



Expanding Sound Transit service

In 2008, the region's voters approved the Sound Transit 2, a major expansion of the regional transit system with substantial extensions of Link light rail throughout the region plus more Sounder train and ST Express bus services.

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Tacoma Link Expansion

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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 the Theater District and Tacoma Dome stations. Trains run every 12 minutes and now provide a million rides each year.

Last year, after gathering feedback from South Sound residents and the Tacoma City Council, the Sound Transit Board of Directors selected the North Downtown Central Corridor (Hilltop via the Stadium District) as the preferred corridor for the potential expansion.

In cooperation with the City of Tacoma and Pierce Transit, Sound Transit has begun the next project phase: to define and evaluate alignment options within the selected corridor. The next step is to review alignment options and determine which options to carry forward for further study in the environmental review.



ROUTE ALIGNMENTS



WHAT ROUTE ALIGNMENTS SHOULD BE STUDIED IN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW?

Technical analysis underway is studying seven potential route alignments in the preferred corridor, which extends to the Hilltop via the Stadium District.

Segment A: North Downtown/Stadium

Segment A extends through the north downtown area from the existing Tacoma Link route to the intersection of North 1st Street and Division Avenue. Three alignments and two design options would connect directly to the existing Tacoma Link:

- A1** Stadium Way
- A2** Broadway
- A2a** Broadway with Theater Square Design Option
- A3** St. Helens
- A3a** St. Helens with Division Only Design Option

In addition, two alignments were evaluated that would have required a short walk and a transfer between the new and old system. The alignments did not move forward because they did not meet the purpose and need for the project.

Segment B: Hilltop

Segment B extends from the intersection of North 1st Street and Division Avenue to Martin Luther King Jr. Way and South 19th Street. This segment includes two proposed route alignments:

- B1** Martin Luther King Jr. Way
- B2** Martin Luther King Jr. Way/ J Street Couplet

Funding

Potential expansion of the 1.6-mile system will require a partner or partnership funding, and additional funding from federal and other grant sources.

Project funding assumptions include \$50 million from Sound Transit tax revenues, \$50 million from a funding partner, and \$50 million from a Small Starts federal grant. Sound Transit is working with its partners, especially the City of Tacoma and the Tacoma community, to identify an affordable project that is the right fit for Tacoma and the necessary funding. Depending on the project scope, budget and revenue, these assumptions may need to be revised.

How to get involved

You'll find more information, project updates and upcoming events online at soundtransit.org/TacomaLinkExpansion. You can learn more or request a project briefing for your organization by contacting Erin Hunter, South Corridor Outreach Lead, at 206-398-5511 or erin.hunter@soundtransit.org.

Take an online survey by January 23, 2014 to provide feedback on specific route alignments at soundtransit.org/tacomalinkexpansion



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