



# Sounder Commuter Rail

## Puyallup Station Access Improvements Project

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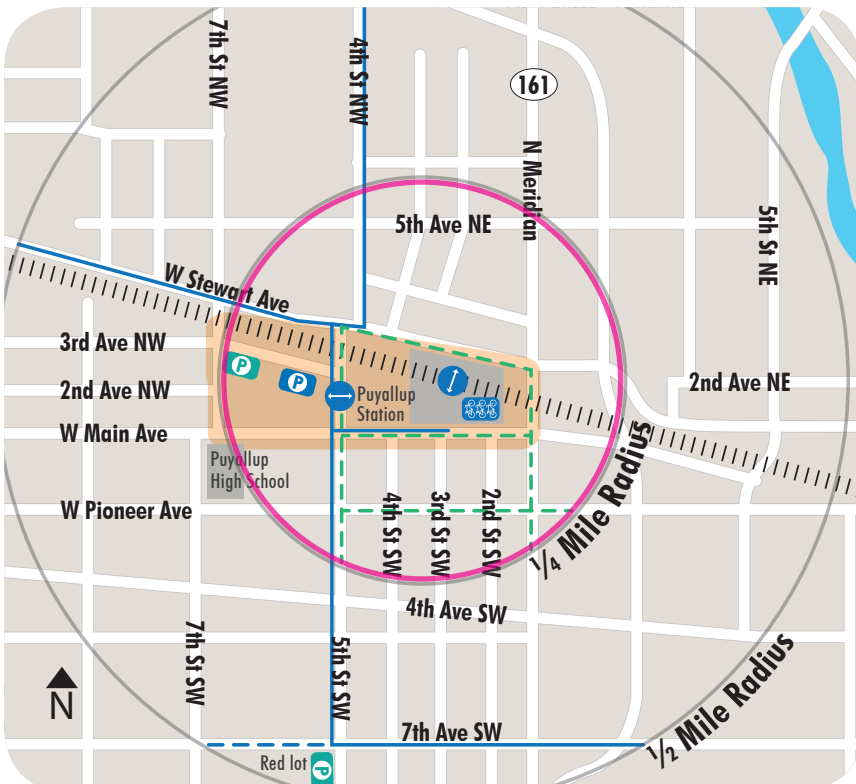
### Project Background

Sound Transit will improve access to Puyallup Station for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. Improvements will be complete by 2021. Voters approved funding to improve access at Sounder stations on the 2008 Sound Transit 2 ballot measure.

Over 1,100 people a day ride a Sounder commuter train or ST Express bus from the Puyallup Station. About two-thirds of Sounder riders drive and park at the station or other lots and another 20 percent use bus services to access the station. Many of these riders find station access difficult because parking is full by 6 a.m. Traffic congestion creates delays at intersections around the station, affecting both drivers and buses.

Sound Transit is predicting a 50 percent increase in ridership by 2035 - approximately 600 new riders in Puyallup alone. To help meet demand, three Sounder south line round trips will be added by 2017. Additional parking and congestion management will be required to meet this growing ridership. Similarly, additional bicycle and pedestrian amenities will expand non-motorized access to the station. The total budget for the project is \$55 million.

### Area of proposed improvements:



### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- New parking garage at the Eagles site with approximately 420 spaces
- Approximately 180 additional surface parking spaces on 3rd Avenue NW
- 100 additional leased spaces at the Red Lot at 7th Avenue SW and 5th Street SW
- Strategic pedestrian access improvements within 1/4 mile of the station
- Strategic bicycle access improvements within 1/2 mile of the station
- Potentially two pedestrian bridges, one across the railroad tracks, and the other across 5th Street SW
- Traffic improvements in the station area
- Car, bike and pedestrian access improvements to the SR 410/Traffic Avenue interchange, funded by a partnership with the Washington State Department of Transportation and cities of Puyallup and Sumner

- New garage
- New surface parking
- Strategic bus access and traffic management improvements within 1/4 mile of the Sounder station
- Bike improvement
- Potential bike lane extension
- Strategic accessible curb ramp improvements (locations and type TBD)
- Bike storage (location TBD)
- Potential pedestrian/bicycle access bridge
- Station area lighting



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### Project Timeline

2000-2012

- Sounder commuter rail service begins
- Sound Transit 2 funding approved (2008)
- Sounder Stations Access and Demand Study (2010 – 2012)

2013

- Leadership working groups: developed project goals and evaluation criteria for improved access alternatives
- Multi-modal access alternatives development: received community input on improvement options considered in development of six multi-modal access packages

2014

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- Sound Transit Board identified preferred package of improvements for environmental review and preliminary design (August)

2015-2016

- Environmental review
- Preliminary design

2016-2018

- Final design
- Right-of-way/property acquisition and permitting

2019-2021

- Construction
- Improvements complete 2021