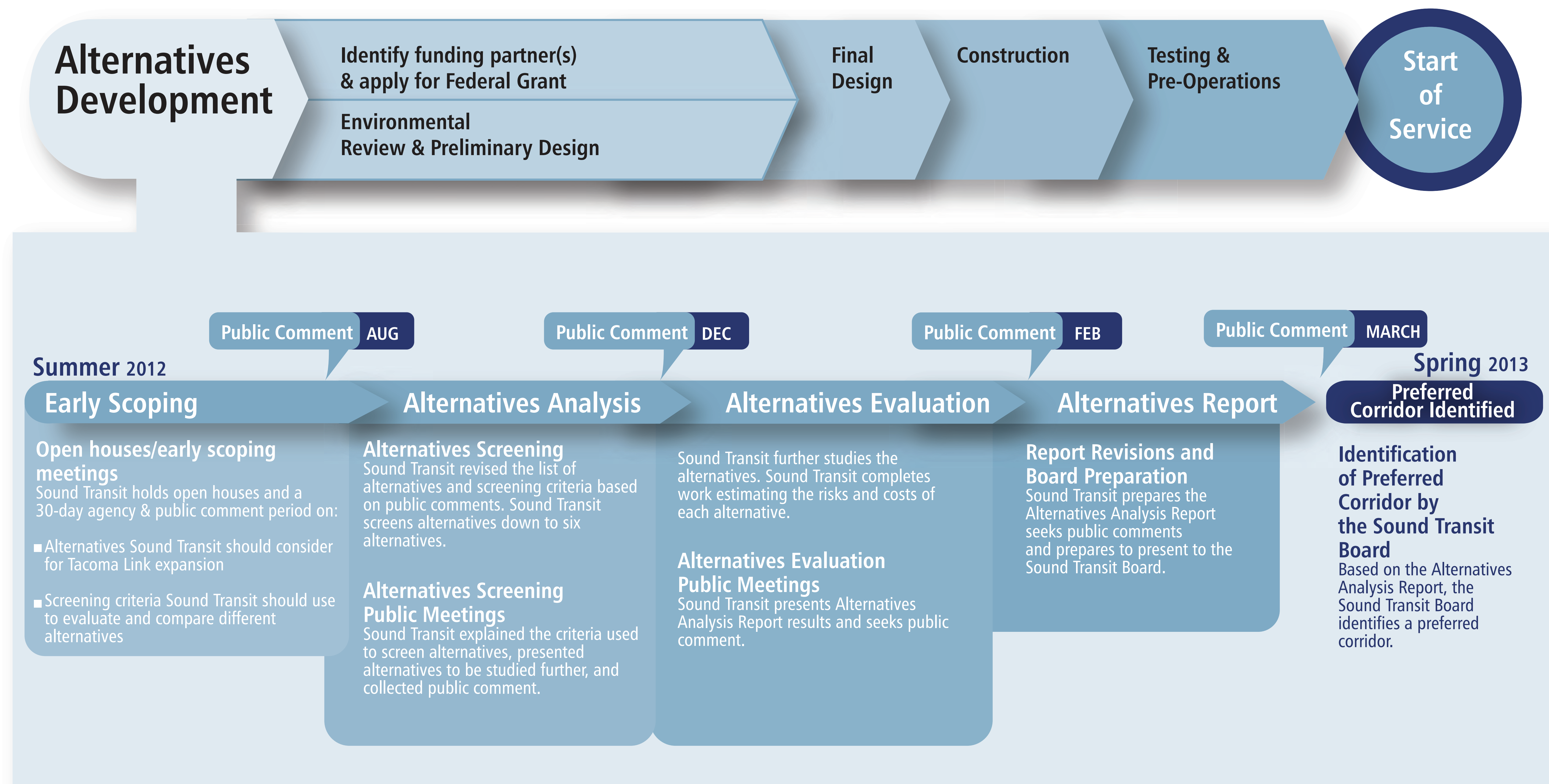


# TIMELINE/PROCESS

## TACOMA LINK EXPANSION





# OUTREACH JUNE 2012-MARCH 2013

## TACOMA LINK EXPANSION

### Comprehensive effort to solicit public input includes:

- Mailings to 54,300+ addresses
- 600+ documented public comments
- Online & print ads in 9+ media outlets
- 8 fairs, festivals & markets
- 14 open houses or drop-in sessions throughout Tacoma
- Numerous business district & neighborhood council briefings
- 26+ media articles or posts
- 5 Stakeholder Roundtable discussions
- Outreach to 22+ social service providers that represent low-income, underserved, minority and non-English speaking populations





# WHY EXPAND?

## TACOMA LINK EXPANSION

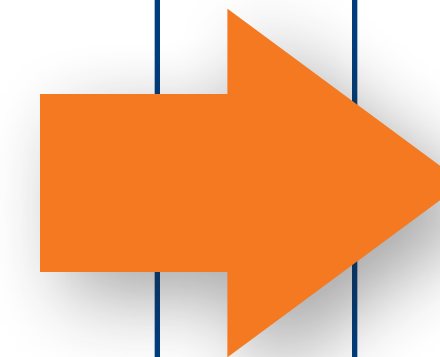
### Early Scoping

#### Some reasons this project is **needed**:

- More people want to connect to the regional transit system
- Increasing congestion
- Increasing greenhouse gas emissions
- More people will be living and working downtown

#### The **purpose** of this project is to:

- Improve mobility and transportation or transit access
- Be sustainable and environmentally sensitive
- Spur economic development
- Serve traditionally underserved neighborhoods



### After Public Input:

(in order of importance, with 1 most important)

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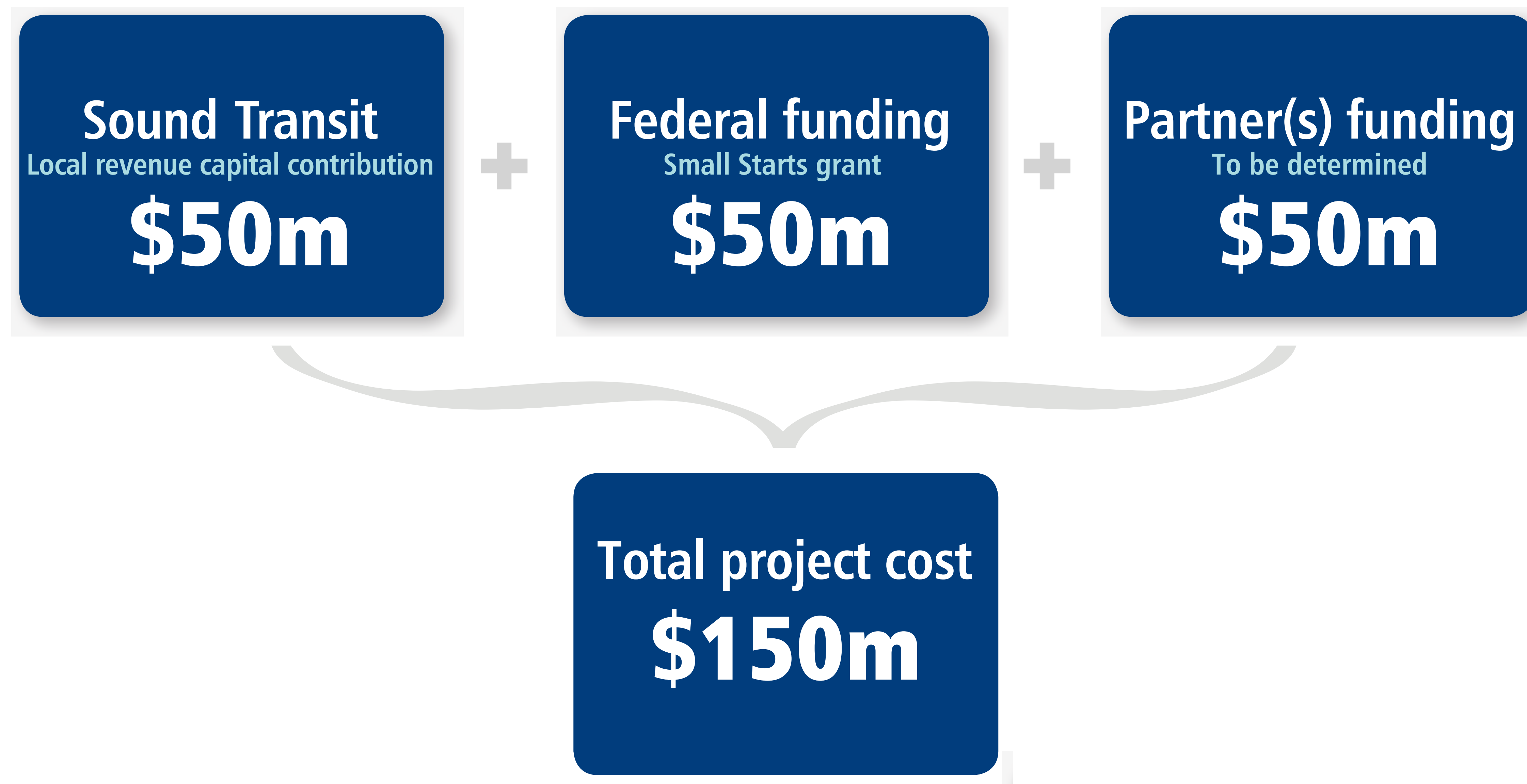
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# FUNDING: A PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

## TACOMA LINK EXPANSION



**Sound Transit 2**, adopted by voters in 2008, includes funding for a partnership to expand Tacoma Link. In addition to the **Sound Transit 2 capital contribution**, **Sound Transit is seeking funding through a federal “Small Starts” grant** and studying options for securing additional funding partners.

**Alternatives analysis process** provides a local forum to narrow and define project alternatives, evaluate costs & benefits and impacts of the alternatives and, work with partners to develop a funding plan.

# SCREENING CRITERIA

## TACOMA LINK EXPANSION

For each corridor considered, we asked these questions.\* Would this corridor:

- ✓ Improve connections to regional transit?
- ✓ Increase transit ridership and reduce car use?
- ✓ Connect to an existing neighborhood or major activity center?
- ✓ Improve transit service between downtown Tacoma and at least one neighborhood?
- ✓ Serve existing or proposed areas of high-density housing or jobs?
- ✓ Serve an area that:
  - is home to many low-income and/or minority residents, or
  - has received relatively low infrastructure investments?
- ✓ Connect to an existing mixed-use center or a designated manufacturing/industrial center?
- ✓ Avoid major costly engineering challenges?

**\*In order to move forward, a corridor had to receive a yes to all questions.**



# PROJECT GOALS

## TACOMA LINK EXPANSION

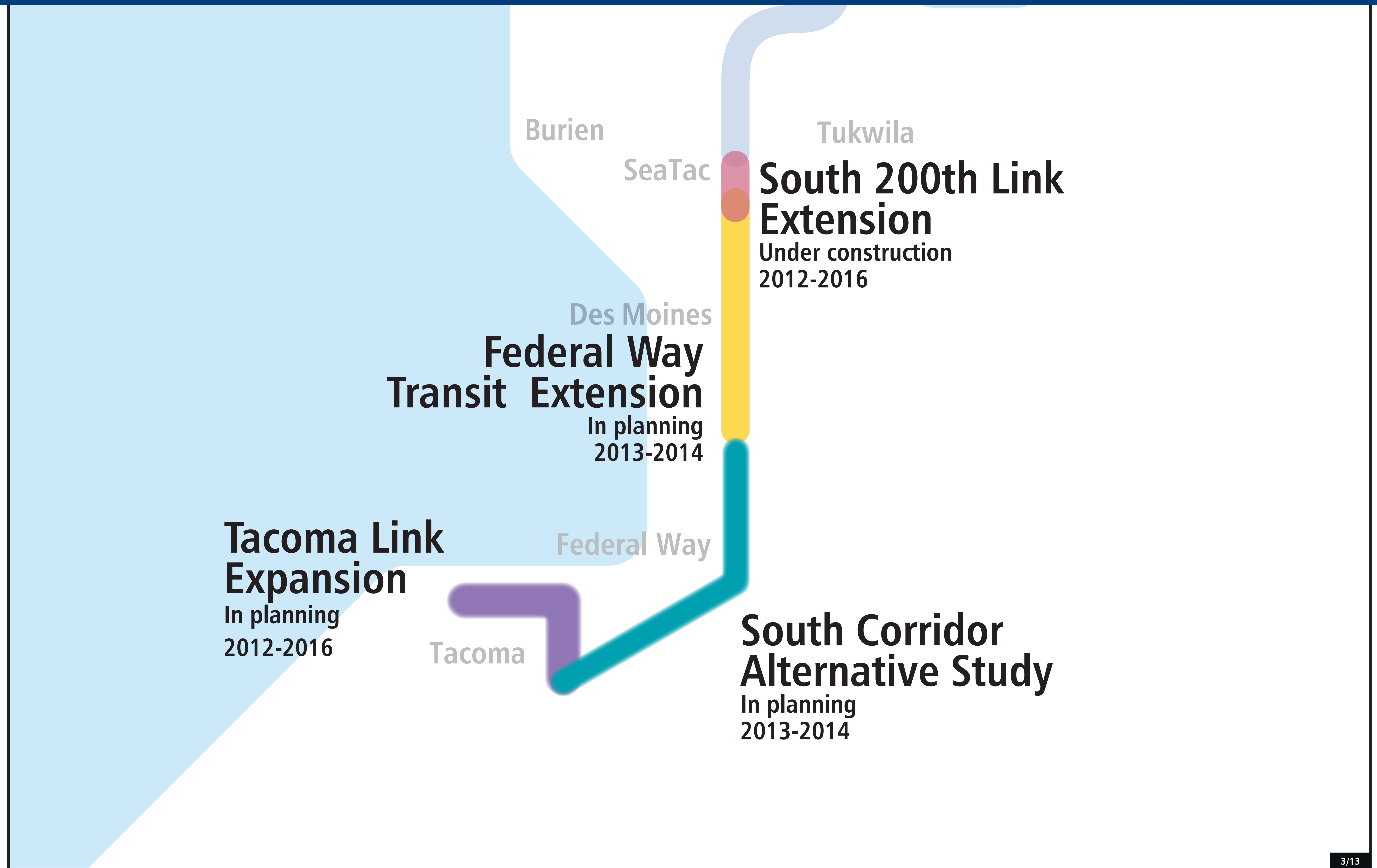
- Improve mobility and transportation access for residents and visitors.
- Increase transit ridership.
- Serve underserved neighborhoods and communities.
- Use transit to spur economic development and other types of investment.
- Ensure that the project is environmentally sensitive and sustainable.
- Establish a project that is competitive for federal funding.





# SOUTH SOUND PROJECTS IN PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

## TACOMA LINK EXPANSION





# INITIAL CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES

## TACOMA LINK EXPANSION

