

Funding

Sound Transit has a conceptual cost estimate of \$165 million for the potential expansion. Anticipated project funding for the expansion now includes a \$50 million contribution from Sound Transit tax revenues and almost \$75 million from an anticipated federal Small Starts grant. Additional partners are anticipated to contribute \$40 million to the project. Partnership funding includes a contribution from the City of Tacoma, more than \$13 million in secured grants and other potential grant sources.

Sound Transit will work with the City of Tacoma and the community to identify an affordable project that is the right fit for Tacoma. Contingent on funding, Sound Transit and the City of Tacoma assume the extension will terminate at South 19th Street and MLK Jr. Way. Full funding for the extension must be secured before the timing of final design and construction can be determined.

Environmental review

Sound Transit, in coordination with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), is evaluating potential environmental impacts of the proposed project in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

Due to anticipated limited impacts, the project is expected to follow a more streamlined environmental documentation process. Sound Transit will continue to prepare the environmental documentation and expects to make it available to the public and agencies in early 2015. The Sound Transit Board of Directors will select the project to be built following environmental review and public comments.

Tacoma Link Expansion

Fall 2014

PROJECT OVERVIEW

In 2008, voters approved a regional transit expansion plan that included partial funding for a partnership to expand 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.

LENGTH: 2.4 MILES

STATIONS: 6 PROPOSED LOCATIONS

PROJECT GOALS:

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

FREQUENCY: 10 MINUTES during most of the day

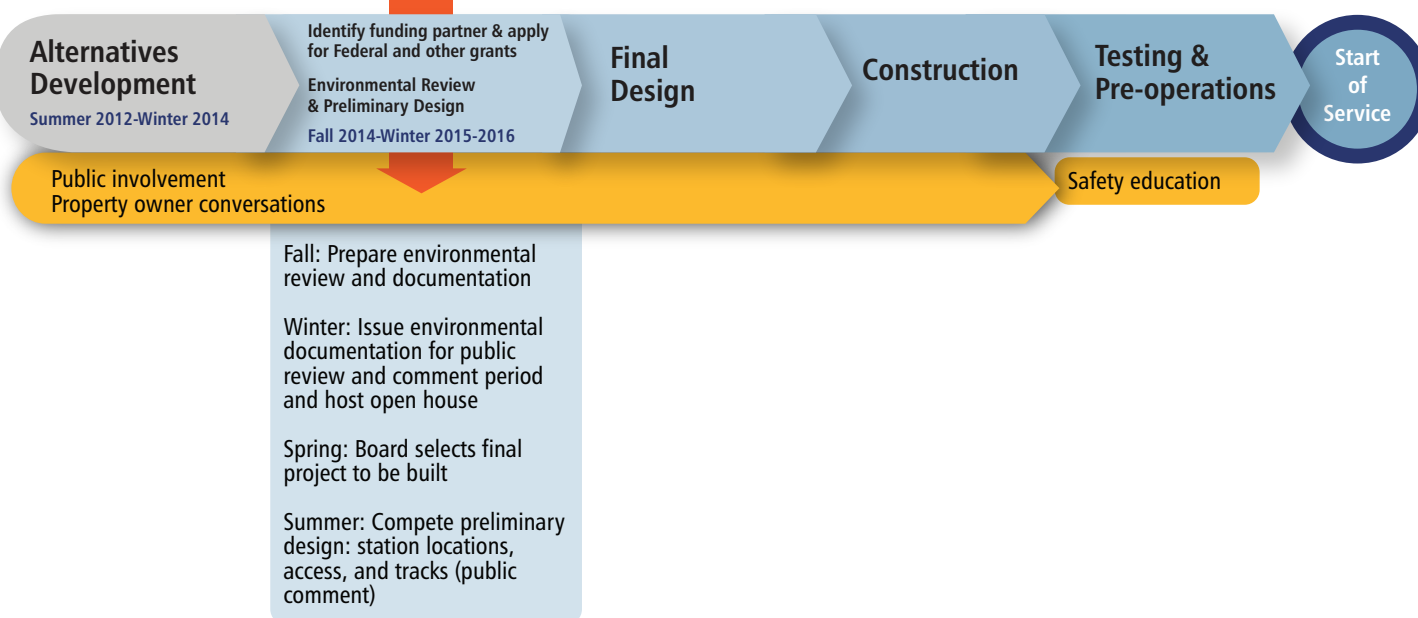
Benefits:

- Operate seven days a week, from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. most days
- Serve ethnically and economically diverse neighborhoods. Within a quarter-mile of the alignment, the population is 40% minority, 25% low-income, and 30% of households have no vehicle.
- Expansion would more than double Tacoma's existing Link system—from 1.6 miles to 4 miles
- Estimated to serve nearly 45,000 jobs by 2030
- Save 10 to 15 minutes per trip compared to existing bus service

Working to Expand Tacoma Link

Sound Transit is moving forward with conceptual engineering and environmental review for the potential Tacoma Link Expansion. In February 2014, the Sound Transit Board of Directors, in cooperation with the City of Tacoma, Pierce Transit and community members identified an alignment for expansion. The proposed route continues north along Commerce Street to the Hilltop District via Stadium Way, North 1st Street, Division Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way (MLK Jr Way). Subsequently, early engineering and public comments helped determine station locations. As part of the environmental review, Sound Transit is evaluating community and environmental impacts of the proposed alignment, stations and expanded maintenance facility.

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How to get involved

Attend the open house in Winter 2015 to talk with project staff and learn more about the project status. Visit soundtransit.org/TacomaLinkExpansion for more information about community outreach events and project updates. To learn more or request a project briefing for your organization, contact Allison Gregg, South Corridor Outreach Specialist, at 206-398-5063 or allison.gregg@soundtransit.org.

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

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Preferred alignment, proposed station locations, and maintenance facility expansion



The route identified for the potential expansion is approximately 2.4 miles with six new stations. The project also includes expanding the existing operations and maintenance facility located at 802 E. 25th St. near the Tacoma Dome Station.

Two-way train tracks would be in existing road lanes shared with cars and buses and would be compatible with on-street parallel parking and existing bicycle facilities. Like the existing system, trains would be low-floor vehicles powered by overhead wires supplied by approximately two power substations.

Potential station locations include:

- Old City Hall (Alternative to Theater District)
- Stadium Way and South 4th Street
- Stadium District
- MLK Jr. Way and Division Avenue
- MLK Jr. Way and 6th Avenue
- MLK Jr. Way and South 11th Street
- MLK Jr. Way and South 19th Street

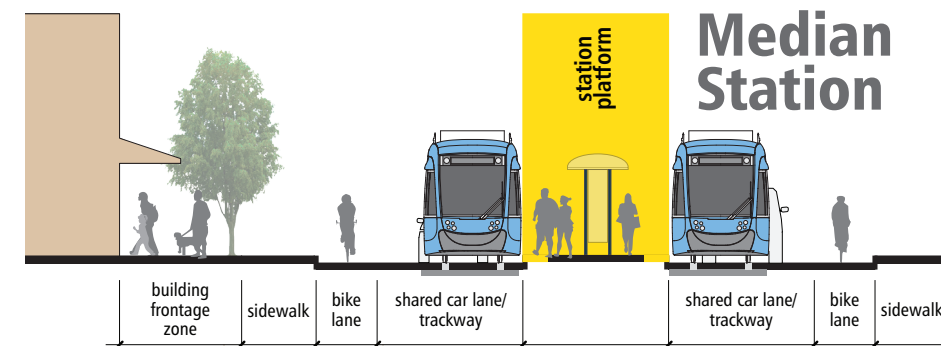
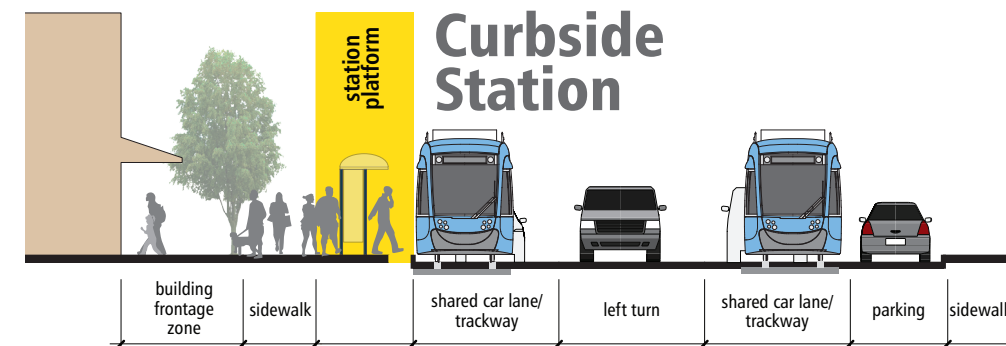
How did we select potential station locations?

Sound Transit considered the following factors to select station locations:

- Located near key destinations, activity areas and arterials
- Located on street grades less than two percent to provide ADA accessibility
- Listened to public feedback and made modifications
- Spaced approximately a half mile or less apart for easy access
- Avoided bus stops where possible
- Positioned to minimize impacts to bicycle facilities, on-street parking and driveways

Potential station design

The following examples illustrate how a curbside and median station could be positioned in the street.



Key station features

The public will have the opportunity to comment on station design during the upcoming design phases in 2015 and 2016.

Stations include:

- Passenger shelters
- Seating
- Fare collection machines
- Lighting (may include street lighting)
- Trash receptacles
- Rider information signage and area map
- Public art