

# ***Souder South Strategic Plan Update***

## Community Engagement Summary

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## Background

The Sounder South (S Line) train provides dependable, congestion-free travel between Lakewood and King Street Station in Seattle every weekday. [Most trips](#) run northbound in the morning and southbound in the afternoon and early evening.

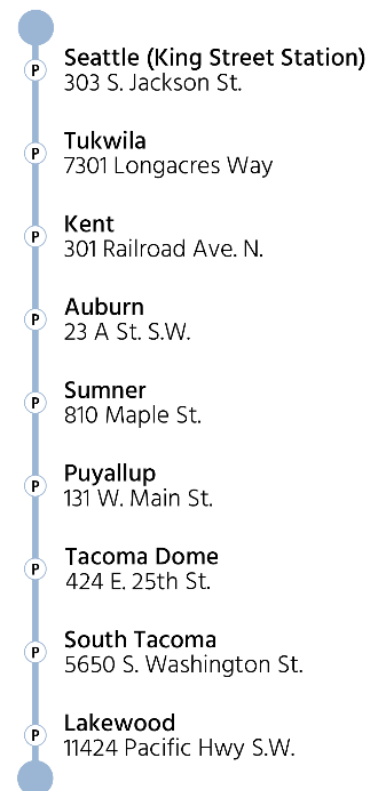
With a change in travel patterns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and work-from-home schedules, Sound Transit is re-examining the priorities from the 2020 Sounder South [Strategic Plan](#). Before the pandemic, heavy ridership growth was forecasted during peak periods, leading the Plan to prioritize longer trains (10-car trains rather than the 7-car trains used in 2019) to serve this growth. Sound Transit will use this feedback from the community, along with research on travel patterns, peer agency research, and ridership estimating to inform Board discussions in Spring 2024 about whether to prioritize new trips over longer trains in the Sounder South Strategic Plan. Any new trips require approval from BNSF Railway, the owner of most of the tracks Sounder runs on.

With lower peak ridership, Sound Transit is also exploring reducing the frequency of trips during peak times to spread out departure times throughout the day or week. In this scenario, the number of weekly trips would remain the same, but departures trips during peak times could shift, for example from every 20 minutes to every 30 minutes. This change would also require BNSF approval.

## Engagement overview

Our engagement efforts cast a wide net, utilizing print and digital media along the corridor, and leveraged community connections to deepen our understanding of stakeholder wants, needs, and barriers. Communication materials can be viewed in [Appendix E](#).

We also engaged with community partners to increase awareness in the Sounder South service corridor, with many organizations and jurisdictions sharing content through various mediums to help increase awareness and boost engagement.



## Engagement at a glance

- Online open house translated into 8 languages
- 13,502 unique visitors to online open house
- 472 visitors to translated online open house sites
- 4 focus groups (3 bilingual)
- 13 community and passenger tabling events
- 13 stakeholder interviews
- 6 community presentations
- Robust notification plan that included in-language ads

## Equitable engagement



*Group of focus group participants at video shoot for Sounder.*

We used a multi-pronged strategy that centered opportunities for historically underserved residents along the S Line corridor to provide feedback.

First, we ensured that our survey communications toolset was accessible to a diversity of residents. We examined a three-mile radius around existing and future Sounder South stations, determining at least 0.5% of the population spoke eight languages other than English. We translated our online open house and printed materials into these eight languages (Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Somali, Tagalog, Ukrainian, Russian, and Simplified Chinese), and the QR codes on printed materials went directly to the translated sites.

### Who we reached:

- 1,157 survey respondents (26.4%) self-identified as people of color
- 472 unique visitors to the translated versions of the online open house
- 108 completed translated surveys
- 462 people stated that a language other than English is regularly spoken in their home
- 24.8% of respondents reported household annual earnings under \$75,000



*Videographer on the Sounder platform.*

We also conducted four in-person focus groups with a diverse range of historically underserved community members in spaces where they commonly gather. We gave participants \$100 Visa gift cards to compensate for their time and contributions. A summary of whom we spoke with, their perspectives, and the ideas they offered is on page 31 of this report.

We also produced a multilingual social media video with a local BIPOC videographer. Multiple contributors to the film also assisted in organizing additional engagement opportunities throughout the project, including three focus groups and a Spanish-language radio interview.

# Online Open House

## About the survey

The online open house, open from Sept. 27 to Oct. 29 at the URL [SounderSouth.Parcipate.Online](https://www.soundersouth.parcipate.online), allowed visitors to learn more about the Strategic Plan Update and provide feedback. The site included a brief background about the Plan, a survey, a list of community engagement events, and additional information about Sounder South.

All survey participants were asked the following two questions:

- Which would you value more? Longer trains to add more capacity to the current schedule or adding new trips to expand travel time options.
- Have you ridden Sounder South in the last three months?

Each participant's responses to these questions determined which additional questions they were asked.

The survey was also incentivized. Respondents were entered to win two Seahawks tickets to the Nov. 12 game versus the Washington Commanders, one of five \$100 Visa gift cards, and one of ten Sound Transit swag bags.

## Publicity

There was a focused effort to reach non-riders, historically underrepresented communities, and those who reside in cities with Sounder stations and neighboring communities in South King and Pierce counties with information about the survey.

Communication methods to reach stakeholders included a press release; Sound Transit emails; organic and paid social media placement on Facebook, Instagram, and X (formerly Twitter); printed materials (poster and postcard) distributed in communities; paid digital and print ads in local media and on the Google display network; and invites to over 30 community partners to share content with their audiences. Many materials were translated into multiple languages while digital ads and posters were placed in cities with Sounder stations and neighboring communities in South King and Pierce counties. Local media outlets including the Tacoma News Tribune, The Urbanist blog, Seattle Transit Blog, I Love Kent blog, Spanish-language VT Radio Universal, and KIRO 7 shared the survey.

The most effective methods included materials distributed in high-traffic areas and at community events, Google display network ads, GovDelivery emails, and Facebook. Details on online open house traffic sources, social media analytics, and paid advertising performance can be found in [Appendix D](#). Examples of communication materials can be found in [Appendix E](#). A list of jurisdictions and community partners who were invited to share the survey is in [Appendix G](#).

## Survey at a glance

- Open from Sept. 27 – Oct. 29, 2023
- 5,615 survey engagements resulting in 4,779 completed surveys and 836 partially completed surveys
- 85.1% completion rate
- Up to 27 questions, including 7 optional demographic questions
- Translated into 8 languages (Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Somali, Tagalog, Ukrainian, Russian and Simplified Chinese)
- 108 completed translated surveys
- Incentivized with entry to win prizes for completion

## Survey results

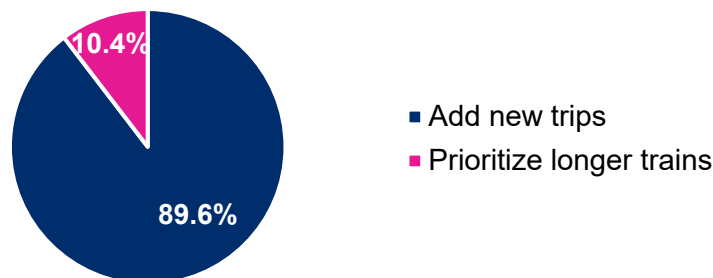
### Prioritization preference: longer trains or new trips

Approximately 90% of respondents preferred adding new trips over longer trains, as shown in the charts below. The survey question clarified that “longer trains” referred to 10-car trains.

**Survey question:** In the updated Strategic Plan, Sound Transit can continue to prioritize longer trains (add more cars on existing trains) or we can switch the priority to adding new trips. Which would you value more? (Prioritizing longer trains means moving from the capacity to run 7-car trains to 10-car trains, including extending platforms and buying new rail cars. Sound Transit is currently running 5-car trains due to reduced ridership and financial constraints, and we will monitor when to move back to 7-car trains.) Answer choices:

- Longer trains to add more capacity to the current schedule
- Adding new trips to expand travel time options

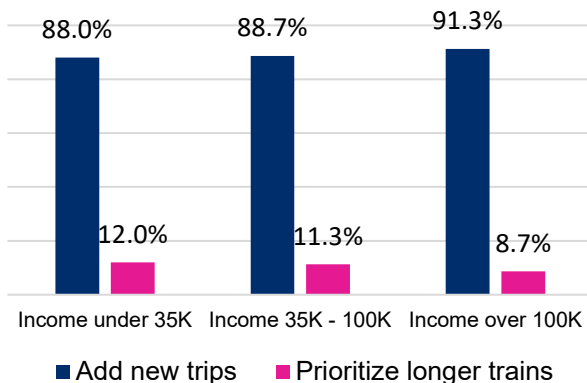
**Preference of all respondents (5,533 total responses)**



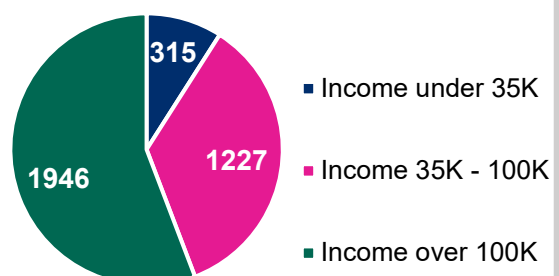
### Preference by race and income<sup>1</sup>

The overall results generally held across all income categories and races, with the vast majority of each group preferring more trips to longer trains.

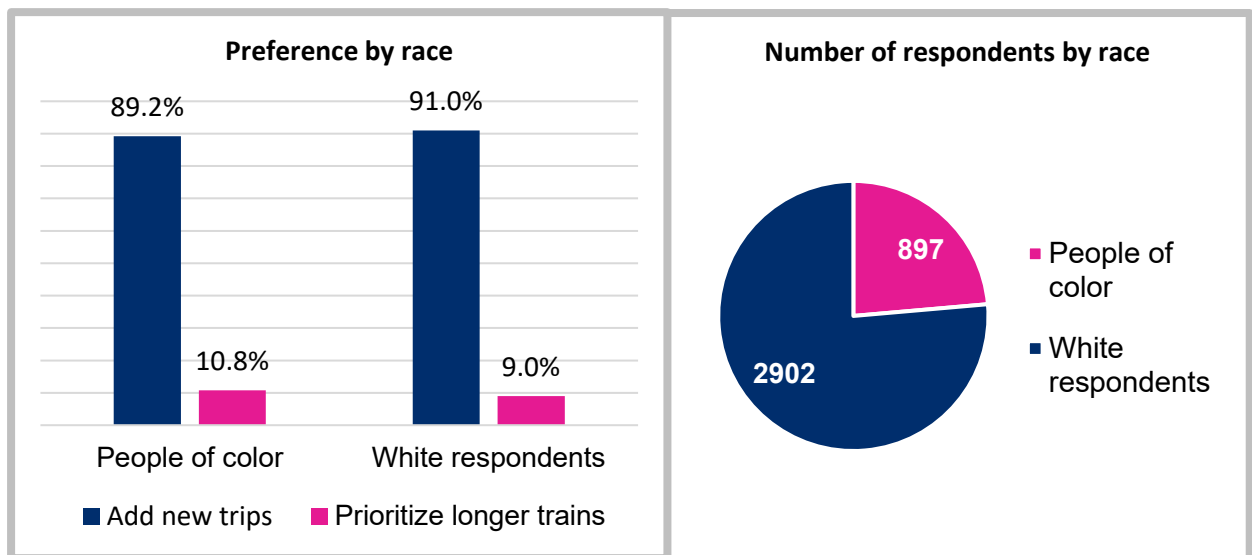
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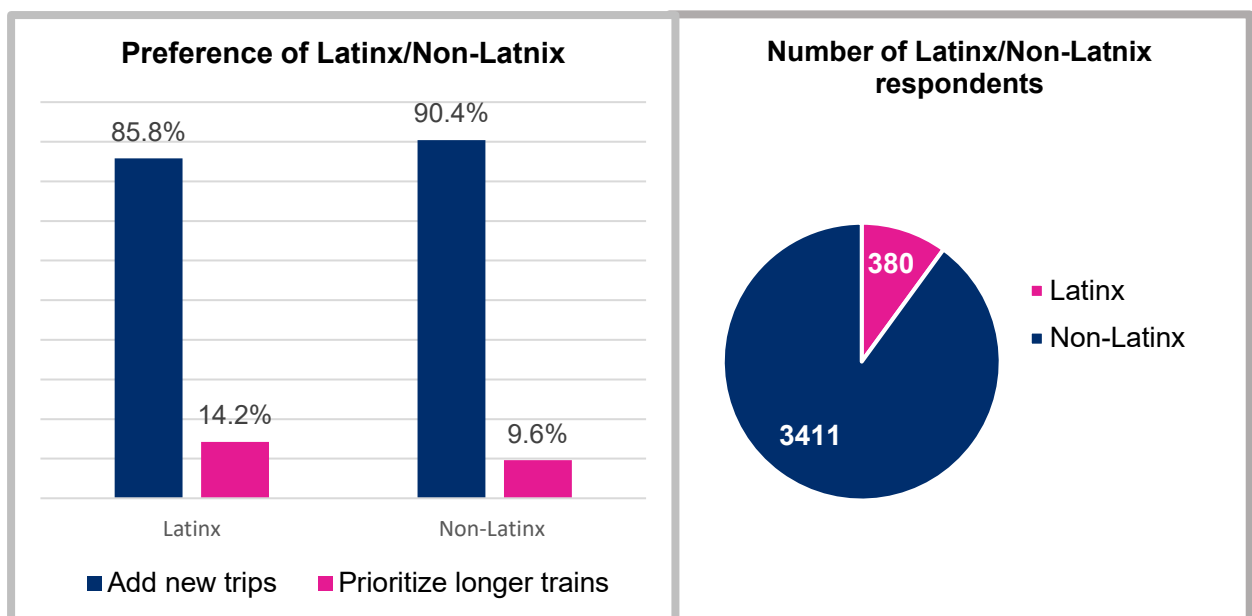
**Number of respondents by income**



<sup>1</sup> All demographic questions were optional.



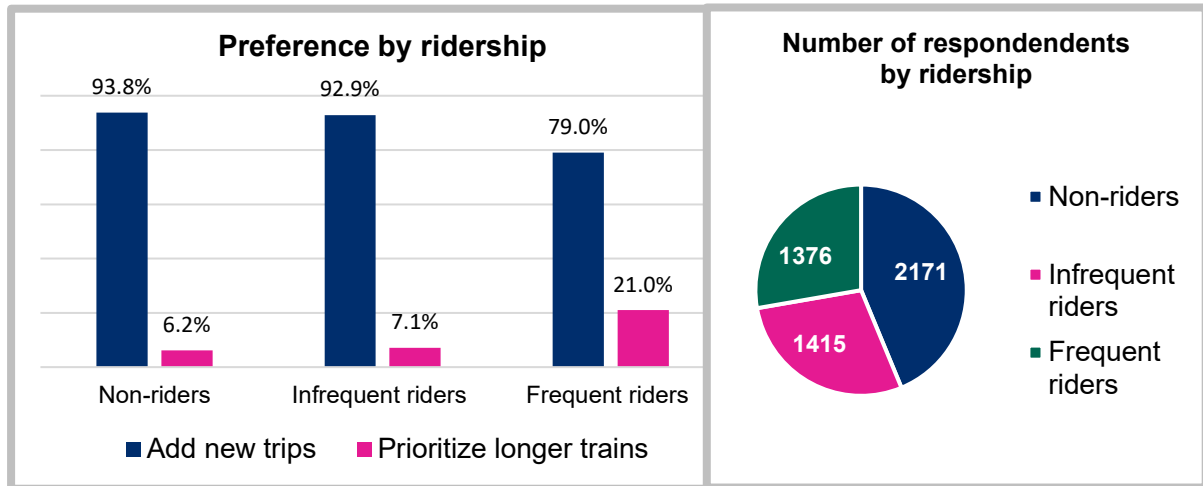
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## Preference by ridership

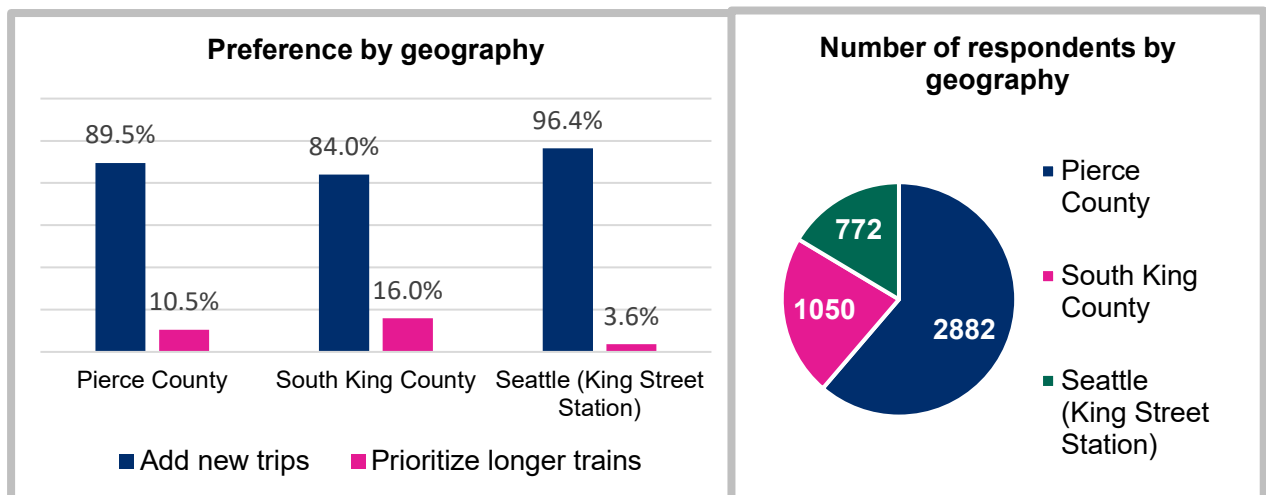
Responses differed slightly by ridership status. While frequent riders (riding once a week or more), infrequent riders and non-riders all showed a strong preference for new trips over longer trains, frequent riders were less strongly in favor for new trips (79%) and more for longer trains (21%) than the other groups.



Infrequent riders are those who indicated they ride Sounder less than once per month or 2-3 times per month. Frequent riders are those who indicated they ride Sounder at least 1x/week.

## Preference by geography

Riders were asked to identify which station they use the most, while non-riders were asked to identify which station they live the closest to. Respondents from all geographic areas strongly preferred new trips over longer trains. The preference was highest for people in Seattle (96%) and lowest for people in South King County (84%).





### Example comments

*"I want to see Sounder become a proper regional rail system and to not just focus on peak periods. More frequency will be what brings in more riders, not longer trains."*

*"More trips would be a huge benefit to me and my family."*

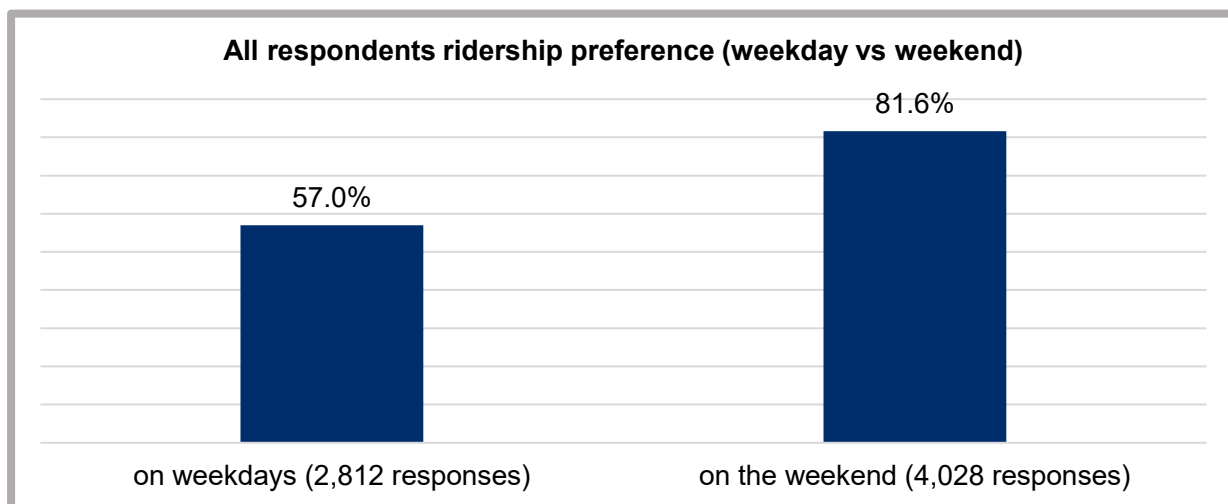
*"Especially Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday there needs to be more carts. The volume of passengers is extremely large..."*

*"Can we go back to 7 car trains at least? I've been riding the Sounder since 2005 and bicycling since 2008. The increase of ebikes and scooters necessitates more cars."*

### New trips preference: weekday and weekend

Respondents who indicated that they prefer new trips were asked if they would ride on weekdays or weekends (they could choose both options). Overall, **81.6% chose weekends and 57% chose weekdays**. Responses were similar across demographic categories.

**Survey question:** Adding more trips would require agreement from BNSF Railway, which owns most of the track that Sounder travels on. If we can add more trips to the schedule, when would you ride? Respondents could select both options, so percentages do not equal 100%. This is the case for any question that allowed for more than one selection.



Group	Weekday trip	Weekend trip
People of color	61.1% (488 responses)	80.5% (643 responses)
Income under 35K	61.0% (166 responses)	82.0% (223 responses)

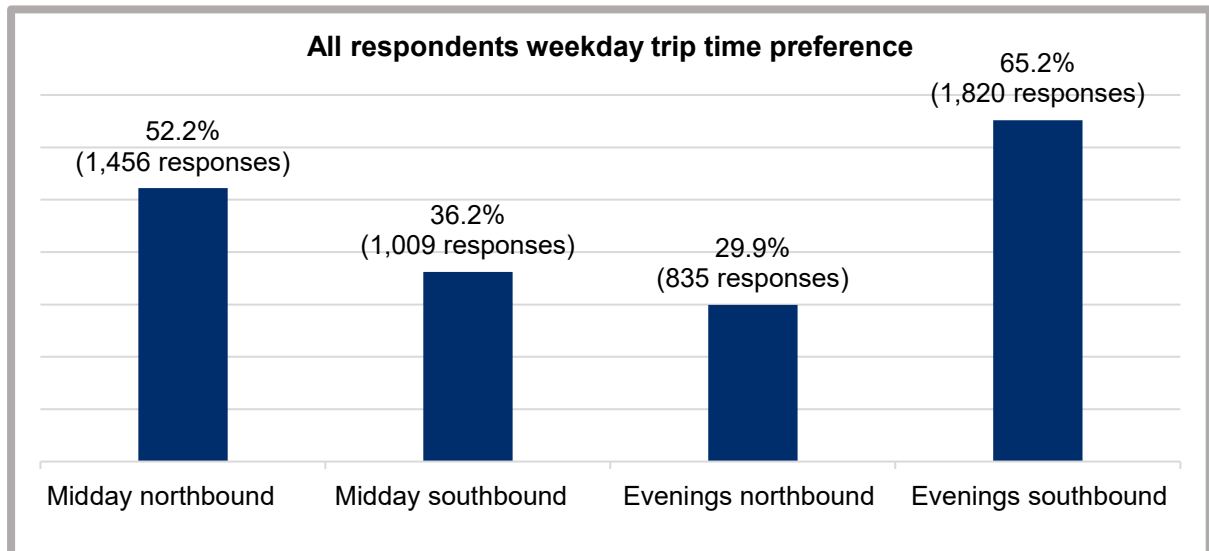
Weekend trips were the most popular across all demographic categories, with Seattle respondents showing the most interest in weekend trips.

Group	Weekday trip	Weekend trip
Pierce County	57.1% (1,469 responses)	82.1% (2,112 responses)
South King County	59.4% (520 responses)	76.5% (670 responses)
Seattle	54.6% (404 responses)	87.6% (648 responses)

## Weekday trips

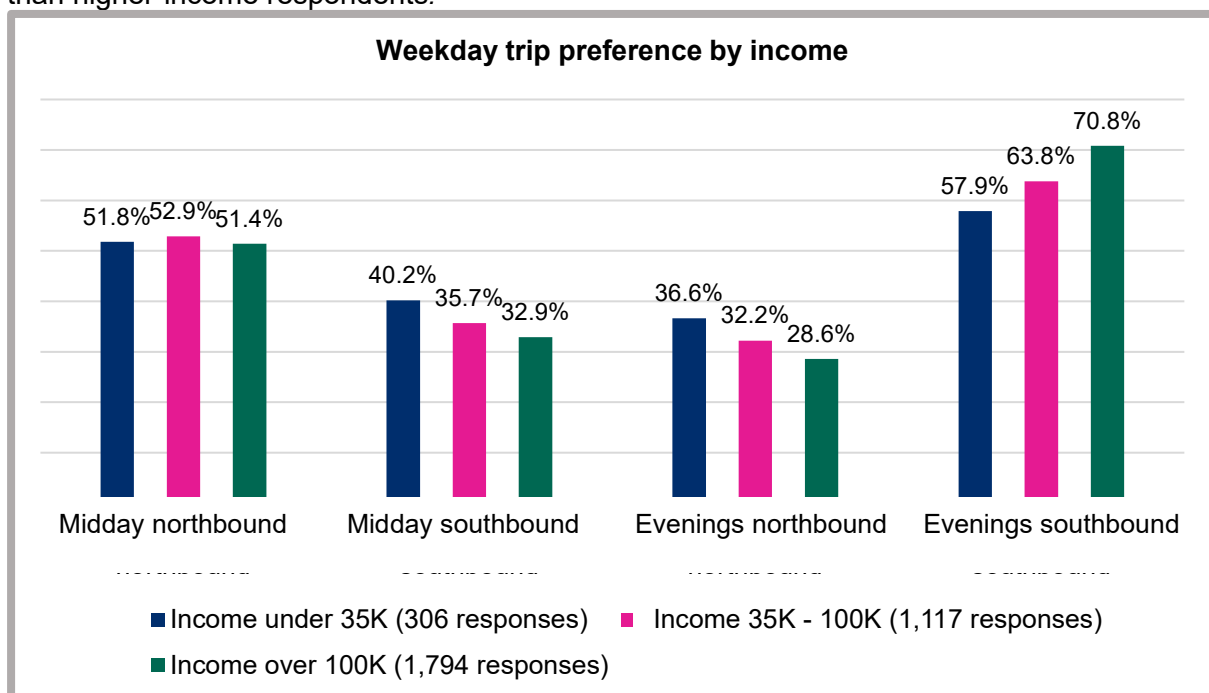
People who selected weekday trips were asked what time of day and direction they would ride Sounder. The highest responses were for a southbound evening train (65.2%) and a midday northbound train (52.2%).

**Survey question:** If we can add more weekday trips to the schedule, which of the following options would you use the most? (select your top two)



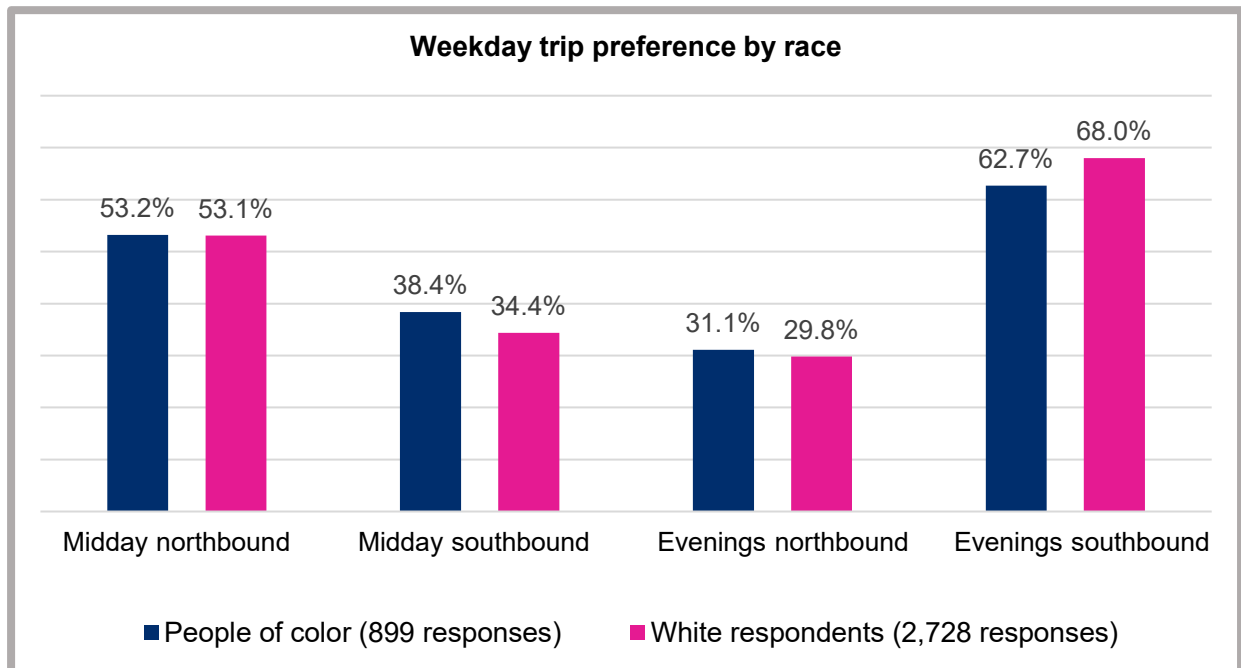
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These results held across all income categories, though low- and moderate-income respondents showed higher interest in midday southbound and evening northbound trips than higher-income respondents.



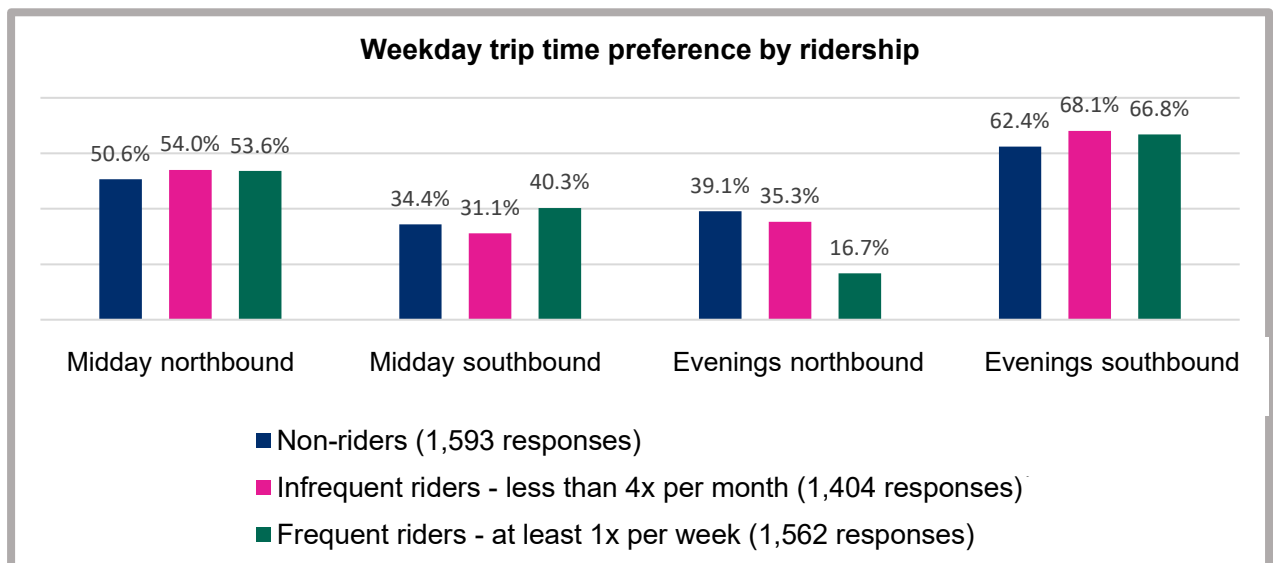
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Results were similar for people of color and white respondents, with both groups showing the highest preference for evening southbound trips, followed by midday northbound trips.



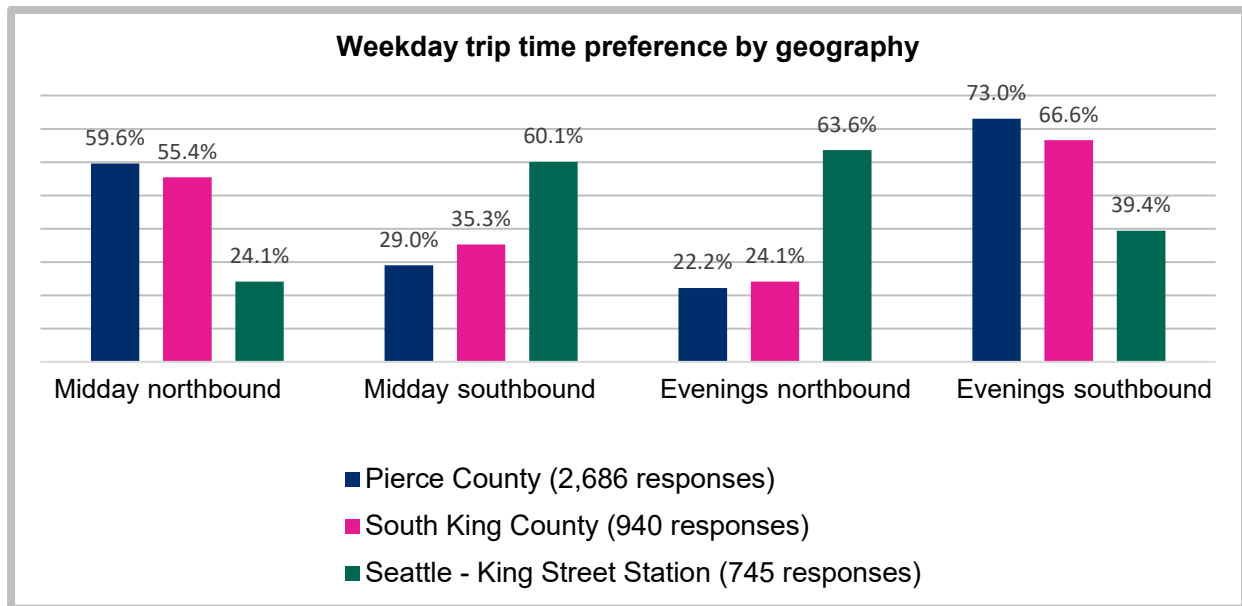
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People of all ridership frequencies showed the strongest preference for evening southbound trips, followed by midday northbound trips, though non-riders and infrequent riders showed a higher preference for evening northbound trips than frequent riders.



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Preferences for new weekday trips differs by respondent geography: Pierce County and South King County respondents prefer to have more options to attend late afternoon activities in Seattle (midday northbound / evening southbound trips), while Seattle respondents prefer options to go south during the day and return northbound in the evening.

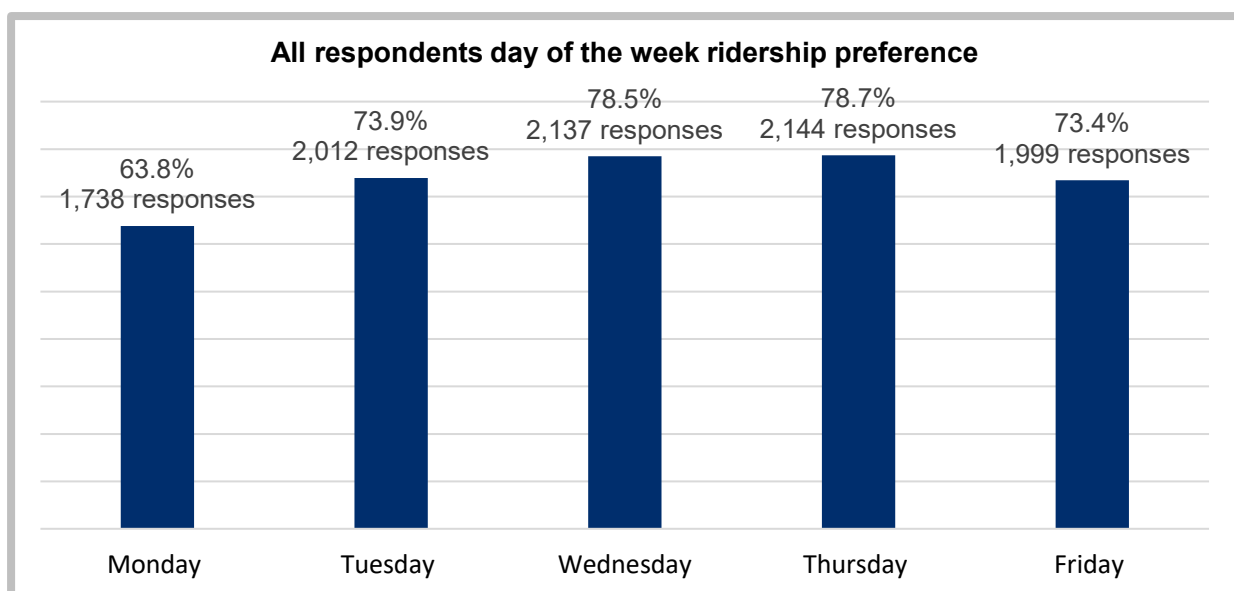


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When asked which weekdays they would ride Sounder, Wednesday and Thursday had the most responses, followed by Tuesday, Friday, and Monday.

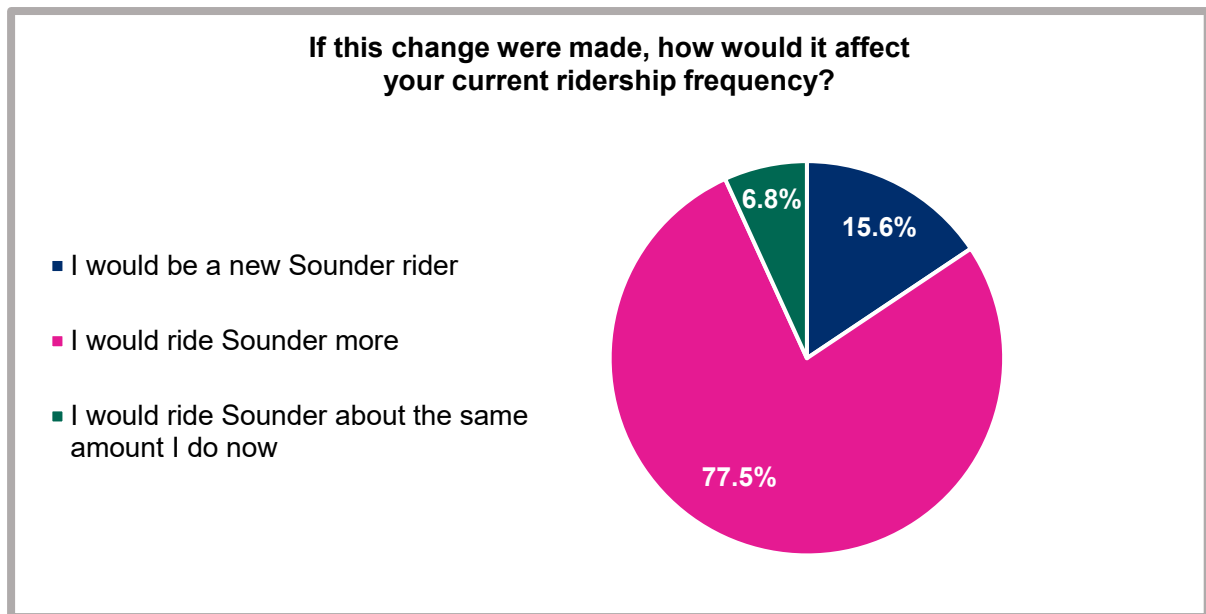
All demographic groups showed similar day-of-week preferences with the exception of lower income<sup>2</sup> and Seattle respondents who showed the highest preference for Friday trips at the rates of 78.7% and 81.1% respectively.

**Survey question.** Which days of the week would you ride weekday Sounder train service? (no answer limit)

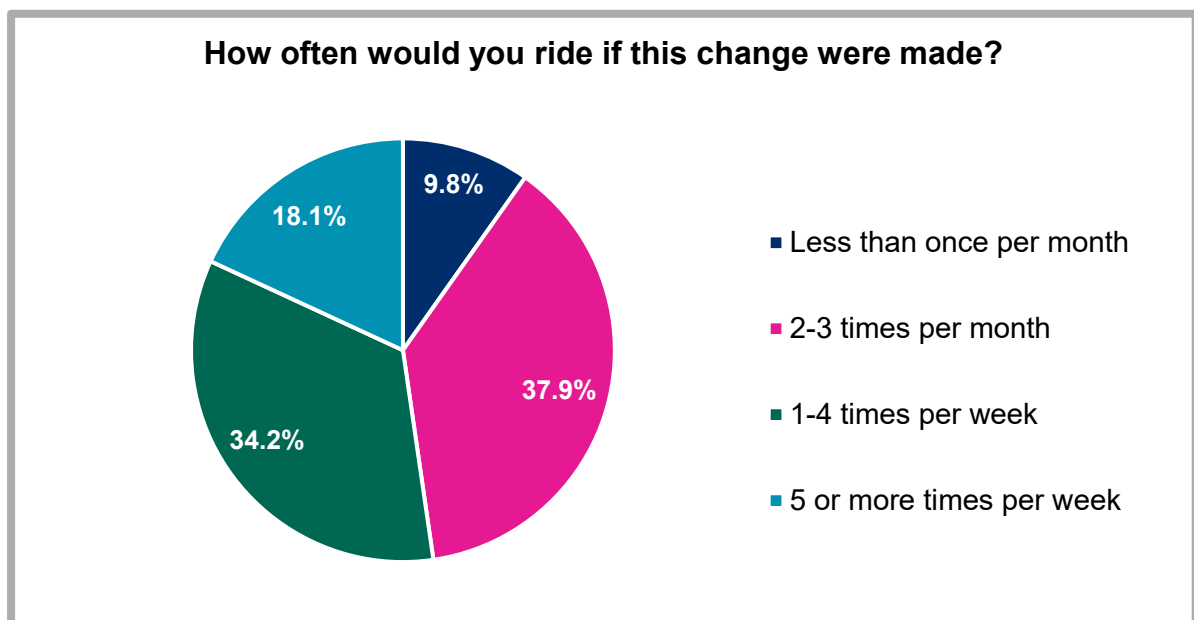


<sup>2</sup> Lower income respondents refers those who indicated a household income of \$35,000 or less.

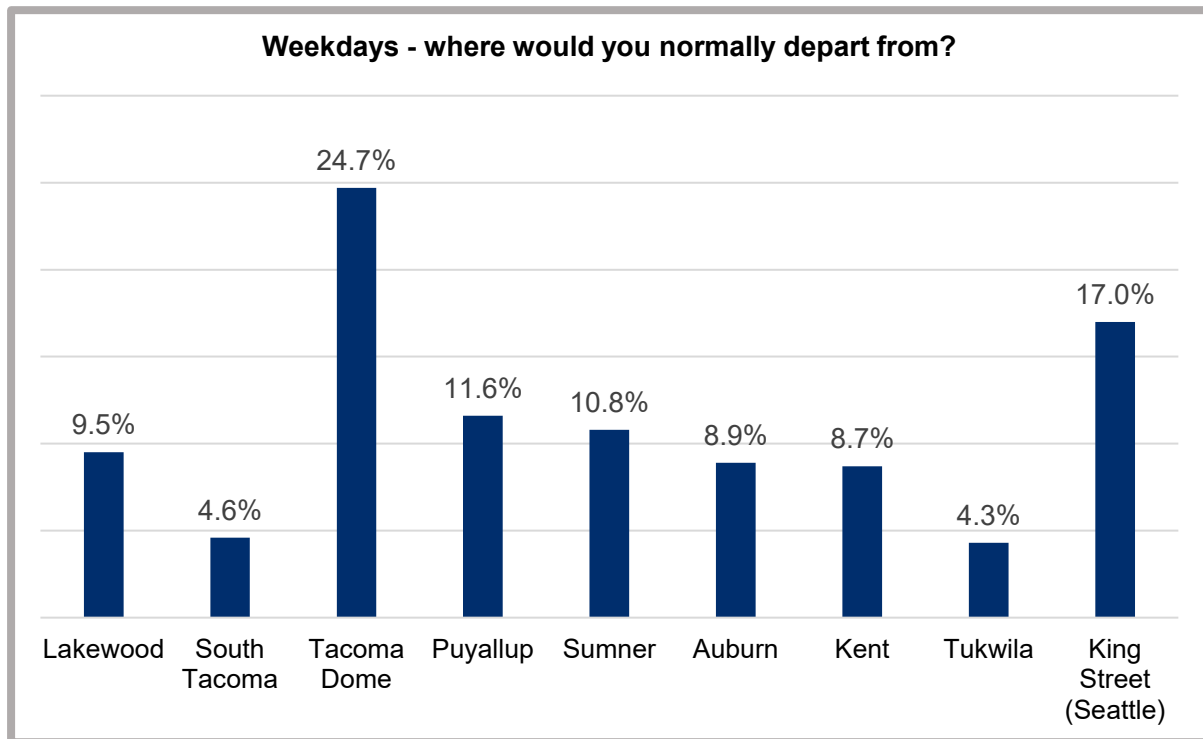
Respondents were asked two questions to gauge how adding trips on weekdays would impact their riding habits. The vast majority (93.2%) said they would either ride Sounder more (77.5%) or would be a new rider (15.6%).



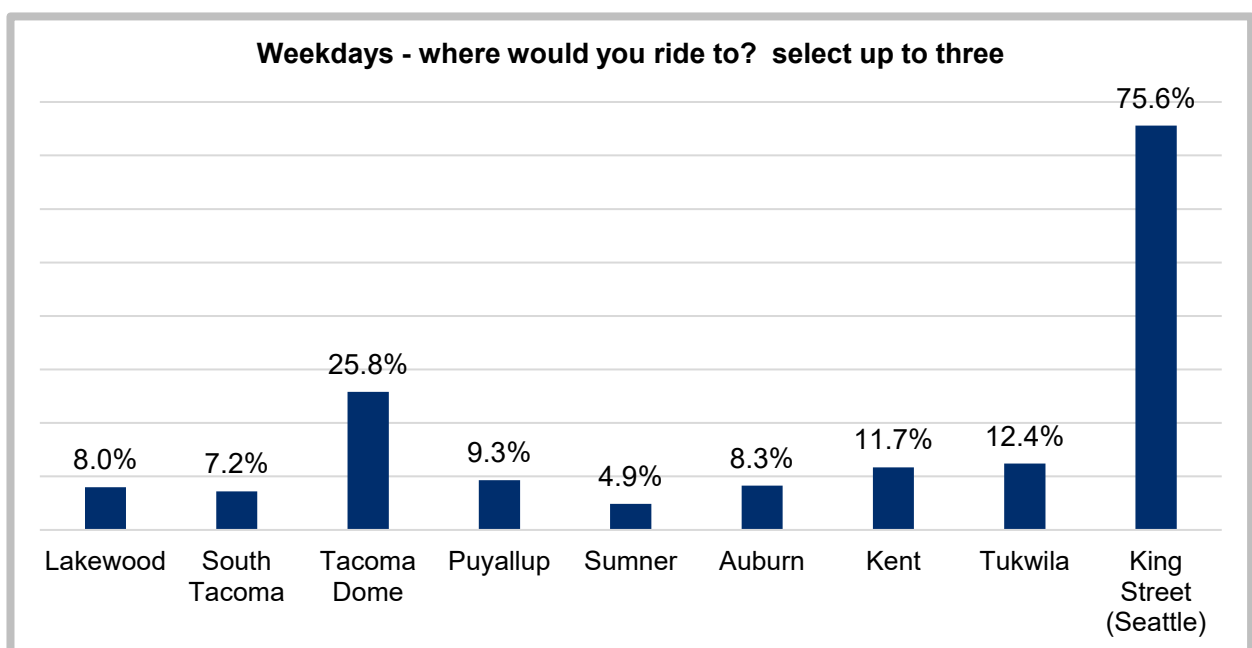
Overall, 52.3% of respondents indicated they would ride at least once per week if weekday trips were added.



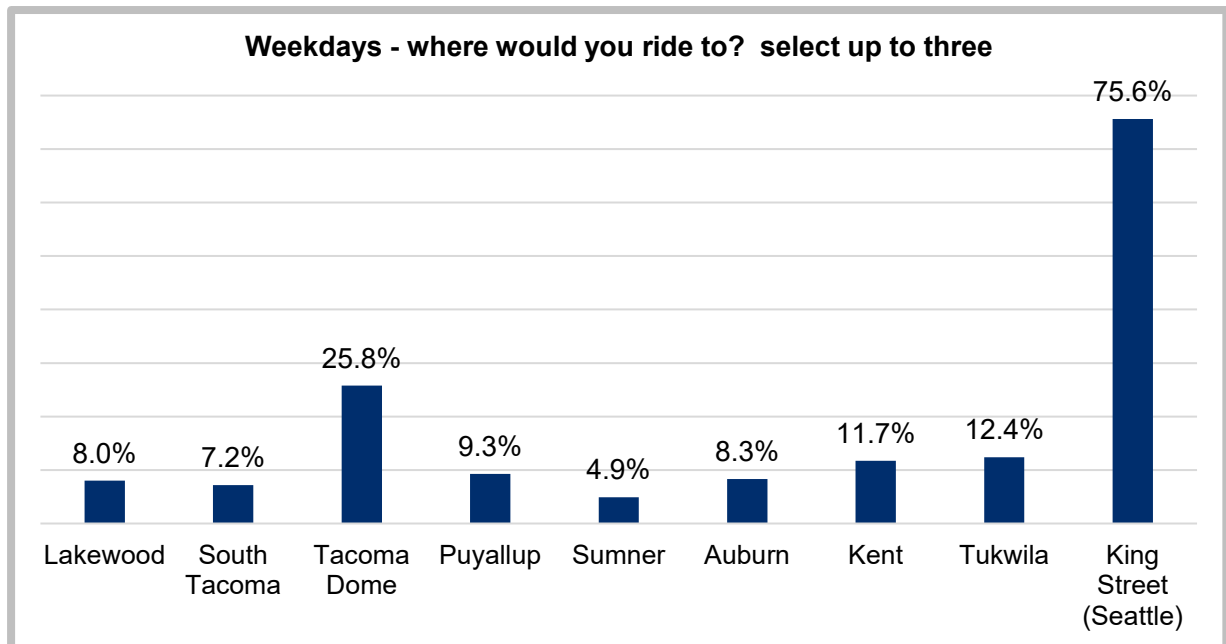
Respondents were asked to share where they would depart from and ride to. The highest responses for departures were Tacoma Dome (24.7%) and then King Street Station (17.0%).



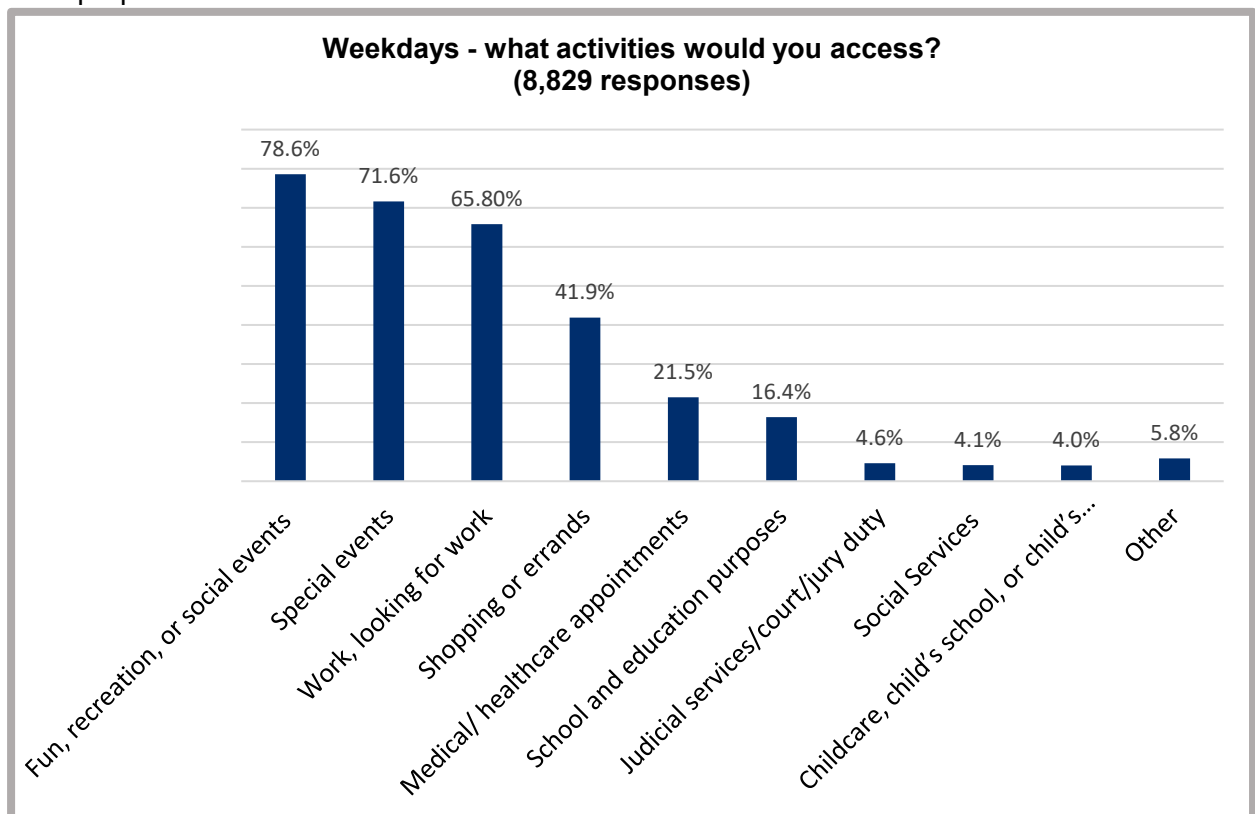
For weekday destinations, about 3 in 4 respondents said they would travel to King Street Station in Seattle, followed by about 1 in 4 who would travel to Tacoma Dome. (People could select up to three choices.)



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When respondents were asked what activities they would access through new weekday trips, the largest category was fun/recreation/social events, followed by special events. The majority of people (65.8%) also indicated that they would use new Sounder weekday trips for work purposes.





### Comments about adding weekday service

The survey invited people to share any additional thoughts they had about Sounder South, and we received many comments about adding weekday service. Themes and examples from these comments are shown below, and all comments by theme are included in [Appendix C](#).

#### Evening service comment themes (279 comments)

- A later weekday evening train would allow people to access social activities and events and would support them using transit over driving.
- People often have after-work activities in Seattle and the current schedule does not allow them to attend; many riders drive on those days instead of taking S Line.
- Extending service later into the evening would support healthcare workers, who often get off work at 7 p.m.
- Interest in both “after-dinner” and “late” trains, mostly from Seattle southbound.
- Students noted that evening service would allow them to be more active socially at campus and ease commute burden for night classes. Three students cited University of Washington.

#### Example comments

*“Would definitely love to see evening trips added. Would allow for staying downtown for concerts/happy hours with coworkers and friends and not have to depend on an uber or bus instead of sounder.”*

*“I take a shuttle from Factoria to King Street and I’ve come close to missing the last train of the evening. A later train would help.”*

*“I would LOVE to utilize the south Sounder more often, but the lack of scheduling makes it nearly impossible - especially for evening classes and events.”*

#### Midday service comment themes (174 comments)

Comments about midday service related to adding trains in both directions, though many focused on the ability to travel to Seattle later in the morning, and home earlier in the afternoon.

- People feel “stuck” in Seattle with the current schedule; fear they will not be able to get back if there is an emergency.
- Some parents find that the current morning schedule does not allow them to get their children to school and make the train.
- People would use midday Sounder to attend medical appointments.
- Midday service would support the more flexible work schedules.
- Some students believe more midday service would benefit them.

#### Example comments

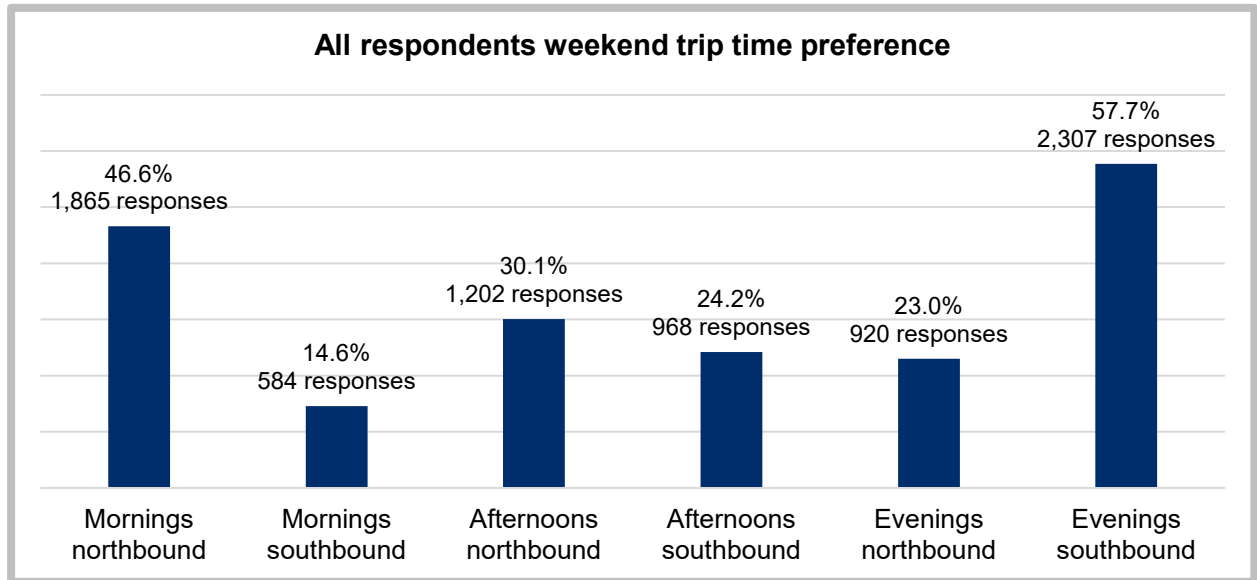
*“The last morning train departure time from Tacoma was always very challenging as a one-car household with a child who needed to be dropped off at daycare. Later time options would make it much easier.”*

*“I hate being stuck downtown from 8am to 2:30, I have on many occasions had to take Ubers home during that period for emergency reasons. It makes me want to drive in...”*

## Weekend trips

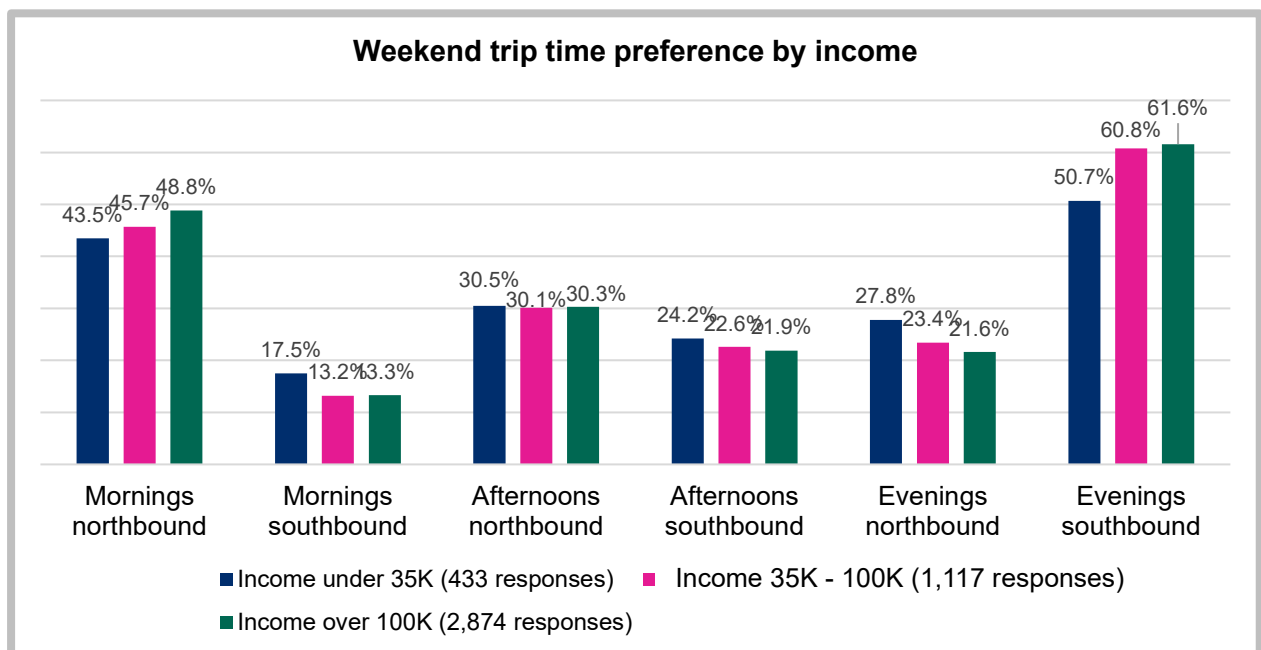
People who selected weekend trips were asked what time of day and direction they would ride Sounder. The highest responses were for a southbound evening train (57.7%) and a northbound morning train (46.6%). This is likely because most respondents are from South King and Pierce County.

**Survey question:** If we could add more weekend trips to the schedule, which of the following options would you use the most? (select up to two)



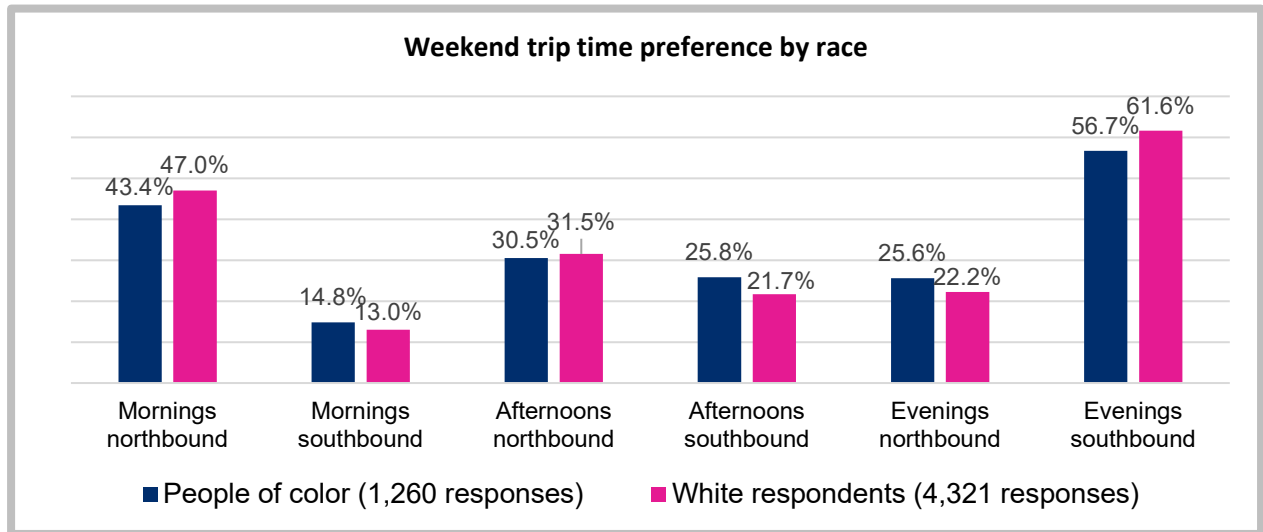
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All income levels showed similar interest in weekend trip times, although lower income respondents showed a slight interest over other income levels towards a morning southbound and evening northbound trip.



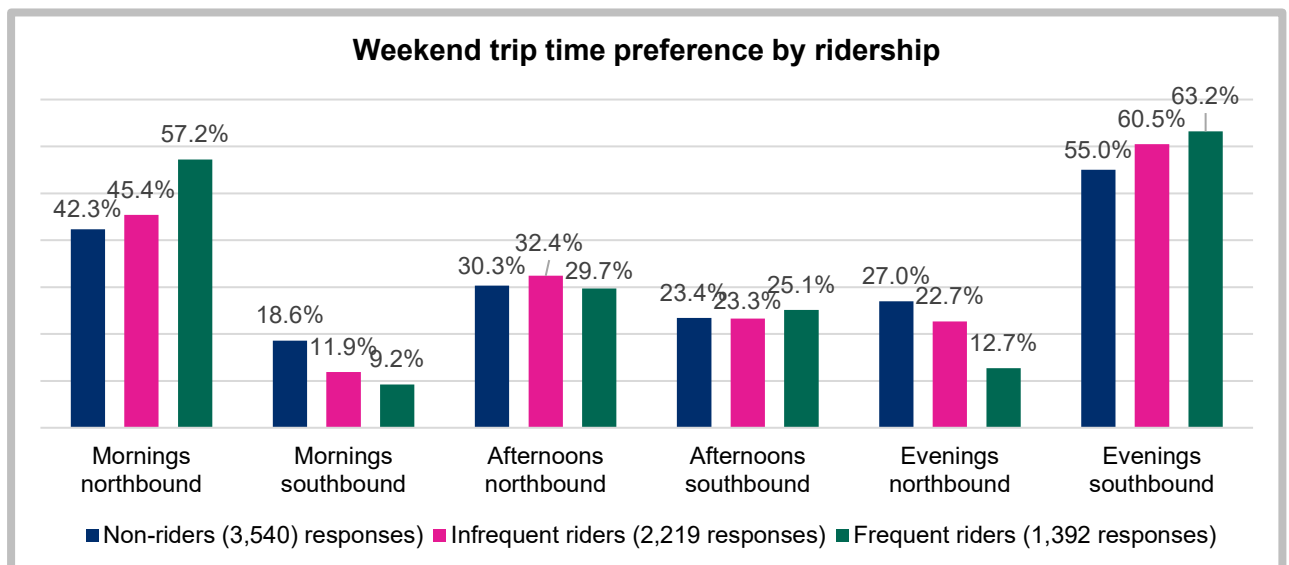
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White respondents and people of color showed similar interest in weekend trip times, with the strongest interest in an evening southbound train. People of color showed slightly more interest in afternoon southbound and evening northbound trains.



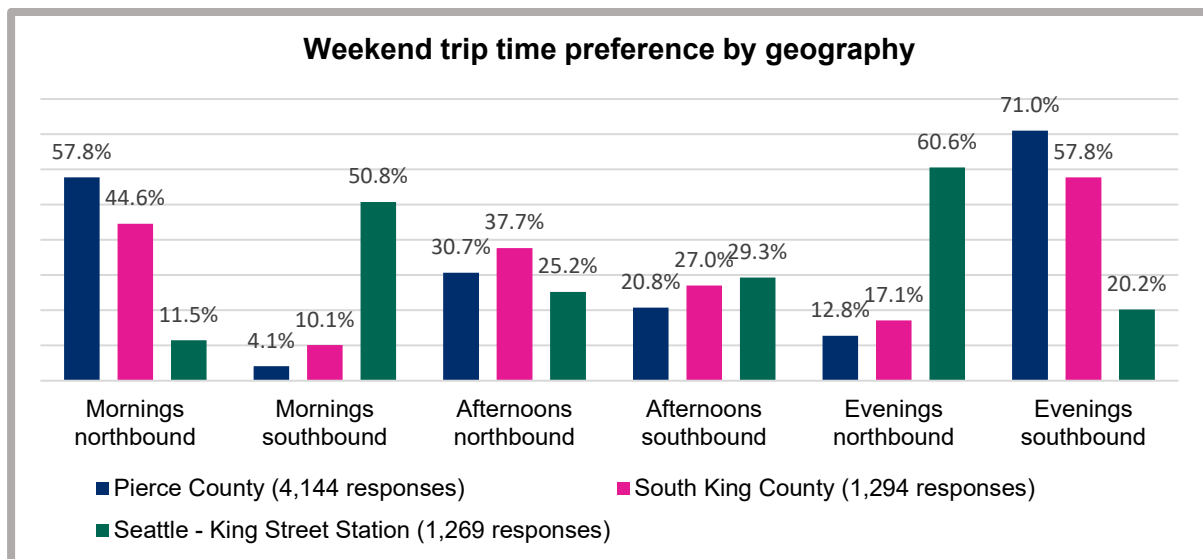
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There were some differences across ridership categories, though all showed the highest interest in evening southbound followed by morning northbound service. Non-riders showed more interest in morning southbound and evening northbound trains than other ridership groups, likely in part due to the correlation with more non-rider respondents who live in Seattle.



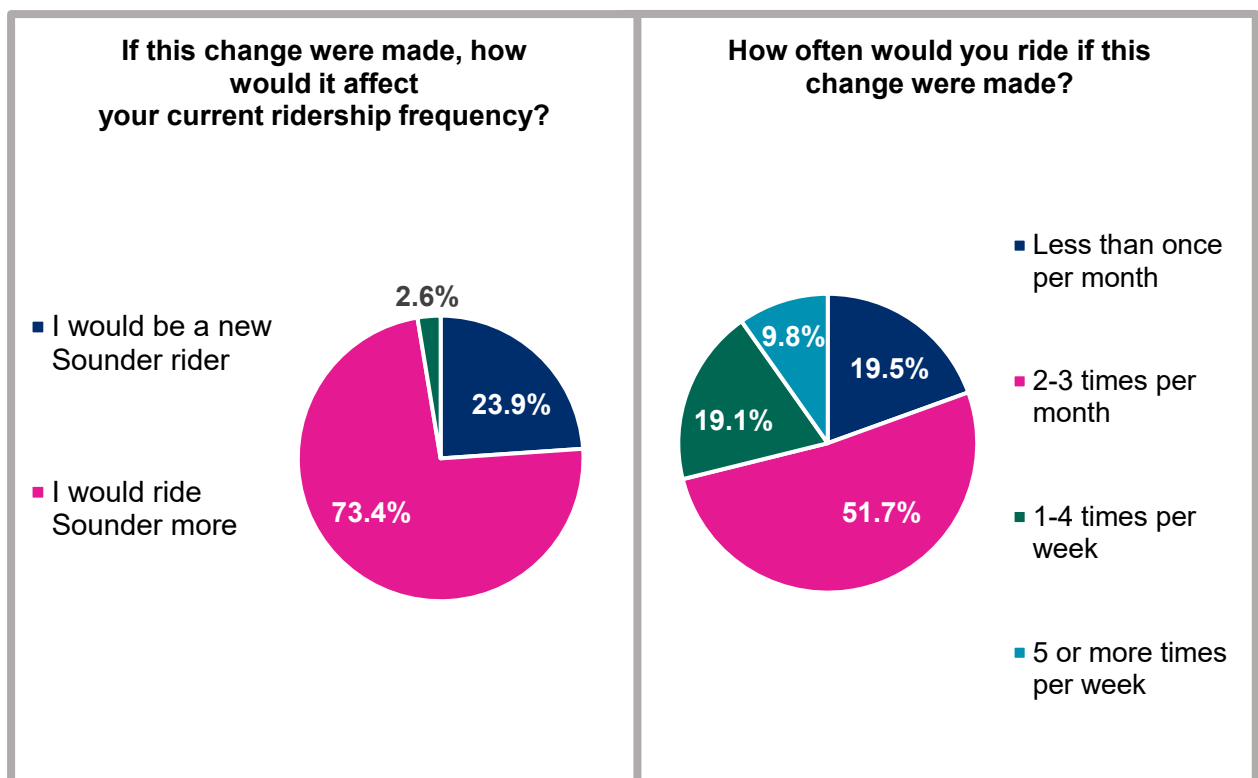
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Weekend trip time and direction preference differed significantly by geography. While Pierce County and South King County residents both showed high preferences for an evening southbound and morning northbound train, Seattle residents showed high preferences for a morning southbound and evening northbound train.

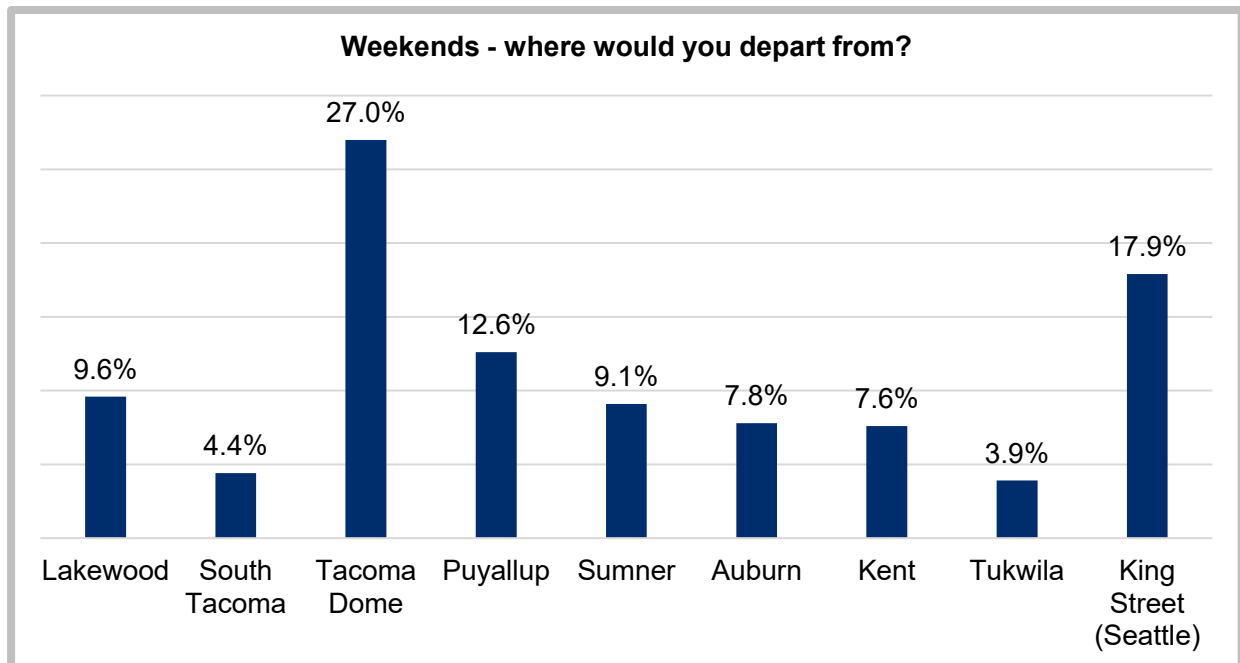


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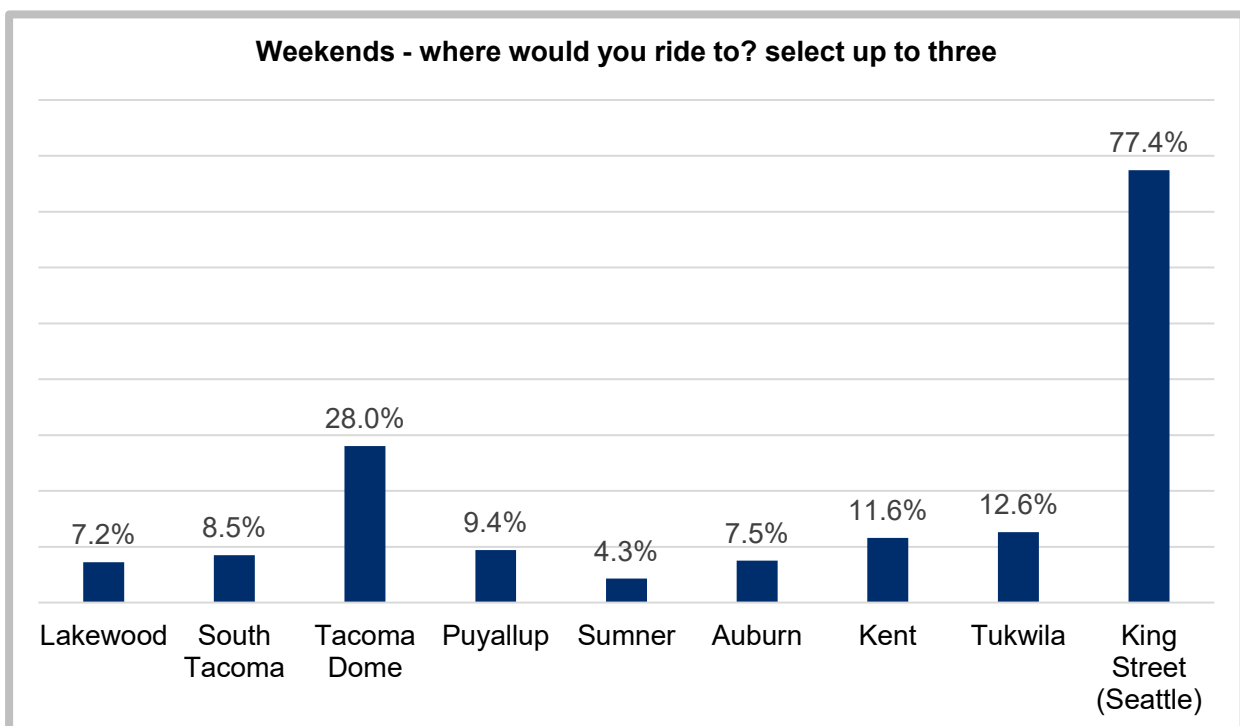
Respondents were asked two questions to gauge how adding weekend service would impact their riding habits and frequency. The vast majority (97%) said they would either ride Sounder more (73.5%) or would be a new rider (23.9%). Overall, 80.5% of respondents indicated they would ride at least once per month if weekend trips were added.



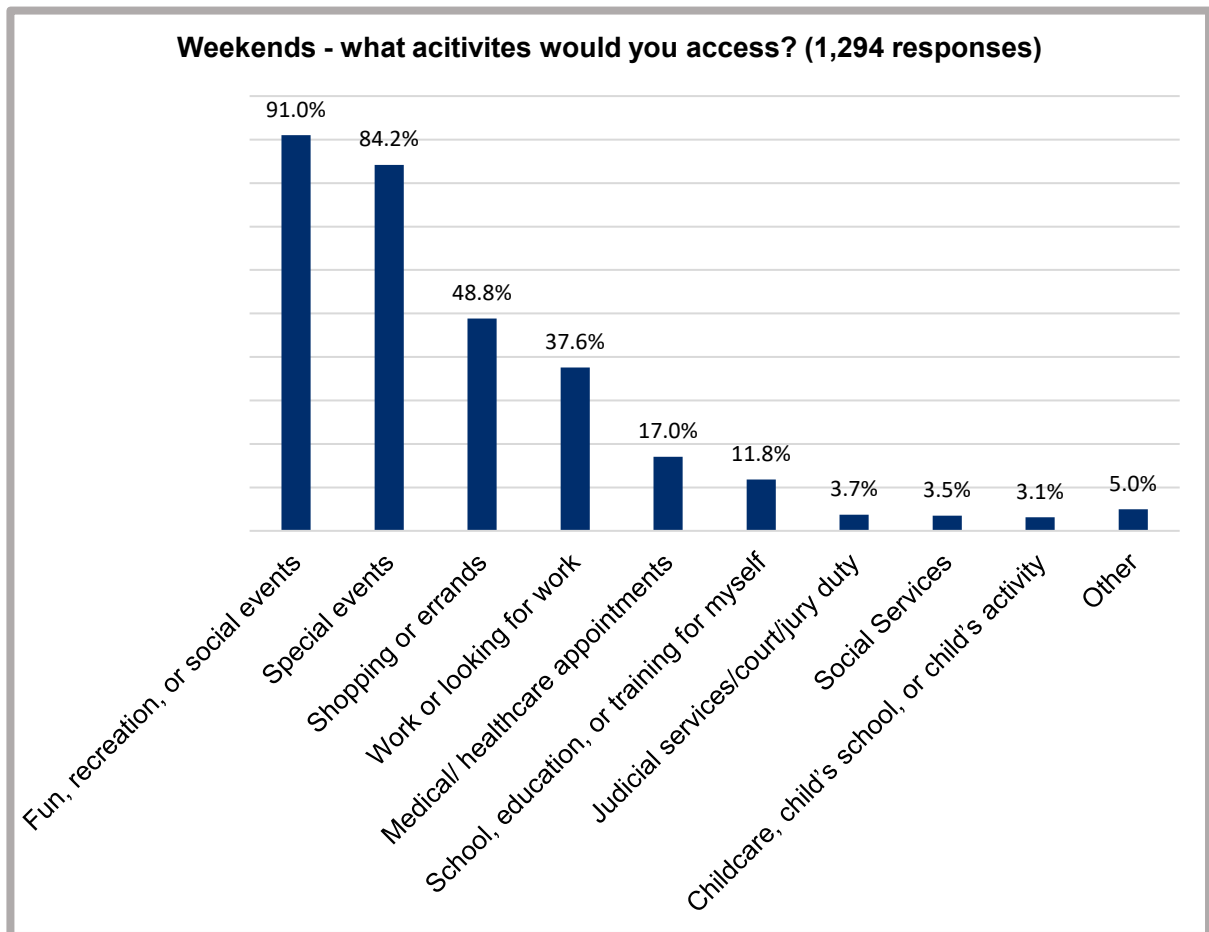
Respondents were asked where they would depart from and ride to. The highest responses for departures were Tacoma Dome (27%) followed by King Street Station (17.9%).



For weekend destinations, responses were similar to weekdays, with 77.4% selecting King Street Station, followed by 28% selecting Tacoma Dome. (People could select up to three choices.)



When respondents were asked what activities they would access through new weekend trips, the largest category was fun/recreation/social events, followed by special events, shopping, and work.



#### Comments about adding weekend service

We received many comments about adding weekend service. Themes and examples from these comments are shown below, and all comments by theme are included in [Appendix C](#).

#### Weekend service comment themes (322 comments)

- Many people want to travel on weekends for personal purposes to communities all along the corridor, including attending events and visiting family or friends.
- People want to avoid parking in Seattle.
- Desire to avoid traffic on 1-5, SR-167 and in Seattle

#### Example comments

*"I'm from Tacoma but live in Seattle. All of my family still live in Tacoma, and I would love to be able to take the Sounder to see them on weekends..."*

*"I would love to be able to go into Seattle or Tacoma on the weekends to meet friends, or just visit the city... It's especially important as someone who lives nowhere near the Light Rail expansions."*

*"Please add more to the sounder schedule, regular weekend runs would be great. It would get me to use the train."*

#### *Event comment themes (182 comments)*

- Driving and parking are seen as a barrier to attending events along the corridor.
- People want to use Sounder to access sporting events, shows and concerts in Seattle and at the Tacoma Dome, both on weekends and on weekday evenings.
- Desire for a later train after Seahawks games.
- Sense that Seahawks event trains are currently crowded.

#### **Example comments**

*“Being able to reliably use the Sounder for concerts and sporting events especially would be a total game changer and would absolutely lead to me using the Sounder to travel to Seattle significantly more frequently.”*

*“I live in Sumner and use the Sounder to commute to work in Kent... I wish I had more access to use the train for entertainment in the Seattle area because we try to avoid driving there as much as we can. We do not have Link nearby so bus or train is our only option unless we also want to drive 30 minutes or more in addition to the public transit.”*

*“Please add trains for MARINER GAMES! I’m a season ticket holder and many of us would love to use the train 50-80 times/season!”*

*“I would like to take the train to \*and from\* distant events south of Seattle (particularly Thunderbirds games, Seawolves games and concerts at the White River Amphitheatre), but the train doesn’t run late enough for me to get back to Seattle.”*



## Spreading trips throughout the day and week

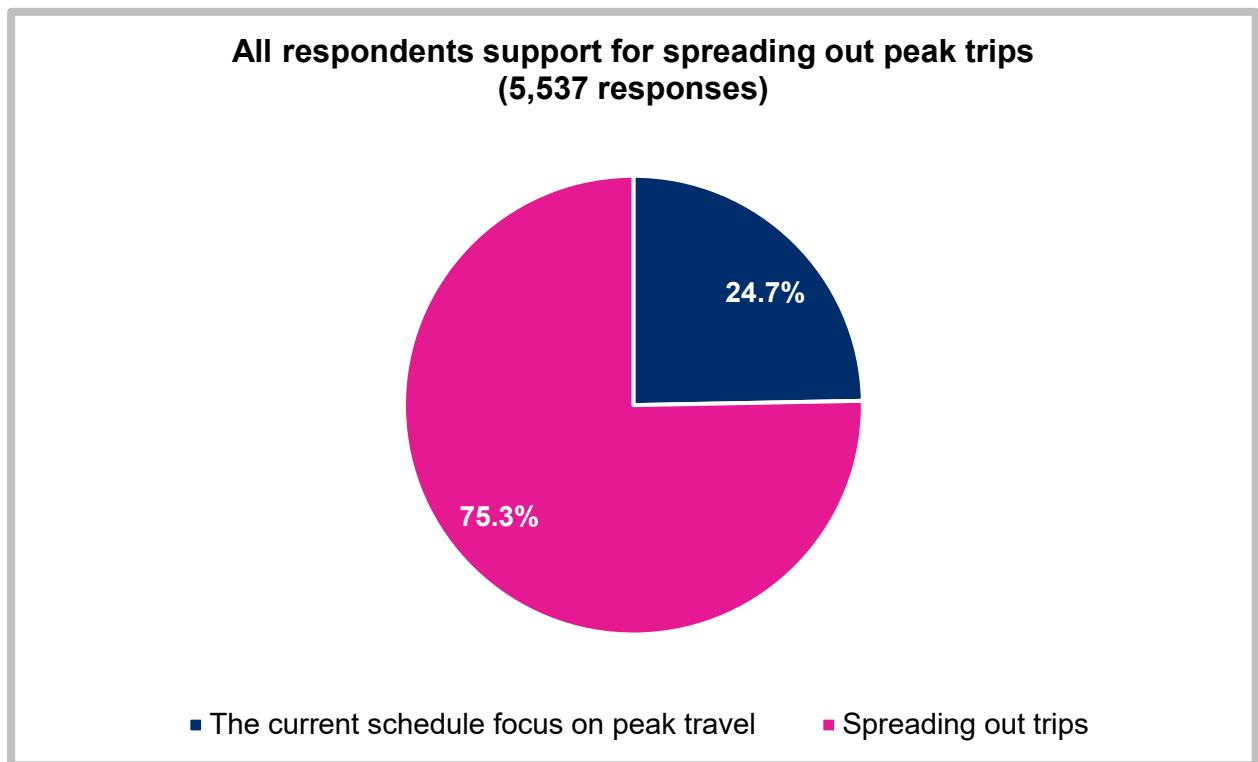
We asked if respondents would support reducing frequency during peak periods, so as to add trips at other times of day or week (depending on BNSF approval). Approximately 75% of respondents supported spreading out trips, and this level of support held through income, race, and geographic categories.

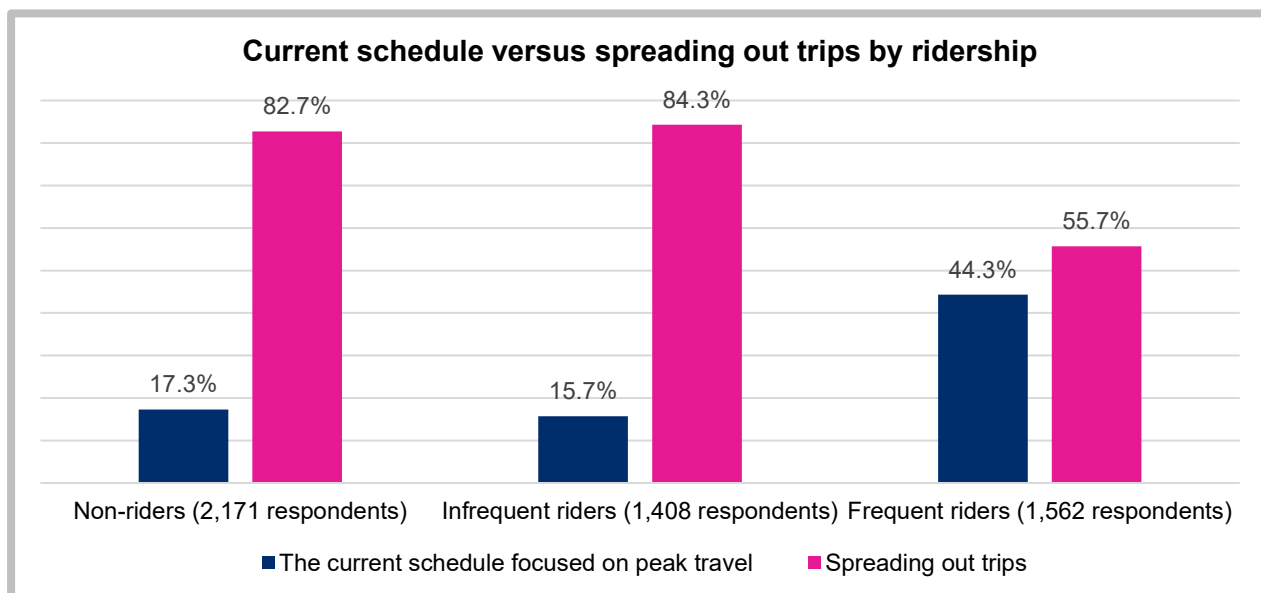
Among frequent riders, 55.7% supported spreading out trips, compared to infrequent riders who had 84.3% support, and non-riders who had 82.7% support.

Survey question: Sound Transit may explore spreading trips throughout the day or week by spacing out the time between trips during peak. In this scenario, the number of trips would not change, but trains during peak times could shift from approximately every 20 minutes to every 30 minutes. Any changes to the current Sounder schedule would require approval from BNSF railway. Which do you value more?

Answer choices:

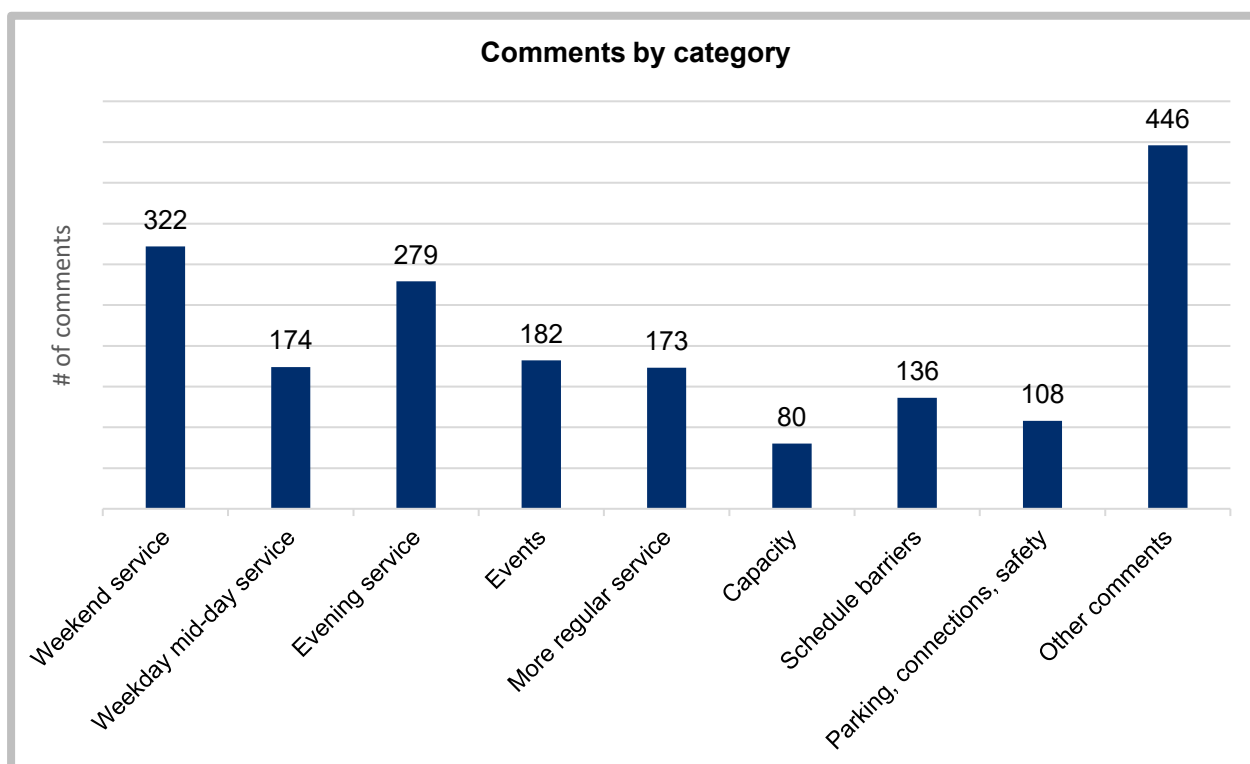
- The current schedule with train frequency focused on peak commute travel
- Lower frequency during peak periods (such as trains coming every 30 minutes rather than every 20 minutes) to expand the train schedule to other times (such as weekends, weekdays midday, or weekday evenings).





## Additional comment themes

The survey invited people to share any additional thoughts they had about Sounder South. Over 1,440 people provided comments. We've shared themes from comments about adding weekday or weekend service and capacity in the sections above. Here we share comment themes about schedule barriers to riding; parking, connections, and safety; and other topics.



## Comments about capacity

There were about 80 comments relating to the amount of space or capacity on Sounder trains.

- Approximately 17 comments cited the need to return to seven-car trains due to crowding.
- Observations that ridership seems to be increasing.
- Bikes contribute to capacity issues, and more rail cars would increase bike / scooter capacity.

### Example comments

*“Need to go back to seven cars. They are way too packed now.”*

*“From Seattle to Tukwila, there is standing room only going southbound. it's frustrating. most of the time have to stand until at least Auburn Station”*

*“There are more riders on Tuesday through Thursday because some people only work 3 days a week. Making the cars very full on those days.”*

*“There is increased number of commuters with bikes and scooters. Often during peak hours these spots on the cars are full especially during summer/good weather days.”*

## Schedule barriers to riding

We heard from 136 people about how and why the current Sounder schedule is a barrier to riding.

- When the train schedule doesn't work, many will drive and others must contend with inconvenient or lengthy transit alternatives.
- Schedule does not work for anyone other than traditional commuters.
- Schedule makes using Sounder to attend medical appointments difficult.
- Schedule does not support newer flexible hybrid work schedules.

### Example comments

*“The last morning train departure time from Tacoma was always very challenging as a one-car household with a child who needed to be dropped off at daycare. Later time options would make it much easier.”*

*“I live in Seattle, and work in Kent from 2pm – 10pm most days, including Sundays. If there were trains around my normal commute times, I would bike to the train, and save about 30 minutes compared to commuting by bus.”*

*“I can't rely on it for work because the last train leaving Seattle is too early. If I miss it I can't get back to Auburn Station outside of a ridiculously long bus ride.”*

## Parking, connections, and safety

We received 108 comments about topics of parking, connections to Sounder, or safety.

- 10 people cited Auburn garage challenges, while 11 others cited Sumner parking challenges.
- Some people believe that the train is safer than bus or light rail.
- Some expressed concerns about security on-board trains and in parking garages.
- Appreciation for security staff on trains and platforms.
- Consider and improve connections to other forms of transit.

### Example comments from survey respondents

*"Safety needs to be a huge priority so the train does not end up like the light rail or the bus system in Seattle"*

*"I would use the Sumner Station, but there is no parking available."*

*"I'd love to take public transit to Lakewood for work, but nothing runs from Tacoma to the Western State Hospital area. 3,000 employees commute here every day."*

## Other comments

There were 446 comments about topics other than those mentioned above. These included:

- Desire for more service to/from Lakewood (23 comments)
- Bike and scooter capacity (19 comments)
- Need for greater train reliability (19 comments)
- Desire for more reverse peak service (18 comments)
- Requesting extension to Olympia (17 comments)
- Citing need for DuPont service (11 comments)
- Desire for earlier service to help with getting to work (10 comments)
- Desire for improved signage on platforms on arrival time and location (7 comments)
- Support for peak service (5 comments)

### Example comments

*"The morning options out of Lakewood are too early!"*

*"More trains that go to Lakewood in the afternoon would be best. I sometimes drive to Tacoma Dome in order to be able to take an earlier train home but would much prefer to continue using the Lakewood station."*

*"The recent lack of reliability has made me question if I can commute with the Sounder at all. It's currently too unreliable (so many cancelled and significantly delayed trains) so I've been driving more instead."*

*"Sometimes the trains are unreliable because they are canceled for maintenance issues. This makes it hard to plan trips and can leave riders stranded. I think another focus should be train maintenance as well as additional services."*

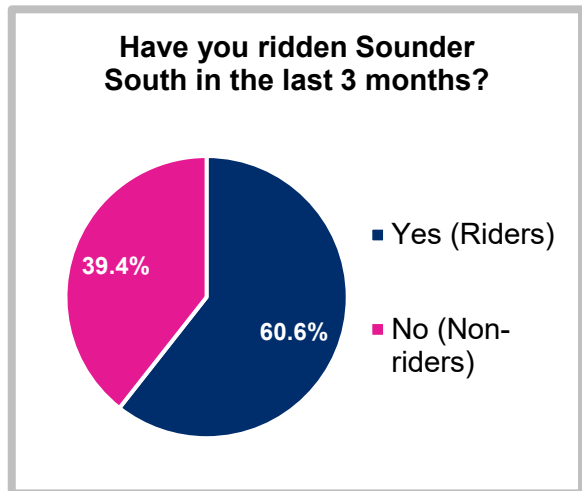
## A closer look at who we heard from

As noted earlier, all survey participants were asked if they have ridden Sounder South in the last three months; 60.6% answered yes, and 39.4% answered no.

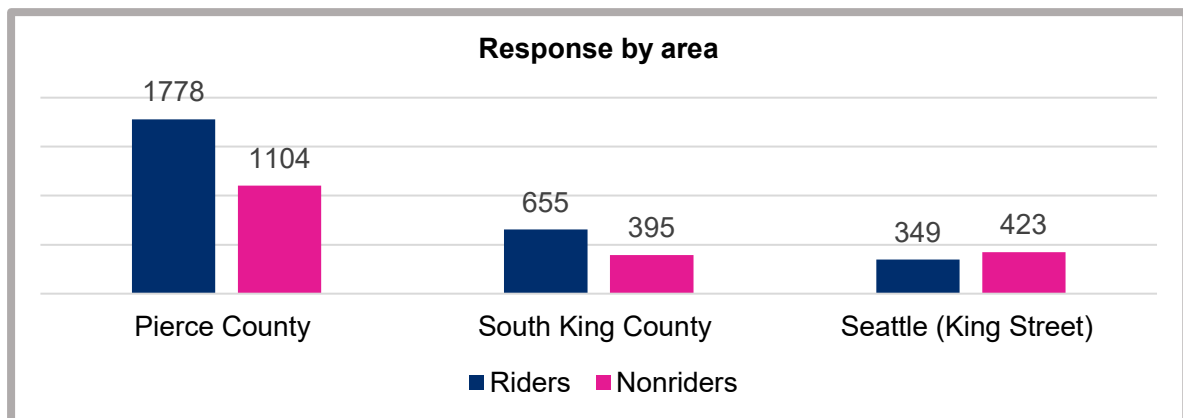
### Geography

Respondents were asked three optional questions to gauge their geographic relationship to Sounder South. Questions were as follows:

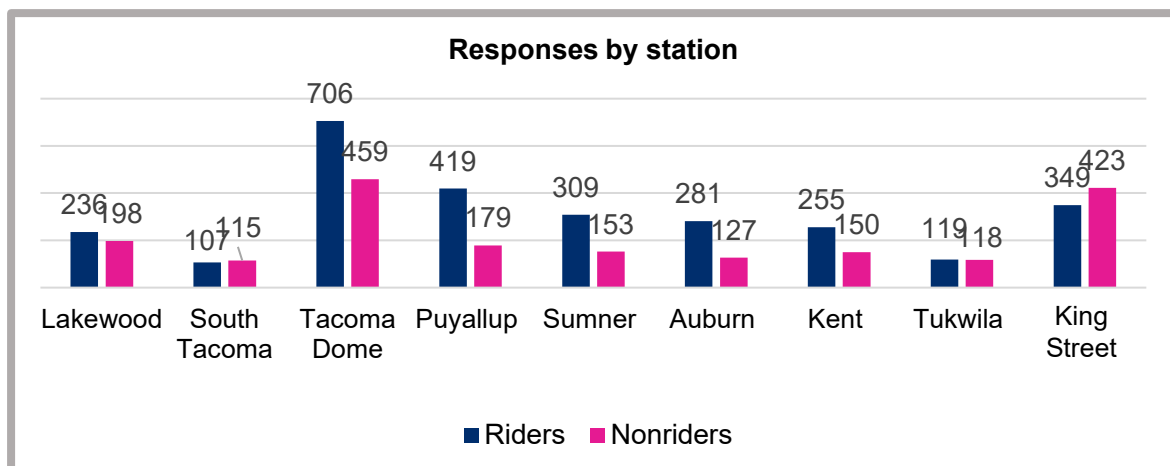
- Riders<sup>3</sup> were asked, “which station do you normally depart from?”
- Non-riders were asked, “which station do you live the closest to?”
- All respondents were asked, “what zip code do you live in?”



The most respondents (2,882) were from Pierce County, followed by South King County (1,050) and Seattle (772).

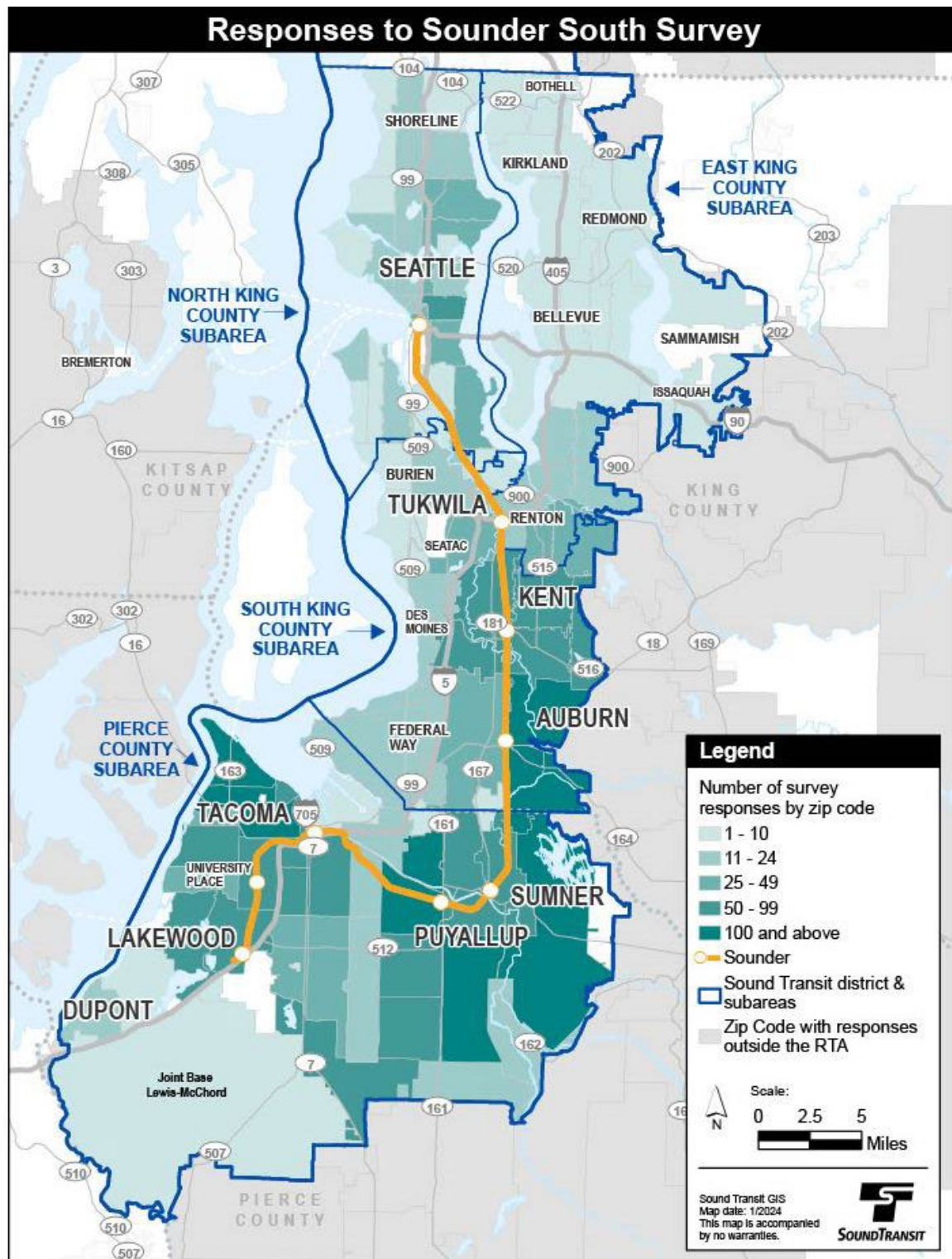


The station with the highest responses was Tacoma Dome (706 riders and 459 nonriders), followed by King Street (349 riders and 423 nonriders).



<sup>3</sup> Riders are those who indicated they have ridden Sounder at least once in the past three months, including event trains.

There were approximately 3,900 participants who provided their residential zip code. As shown in the map below, the highest concentration of respondents were from Tacoma, east Pierce County, and southeast King County. A full list of zip codes and the number of respondents from each can be found in in [Appendix H](#).



## Languages spoken by respondents

We asked survey participants which languages are spoken regularly in their homes, and over 4,400 people answered. The most common languages, other than English, were Spanish (6%), Tagalog (1%), and Mandarin (1%).

Q: Which language is regularly spoken in your home? (select all that apply) – optional question

Language	# of responses
English	3,961
Spanish	266
Tagalog	49
Mandarin	39
Russian	25
Vietnamese	23
Cantonese	18
Korean	14
Ukrainian	14
Arabic	8
Amharic	3
Somali	3

We translated the survey into eight languages other than English. Respondents could access translated surveys through a top navigation bar on the online open house or by QR codes linked to each version.

The highest number of translated surveys were in Spanish (90 completed), followed by Vietnamese (11 completed) and Tagalog (5 completed).

Survey language	Completed responses	Partial responses	Total
Spanish	90	20	110
Vietnamese	11	9	20
Tagalog	5	5	10
Ukrainian	1	0	1
Korean	1	0	1
Total	108	34	142

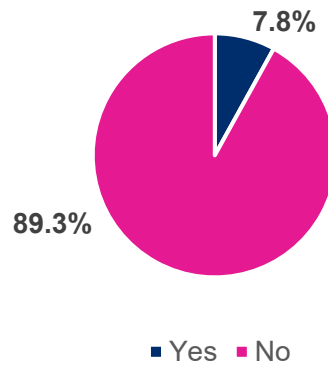
## Additional demographics of respondents

Respondents could answer optional demographic questions at the end of the survey to help Sound Transit understand who we're hearing from. Eighty-seven percent said they would answer the demographic questions. Responses to five of the six questions are below. (Responses to the question on home zip code are above.)



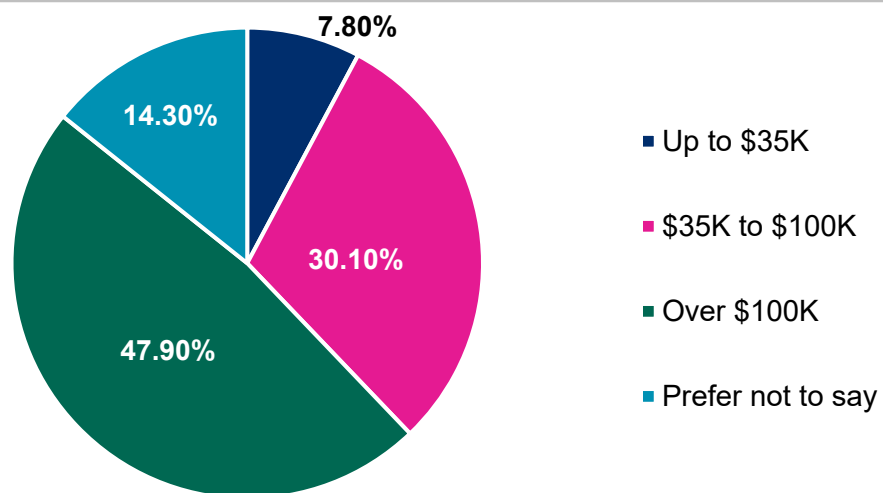
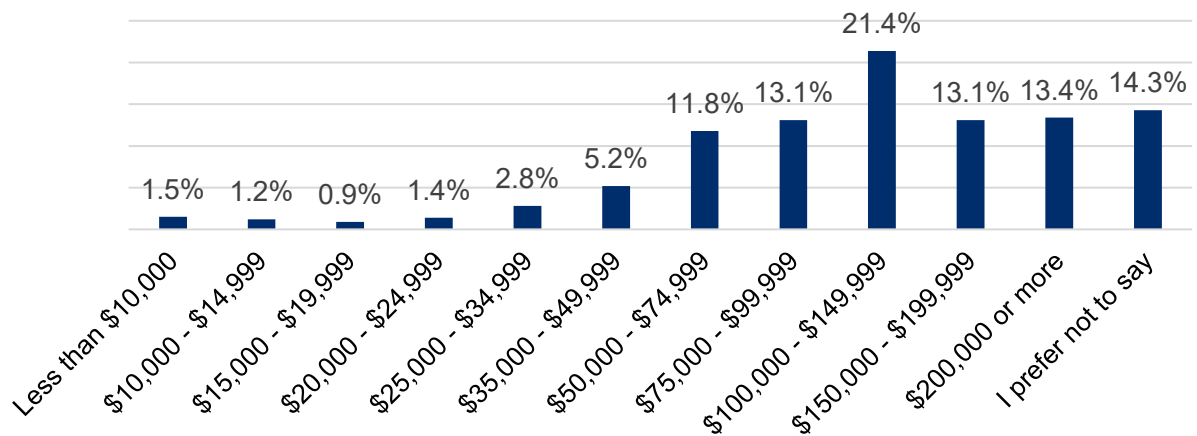
## Disabilities

**Do you consider yourself to have one or more disabilities that affect your use of public transportation? (4,066 respondents)**

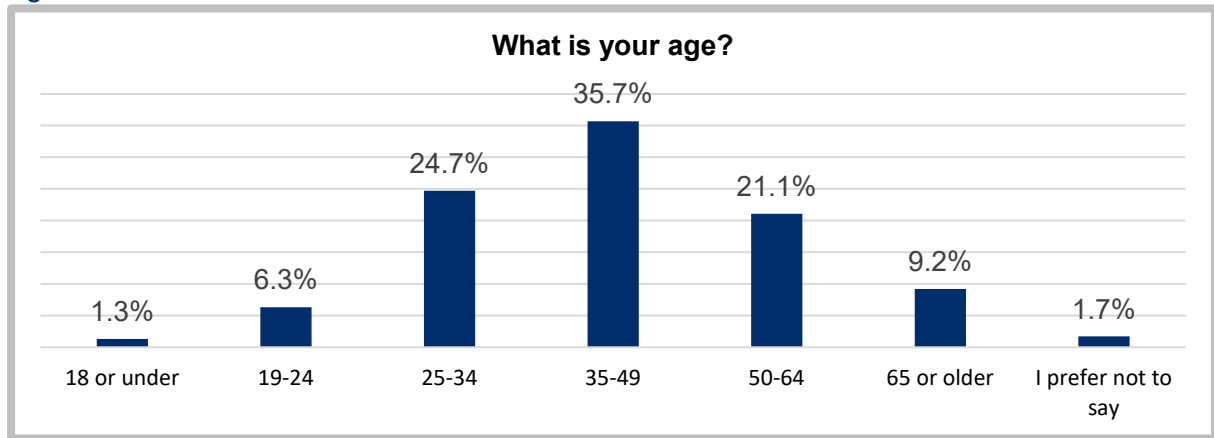


## Income

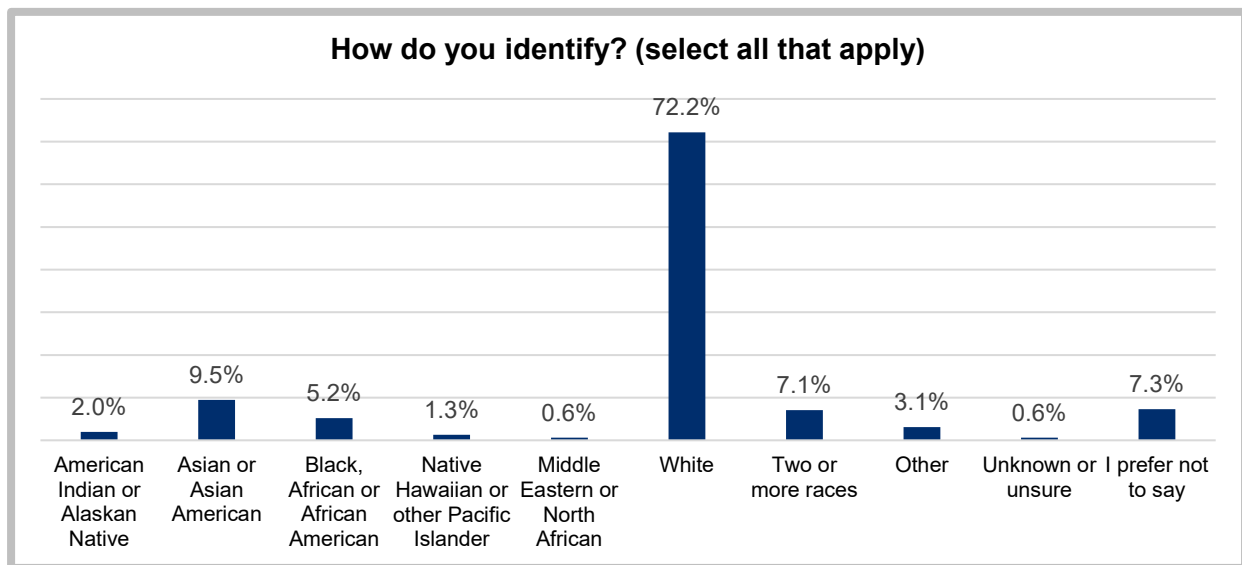
**What is your household's total annual earnings? (4,072 responses)**



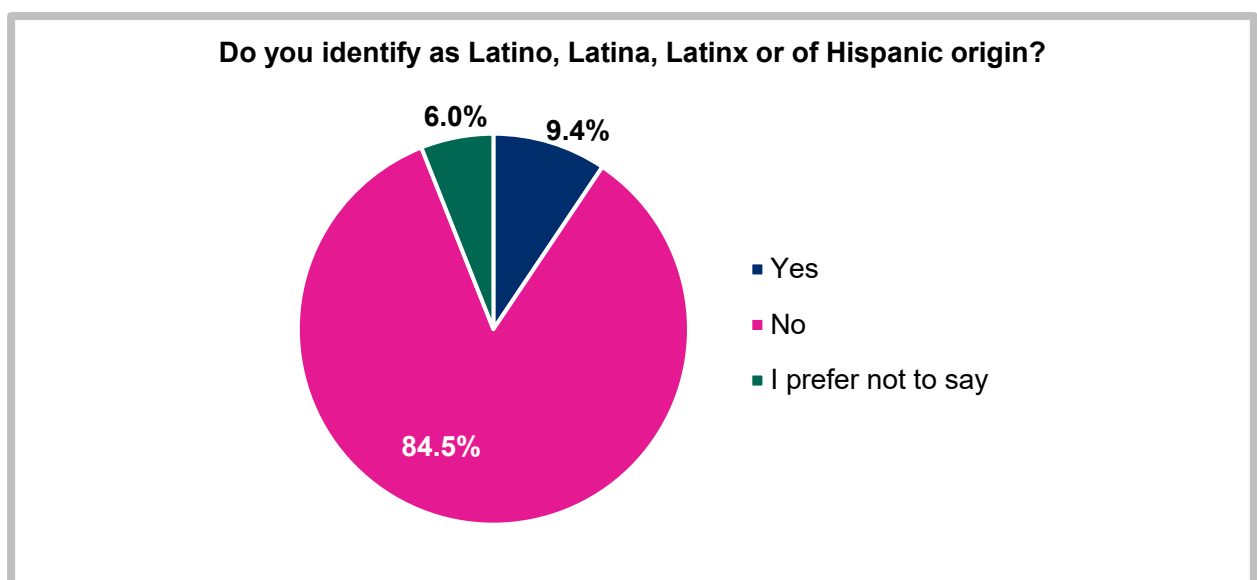
## Age



## Race



## Latino/ Latina/ Latinx/ Hispanic



## Community and passenger tabling events



*Sound Transit staff tabling at Festival LatinX at Tacoma Armory on Oct. 14.*



*Sound Transit table at Sumner-Graham football game, Sept. 30.*

Sound Transit conducted in-person outreach at community events and Sounder Stations along the corridor during the engagement period. Meeting community members in spaces where they commonly gather served to grow participation in the survey, connect with both riders and non-riders and continue building relationships in the communities that Sound Transit serves.

Visitors were encouraged to interact with a display board that mimicked the survey's introductory questions: 'Would you prioritize adding new trips or adding capacity to the existing schedule?' 'When would you like to see new trips?' We also had giveaways, including branded sunglasses, notebooks, reusable bags, and paper Sounder trains to express gratitude for feedback.

Staff interacted with over **4,000 people** during these events, many of which were made possible through partnership and collaboration with jurisdictions and organizations in the Sounder South corridor.

**General feedback at these events was strong enthusiasm for adding more trips, particularly on weekends.**

Date	Event	People spoken with
September 28, 2023	Sumner High School Football Game	150
September 30, 2023	Southcenter Mall tabling	111
October 7, 2023	Puyallup Farmers Market	90
October 11, 2023	King Street Station tabling	600
October 14, 2023	LatinX Festival Tacoma Armory	115
October 14, 2023	Lakewood Truck and Tractor Day	141
October 21, 2023	Harvest Fest at STAR Center in Tacoma	280
October 22, 2023	Seahawks Game Trains (Tacoma, Auburn, Puyallup)	500
October 24, 2023	Sumner Station Drop-in	120
October 28, 2023	Auburn Halloween Harvest Festival	1200
October 28, 2023	Kent Street of Treats	800

## Focus groups with underserved communities

Staff engaged with historically underserved communities to understand their needs, travel patterns, barriers to riding the train, and how the S line could better serve them. We held four in-person focus groups in spaces where folks commonly gather. To incentivize participants, we offered \$100 Visa gift cards to compensate them for their time and contributions.

### Overall focus group feedback themes

- **Weekend service:** Across all focus groups, the strongest interest from the most people was for adding weekend service. Participants would use weekend Sounder for recreation, shopping, religious, or personal reasons, with a smaller number for work or job hunting. Some expressed that they would ride weekend Sounder at least once a month. The most common desire was for northbound morning trips and southbound trips in the afternoon or evening.
- **Weekday service:** There was also interest in additional weekday service at a variety of times, including early morning, late morning, midday, and evenings, in both directions.
  - The current schedule does not serve people working swing or graveyard shifts in areas north of Pierce County. They would need northbound early afternoon and evening trains, and southbound evening and early morning trains.
  - Adding midday service could help people with appointments in areas to the north, while evening service could help people go out in Seattle.
- **Other barriers to riding:** While not in the purview of this Strategic Plan, participants identified several other barriers to riding Sounder including high fares, lack of knowledge about how to ride, lack of in-language rider information, difficulty getting to stations, and perceived safety at stations.

### Focus group 1: Spanish-speaking community members from Lakewood and Tacoma

14 participants

Meeting date: Aug. 7, 2023

#### General background

- Most participants had heard of Sounder, but most were not riders

#### More service vs longer trains

- Preference by everyone for more trips over longer trains, citing current schedule barriers to riding

#### Weekends:

- Weekend service generated the most interest; people would ride to sightsee and for recreation purposes. Some would also ride Sounder to commute to work on the weekends.
- Traffic and cost of driving and parking were main drivers for wanting weekend service.
- Majority of participants said they would ride at least once per month.

#### Weekdays:

- Interest in expanding weekday service, everyone knew someone who worked second or third shift so could not use Sounder to commute.
- Desire for midday service for appointments.
- Interest in later evening service for entertainment purposes.

- Support for spreading out trips during peak times, and belief that trains every 30 minutes would be easier to understand.
- One reverse commuter cited how the current schedule does not work for them.

#### **Other topics:**

- Main barriers to riding were not knowing how to get started and the train not being available at convenient times.
- Some also cited that getting to the station was challenging with connections or walking through unsafe neighborhoods.
- Suggestions to improve non-English signage at the stations to overcome language barriers.
- Positive feedback on in-person engagement such as the focus group to build relationships and confidence in transit.

### **Focus group 2: Springbrook Connections community in Lakewood**

12 participants

Meeting date: September 13, 2023

#### **General background**

- Participants were recruited by Springbrook Connections, a local non-profit organization, and most live in Springbrook, a low-income neighborhood about one mile south of Lakewood Station.
- Most participants had ridden Sounder before.

#### **More service vs longer trains**

- Nearly every participant expressed a desire for more trains serving Lakewood

#### **Weekends**

- Strong interest in weekend trains, largely to go to Seattle for recreation. Many people said they would ride a weekend train at least once per month.
- Weekend trains would also allow people to look for weekend work. Train times that coincide with day shifts would be the most popular. For example, two trains in the morning northbound and two trains in the afternoon southbound.

#### **Weekdays**

- Morning northbound:
  - Strong interest in a **later** morning train northbound. (Currently the last northbound train leaves Lakewood at 6:46am.)
  - Some participants mentioned that an **earlier** northbound morning train would help them get to work on time.
- Morning southbound:
  - One participant requested an earlier morning southbound train, to help get home from their night shift.
  - Participants noted that new warehouses are being built in the area, and more southbound morning trains could be helpful for the future workers coming to jobs in Lakewood.

#### **Other topics:**

- Desire to travel shorter segments along the S line (from Lakewood to Puyallup, for example)

- The high cost to ride Sounder can be a barrier for those who do not qualify for ORCA Lift. It was noted that express buses are cheaper than Sounder.
- All participants agreed that safety at the station is a priority.

### **Focus group 3: Sunflower Vietnamese Dance Troupe from Lakewood and Tacoma**

13 participants

Meeting date: Aug. 28, 2023

#### **General background**

- All participants identified as Vietnamese-Americans; all but two people are retired.
- Some participants had ridden Sounder, some had not, and some had never heard of Sounder.

#### **Train times:**

- Majority preferred weekend trips from Tacoma Dome to Tukwila or King Street stations.
- Destinations included Buddhist and Christian religious facilities in Seattle on Sunday mornings and Asian markets in Seattle on weekends and weekdays during daylight hours.
- Assuming additional in-language education and a group field trip, several participants expressed interest in using the Sounder's current weekday mid-morning northbound train from Tacoma Dome to King Street Station and the early afternoon southbound trains back from Seattle, 1-3 times / month.

#### **Other topics:**

- Barriers to riding include: no previous knowledge of Sounder; never hearing about other Vietnamese riding Sounder; confusion and fear around how to access it (which train, what time, where/how to learn about the train); language barriers in reading signage and purchasing tickets; uncertainty around easily and safely travelling via public transport from homes (within 2 miles of Tacoma Dome) to the station.
- Reasons they would like to ride Sounder: traffic, gas, parking, safety (avoiding vehicular accidents), exercise walking from King St Station to Little Saigon.
- Interest in the future ridership increased as participants learned about \$1 senior fares, discount fares for low-income folks, and free rides for youth.
- In-language Vietnamese explanations from peers about Sounder accessibility and benefits generated significantly more interest than all other communication methods—maps, surveys, graphics, and English language discussions.

### **Focus group 4: Islamic Center of Tacoma**

10 participants

Meeting date: October 25, 2023

#### **General background:**

- About half of the participants were riders.
- Interest in taking the train to Tukwila to shop, and to Seattle to sightsee.
- Parking expenses in Seattle are a primary reason they would take the train.
- Train is preferred over bus.

#### **Train times:**

- Earlier in the morning weekday service would be helpful.
- Evening weekday service to Seattle would be used to go to dinner in the city; would require an after-dinner train to come back home.

- Most would prefer to see weekend service added, noting mid-morning and early afternoon train would be ideal for departure and they would like to return after dinner.
- A couple noted that a later train on the weekends, 11 p.m. or 2 a.m. would be useful and keep drunk drivers off the road.
- Most would ride from Tacoma Dome to Seattle, some from Lakewood to Kent for work or Tukwila for shopping.

#### **Other topics:**

- Barriers to riding include difficulty getting to the station and safety and security concerns on the train (riding as women and young women) and in the parking lot (break-ins), specifically at South Tacoma station.

## **Interviews and presentations**

We conducted interviews with 13 organizations in the corridor before or during the engagement period, including employers, community groups, and others. A variety of themes emerged from these conversations:

- **Employers and employees**
  - Expectation that mid-week commuting will remain much more popular than Mondays and Fridays, and to adjust the Sounder schedule accordingly. There was one suggestion to reduce Monday/Friday service in order to run trains midday during Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
  - Many employees heading north would like a later northbound morning train.
  - Some employees in Pierce County would appreciate a wider span of service among the “reverse commute” trips – southbound on weekday mornings and northbound weekday afternoons.
  - Health care workers often work shifts ending or starting at 7pm; service in the evening (both directions) could help those workers, whether in First Hill, Auburn, or Tacoma.
- **Tourism/recreation/events**
  - Pierce County tourism destinations believe that adding weekend Sounder service, particularly in summer, would bring more people to their attractions and communities.

### **Stakeholder Interviews**

- Commute Seattle
- Downtown on the Go!
- Expedia
- Kent Downtown Partnership
- MultiCare - Auburn
- Pierce Workforce Central
- Sounders FC
- South Sound Military and Communities Partnership
- Travel Tacoma
- University of Washington-Tacoma
- Virginia Mason (Pierce and Seattle)
- Visit Seattle
- Washington Hospitality Association

### **Community Presentations**

- Bonney Lake / Tehaleh Rotary Club (10/5/23)
- Pierce County Mobility Coalition (9/21/23)
- Pierce Trips (7/11/23)
- South King County Mobility Coalition (9/14/23)
- South Tacoma Neighborhood Council (10/18/23)
- Sumner Rotary Club (10/3/23)



- Downtown Kent could attract more people to recreational activities and events at ShoWare Center if Sounder ran on weekends and evenings.
- There was a general interest in weekend service for south sound residents to travel to Seattle.
- **Students** at the University of Washington Tacoma campus could benefit from more midday southbound trips, particularly Mondays through Thursdays, to help students living in Kent and Puyallup.

In addition to interviews, Sound Transit also gave presentations at local organizations' meetings prior to or during the engagement period.

## Interagency Group and Corridor Leadership Forum meetings

Before launching the survey, Sound Transit hosted one meeting with peer agency representatives and local government staff and one meeting with Sound Transit Board members and elected officials from the corridor. These meetings had two primary objectives: to provide updates to the Strategic Plan Update process and to solicit feedback to incorporate into upcoming engagements.

The Interagency Group meeting took place on Aug. 14, 2023, at the Puyallup Public Library and online. It included representatives from WSDOT, Pierce Transit, Pierce County, King County Metro, the Northwest Seaport Alliance, and city staff from jurisdictions such as Auburn, Kent, Puyallup, Sumner, Tacoma, and Lakewood.

The Corridor Leadership Forum meeting took place virtually on Sept. 11, 2023. In attendance were elected officials from Sounder South jurisdictions, including King County, Pierce County, the Cities of Tukwila, Kent, Auburn, Sumner, Puyallup, Tacoma, and Lakewood, as well as representatives from Sound Transit, WSDOT, and the Northwest Seaport Alliance (Port of Tacoma) and the state Secretary of Transportation.

In spring of 2024, Sound Transit will host one additional meeting for each group.

## Next steps


Sound Transit will use the feedback from the community contained in this report, along with research on travel patterns, peer agency research, and ridership estimating to inform Board discussions in Spring 2024 about whether to prioritize new trips over longer trains in the Sounder South Strategic Plan. Any new Sounder trips would require approval from BNSF, which owns most of the tracks Sounder runs on.

## Appendix A: Online Open House archive



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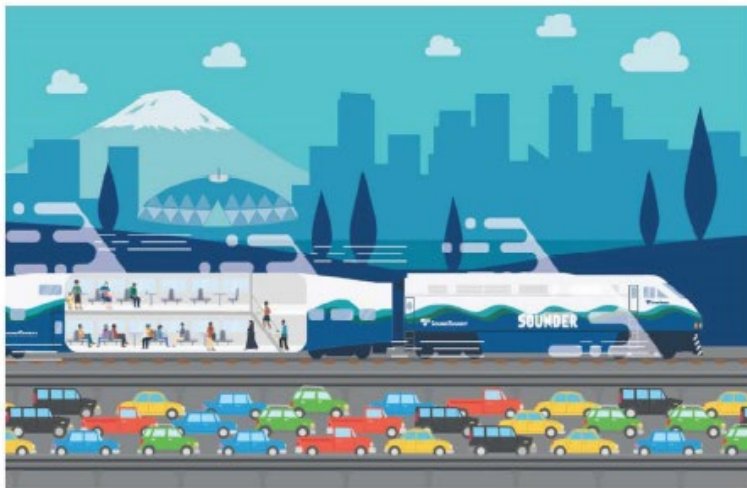


# Sounder South Strategic Plan Update

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### A new future for the Sounder train?

Tell us how the S Line can work better for you



The Sounder South/S Line train provides dependable, congestion-free travel between Seattle and Lakewood every weekday. Most trips run northbound to Seattle in the mornings and southbound in the afternoons.

Travel patterns have changed significantly since we completed our Sounder South Strategic Plan in early 2020. More hybrid and work-from-home schedules have reduced travel demand during peak periods, which gives us an opportunity to explore a new future for Sounder South. That's why we are updating the Strategic Plan this year.

Would new Sounder trips midday, in the evenings, or on weekends work better for you than the current plan to prioritize longer trains that add more capacity during peak periods? We'll consider your input, along with research on travel patterns and ridership forecasting, to decide whether to prioritize negotiating new trips with BNSF Railway, which owns most of the tracks Sounder runs on.

**A new future for Sounder South begins with you. We're listening. Tell us about your travel patterns in our survey open until Oct. 29, 2023 so that we can make the S Line work better for you in the years ahead.**

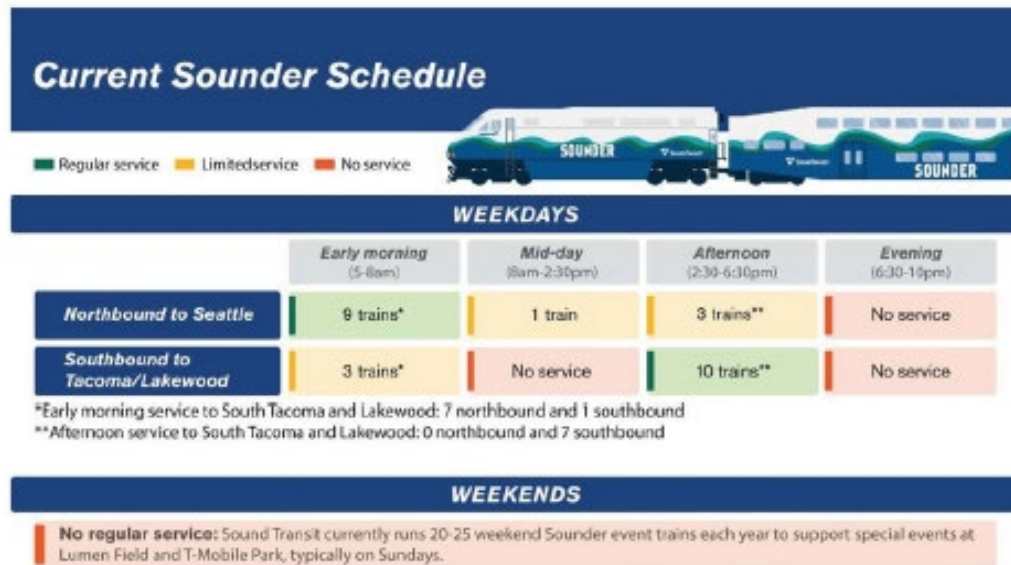
Visit us in your community to learn more about Sounder South Strategic Plan Update. [Find an event](#)

### Chance to win!

A completed survey enters you for a chance to win two tickets to the **Nov. 12 Seahawks game** versus the Commanders, a \$100 gift card (five available), and Sound Transit swag bags (ten available).

- P** **Seattle (King Street Station)**  
303 S. Jackson St.
- P** **Tukwila**  
7301 Longacres Way
- P** **Kent**  
301 Railroad Ave. N.
- P** **Auburn**  
23 A St. S.W.
- P** **Sumner**  
810 Maple St.
- P** **Puyallup**  
131 W. Main St.
- P** **Tacoma Dome**  
424 E. 25th St.
- P** **South Tacoma**  
5650 S. Washington St.
- P** **Lakewood**  
11424 Pacific Hwy S.W.

Please review the current Sounder schedule to help you answer this survey.



## Learn More

### Visit us in person

- Sept. 28, 6-8 p.m. [Sumner High School](#) football game
- Sept. 30, 2-7 p.m. [Southcenter Mall](#)
- Oct. 7, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. [Puyallup Farmers Market](#)
- Oct. 11, 2 - 6:30 p.m. [Seattle King Street Station](#)
- Oct. 14, 12 - 5 p.m. Tacoma LatinX Festival at [Tacoma Armory](#)
- Oct. 14, 12 - 3 p.m. Lakewood Truck and Tractor Day at [Fort Steilacoom Park](#)
- Oct. 19, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. [Broadway Farmers Market in Tacoma](#)
- Oct. 21, 2 - 5 p.m. [Harvest Fest at STAR Center in Tacoma](#)
- Oct. 22, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. [Tacoma Dome Sounder Station platform](#)
- Oct. 22, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. [Puyallup Sounder Station platform](#)
- Oct. 22, 10:15 - 11 a.m. [Auburn Sounder Station platform](#)
- Oct. 24, 3 - 6:30 p.m. [Sumner Station platform](#)
- Oct. 28, 1 - 5 p.m. Auburn Halloween Harvest Festival at [Les Gove Park](#)
- Oct. 28, 2 - 5 p.m. [Kent Street of Treats](#)

**Questions?** Contact Melanie Mayock at [\(206\) 689-4877](tel:(206)689-4877), [melanie.mayock@soundtransit.org](mailto:melanie.mayock@soundtransit.org).

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## More about Sounder South

The Sounder is a train that provides dependable, congestion-free travel between Seattle and Lakewood. Thirteen round-trip trains run every weekday between Tacoma and Seattle, including seven round trips that also serve South Tacoma and Lakewood. Sounder makes interim stops in Puyallup, Sumner, Auburn, Kent, and Tukwila

Powered by clean-burning, ultra-low sulfur diesel, the trains run mostly on freight tracks owned by the BNSF Railway. Sound Transit owns the stations and supplies security. Sounder trains are operated by BNSF and maintained by Amtrak.

[View full schedule](#)

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### *Sounder South quick facts*

- Sounder trains can reach speeds up to 79mph. There are sections of track they run slower.
  - The trip between Lakewood Station and Seattle's King Street Station takes approximately an hour and 15 minutes.
  - Each comfortable, climate-controlled, restroom-equipped Sounder car has seating for 148 passengers including up to four passengers in wheelchairs.
  - Sounder trains offer free wireless internet access, worktables, high back cloth upholstered seats, surge-protected outlets for laptop computers, overhead storage, bicycle storage and cup holders.
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## Background

### 2016

- Voters approved the ST3 ballot measure to expand public transit in our region. This included the Sounder South Capacity Expansion, with longer trains and potential new trips to add capacity and meet growing demand.

### 2019-2020

- Sound Transit developed the Sounder South [Strategic Development and Implementation Plan](#) to define the program and implementation schedule. Because Sounder trains were running at capacity, the Plan prioritized longer trains to carry up to 40% more passengers by 2028. Potential new trips were planned for the 2030's.

### 2021

- The Sound Transit Board adopted a [realigned capital plan](#) in response to rising land and construction costs. This action shifted Sounder projects to 2036 (longer trains) and 2046 (potential new trips) .

### 2023

- Because of new travel patterns resulting in reduced ridership on Sounder South, Sound Transit is updating the Strategic Plan to explore if potential additional new trips should be prioritized over longer trains.



## **Strategic Plan update process**

We're working this year to update the Strategic Plan through research that explores travel trends, ridership estimating, peer agency assessments and public outreach. We're also coordinating with BNSF and WSDOT Rail. In Spring 2024, the Sound Transit Board may shift from prioritizing adding capacity with longer trains to adding potential trips on Sounder. Any new trips require negotiation and ultimate approval from BNSF.

## **Track ownership**

BNSF Railway has an extensive freight railroad network, including owning much of the track Sounder runs on. Unlike with Link light rail, where Sound Transit owns the tracks and can run trains all day, adding a single Sounder trip requires BNSF approval and comes at a significant investment.

## **Adjusting today's schedule**

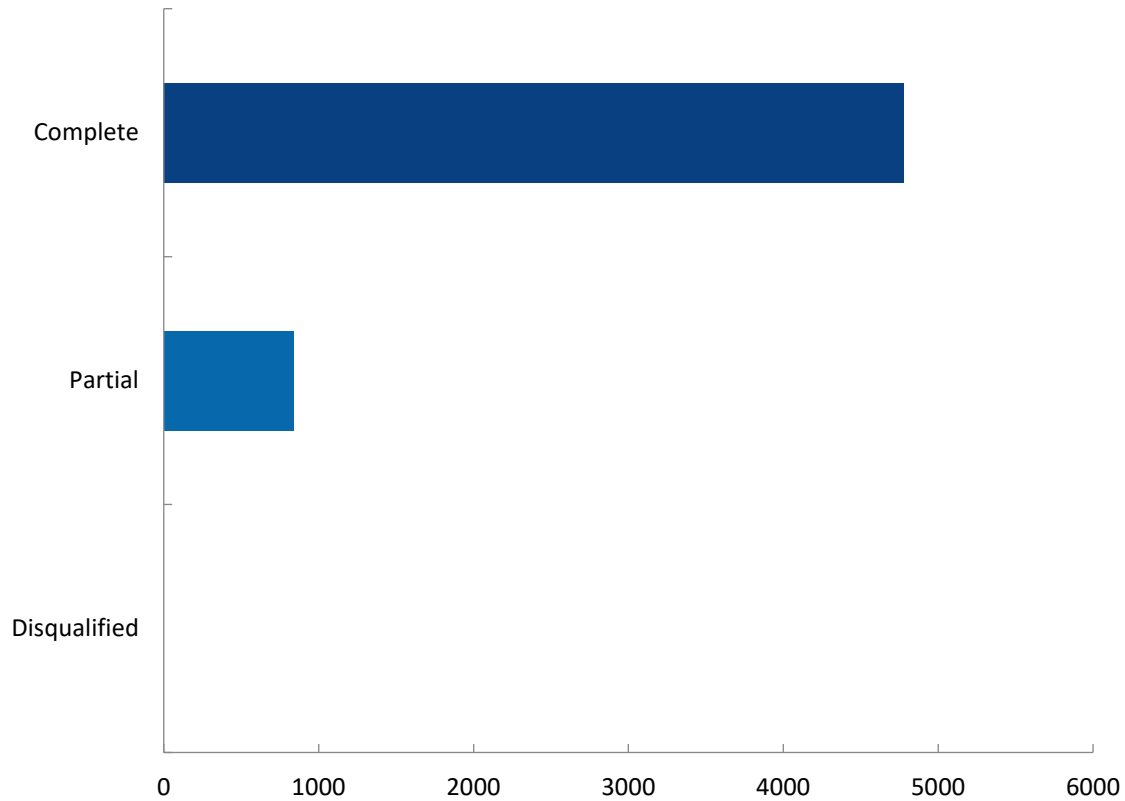
Today Sounder provides [13 roundtrips every weekday](#) between Tacoma Dome and Seattle, with eight of those trips serving South Tacoma and Lakewood. Most of these trips travel northbound in the mornings (4:30-8a.m.) and southbound in the afternoons (2:30-6:30p.m.). Ridership has been much lower on Mondays and Fridays than mid-week, likely because of hybrid work schedules.

With lower peak ridership, Sound Transit may explore reducing frequency of trips during peak times, to accommodate more trips throughout the day. In this scenario, the number of trips would be the same, but departures during peak times could shift from every 20 minutes to potentially every 30 minutes. Any changes to the current Sounder schedule would require approval from BNSF.

## Appendix B: System generated report of all survey responses

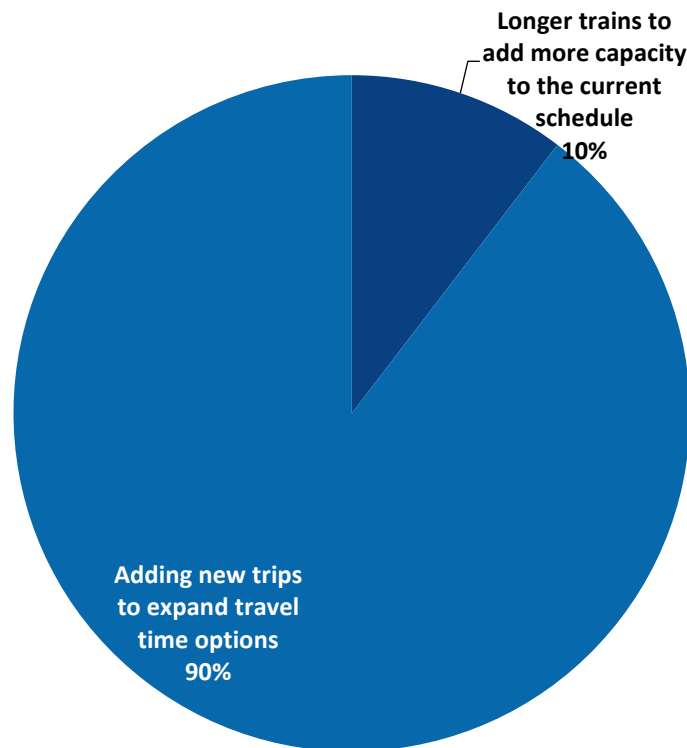
# Sounder South Strategic Plan Update

### Survey Results System Generated Report



	Count	Percent
Complete	4,779	85.1
Partial	836	14.9
Disqualified	0	0
Totals	5,615	

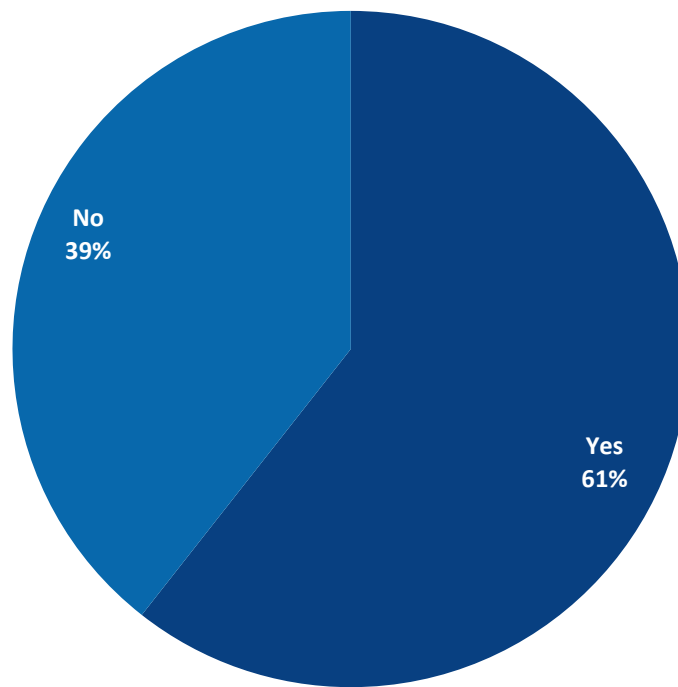
**1. In the updated Strategic Plan, Sound Transit can continue to prioritize longer trains. Prioritizing longer trains means moving from the capacity to run 7-car trains to 10-car trains, including extending platforms and buying new rail cars. Sound Transit is currently running 5-car trains due to reduced ridership and financial constraints, and we will monitor when to move back to 7-car trains. (add more cars on existing trains) or we can switch the priority to adding new trips. Which would you value more:**



Value	Percent	Count
Longer trains to add more capacity to the current schedule	10.4%	575
Adding new trips to expand travel time options	89.6%	4,958
	Totals	5,533

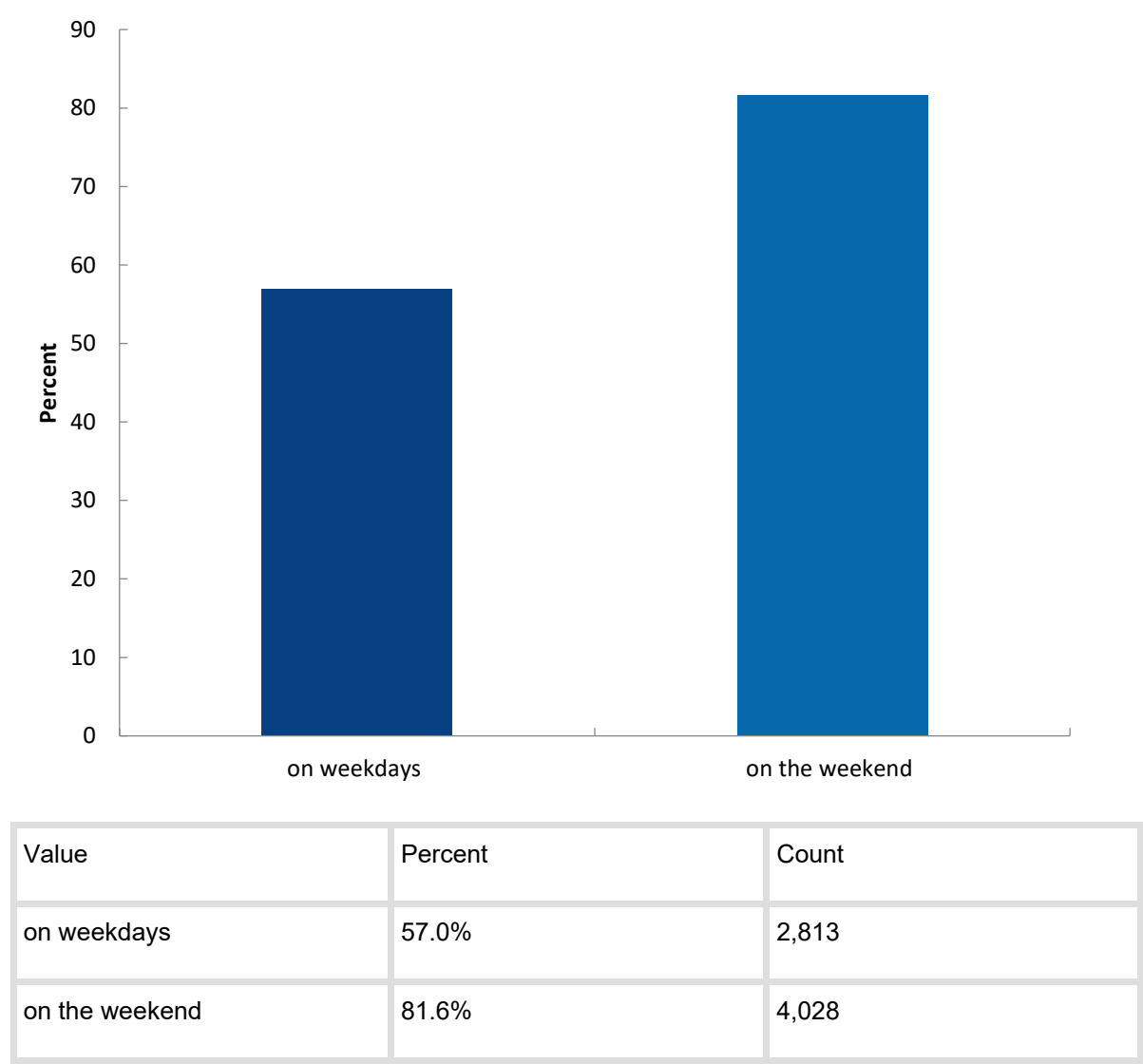


## 2. Have you ridden Sounder South in the last three months?

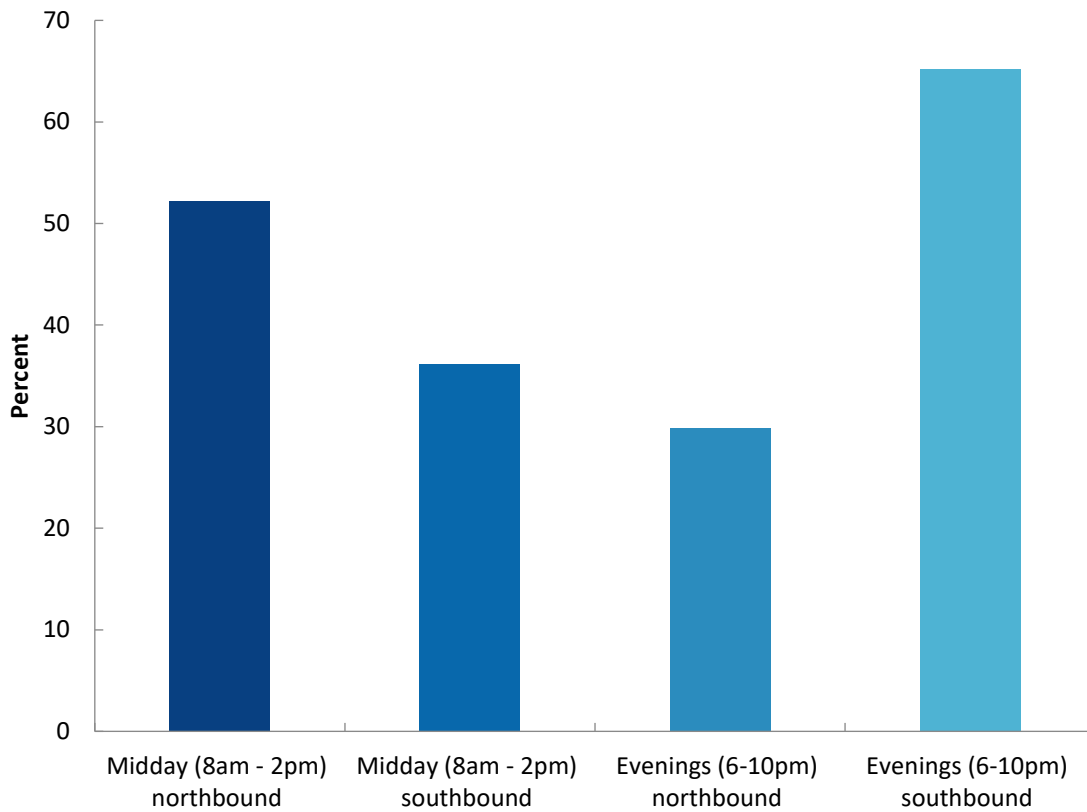


Value	Percent	Count
Yes	60.6%	3,372
No	39.4%	2,194
	Totals	5,566

**3.Adding more trips would require agreement from BNSF Railway, which owns most of the tracks that Sounder travels on. If we can add more trips to the schedule, when would you ride?**

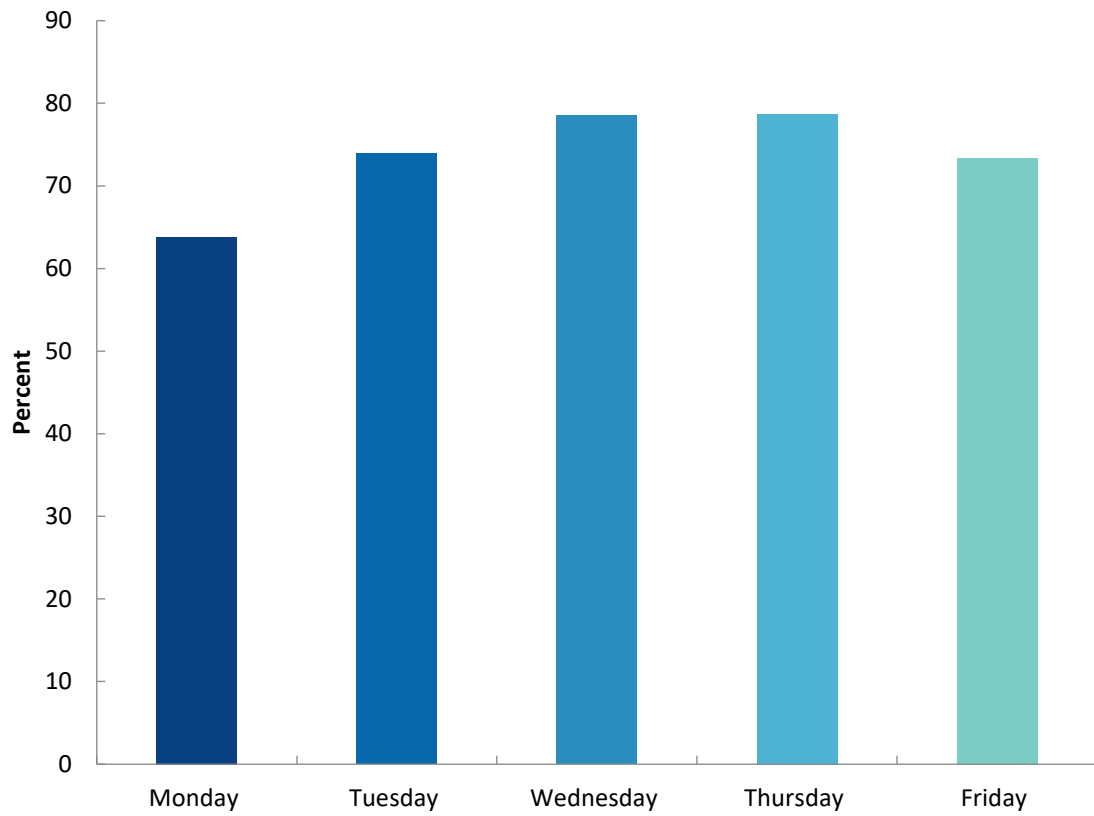


**4.If we can add more weekday trips to the schedule, which of the following options would you use the most? (select your top two)**



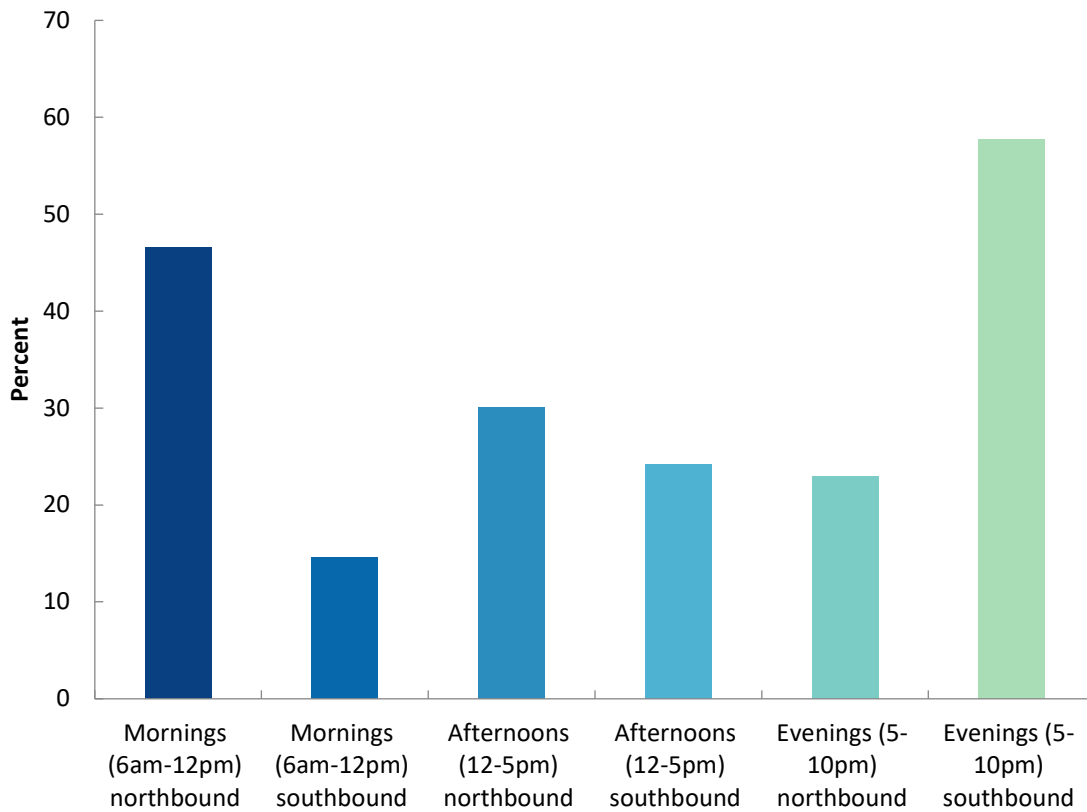
Value	Percent	Count
Midday (8am - 2pm) northbound	52.2%	1,456
Midday (8am - 2pm) southbound	36.2%	1,009
Evenings (6-10pm) northbound	29.9%	835
Evenings (6-10pm) southbound	65.2%	1,820

### 5.Which days of the week would you ride weekday Sounder train service?



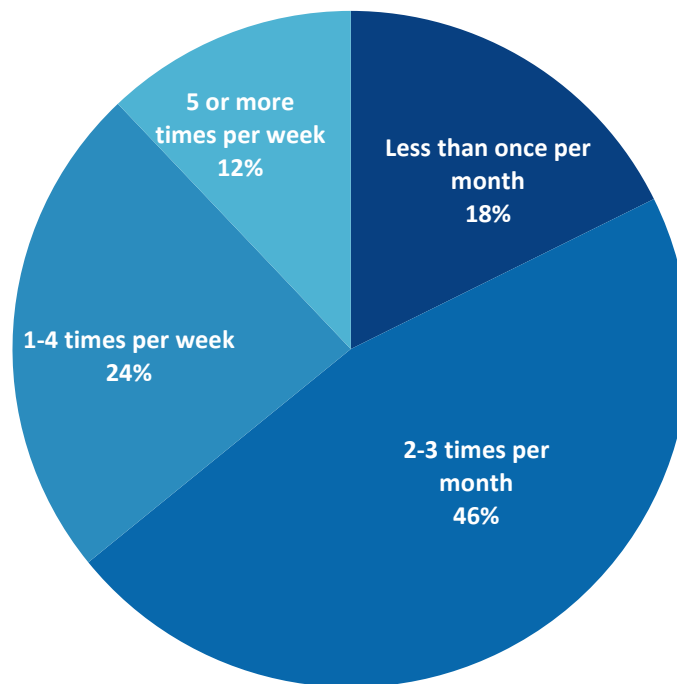
Value	Percent	Count
Monday	63.8%	1,738
Tuesday	73.9%	2,012
Wednesday	78.5%	2,137
Thursday	78.7%	2,144
Friday	73.4%	1,999

**6.If we could add more weekend trips to the schedule, which of the following options would you use the most? (select up to two)**



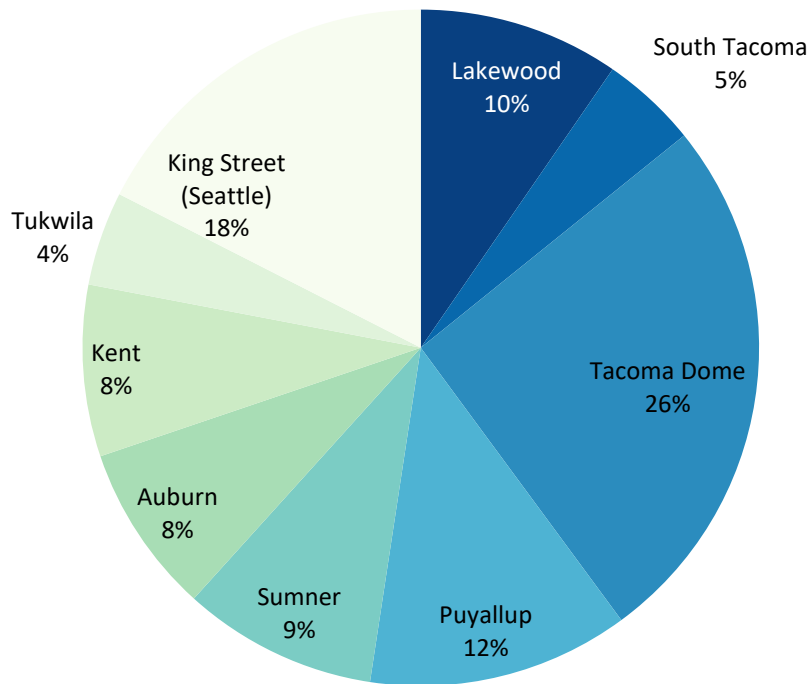
Value	Percent	Count
Mornings (6am-12pm) northbound	46.6%	1,865
Mornings (6am-12pm) southbound	14.6%	584
Afternoons (12-5pm) northbound	30.1%	1,202
Afternoons (12-5pm) southbound	24.2%	968
Evenings (5-10pm) northbound	23.0%	920
Evenings (5-10pm) southbound	57.7%	2,307

## 7.How often would you ride if this change were made?



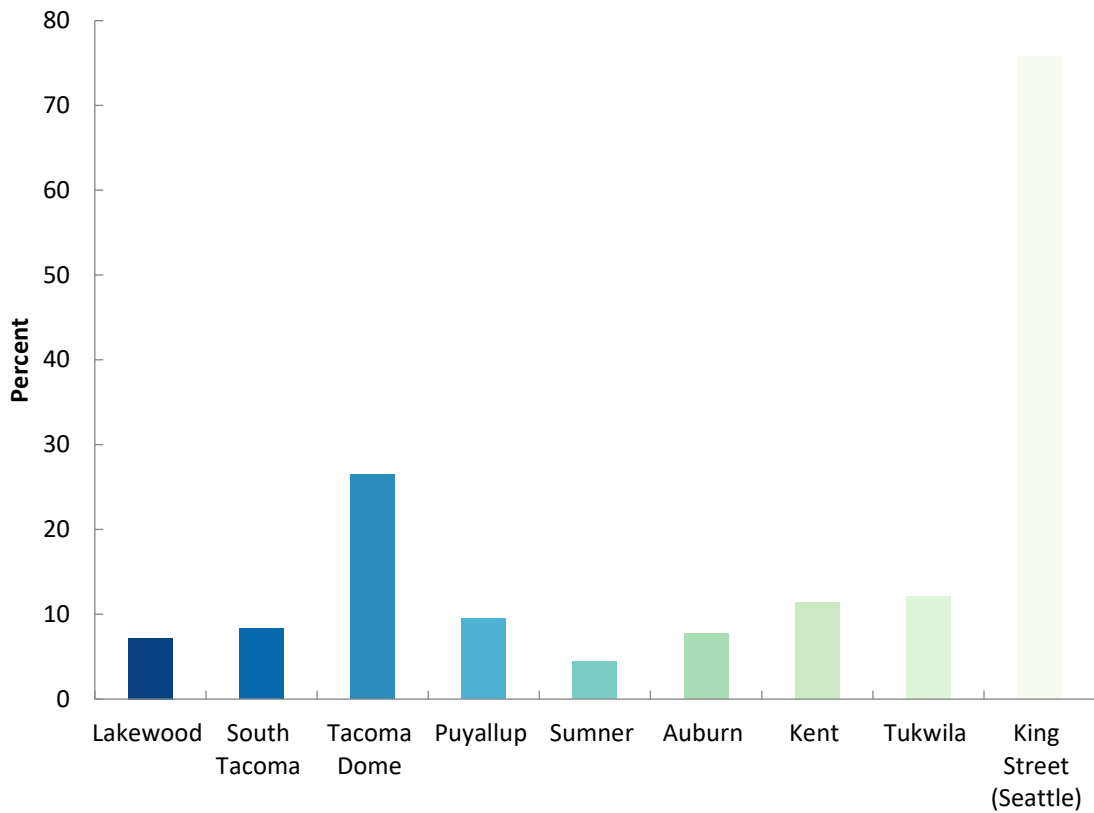
Value	Percent	Count
Less than once per month	17.7%	871
2-3 times per month	46.5%	2,289
1-4 times per week	23.8%	1,173
5 or more times per week	12.1%	594
	Totals	4,927

**8.If we could add more trips to the schedule, which Sounder station would you normally depart from?**



Value	Percent	Count
Lakewood	9.6%	476
South Tacoma	4.6%	225
Tacoma Dome	25.7%	1,269
Puyallup	12.5%	616
Sumner	9.3%	458
Auburn	8.1%	401
Kent	8.2%	407
Tukwila	4.5%	221
King Street (Seattle)	17.5%	861
	Totals	4,934

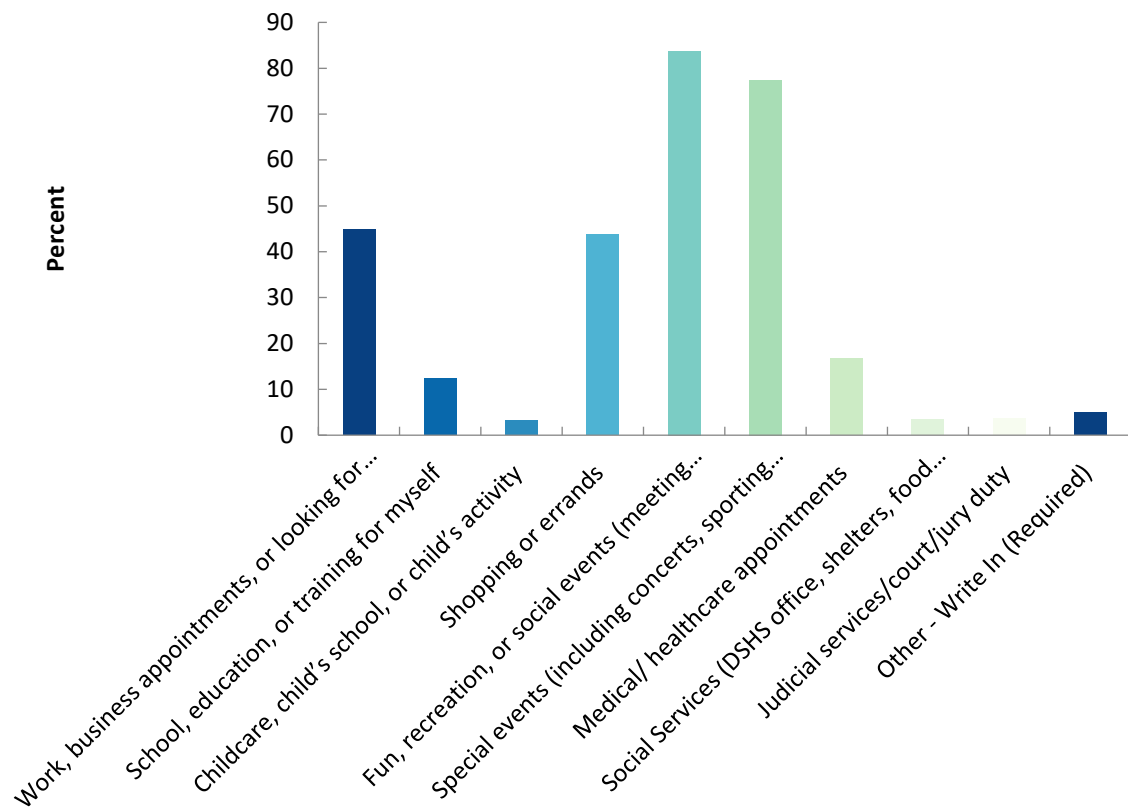
**9. Which station(s) would you normally ride the Sounder to? (select up to three)**



Value	Percent	Count
Lakewood	7.2%	357
South Tacoma	8.3%	409
Tacoma Dome	26.5%	1,307
Puyallup	9.5%	466
Sumner	4.4%	219
Auburn	7.7%	380
Kent	11.4%	560
Tukwila	12.1%	594
King Street (Seattle)	75.8%	3,737



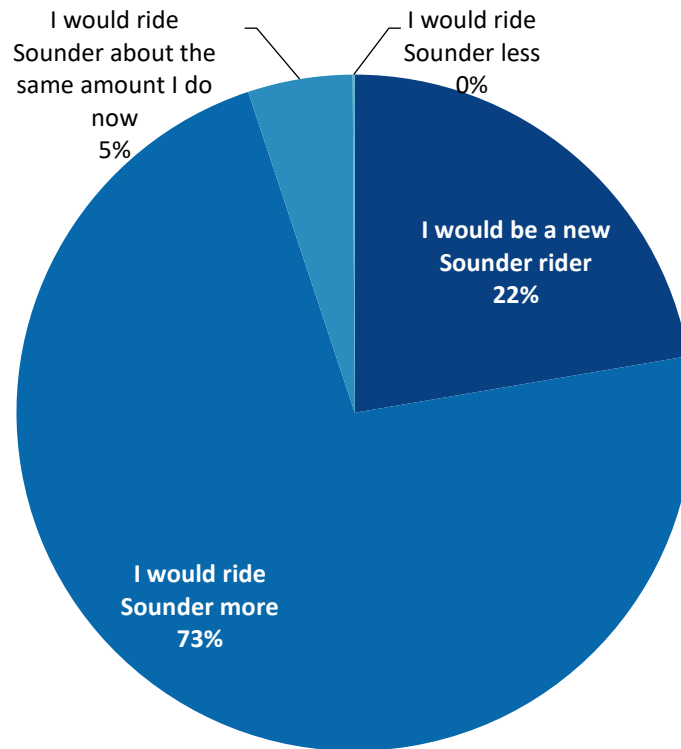
**10.If these new trips were added, what activities would you access through Sounder?**



Value	Percent	Count
Work, business appointments, or looking for work	44.8%	2,215
School, education, or training for myself	12.3%	609
Childcare, child's school, or child's activity	3.2%	160
Shopping or errands	43.7%	2,163
Fun, recreation, or social events (meeting friends, visiting parks, religious function, etc.)	83.8%	4,144
Special events (including concerts, sporting events, festivals, etc.)	77.4%	3,831

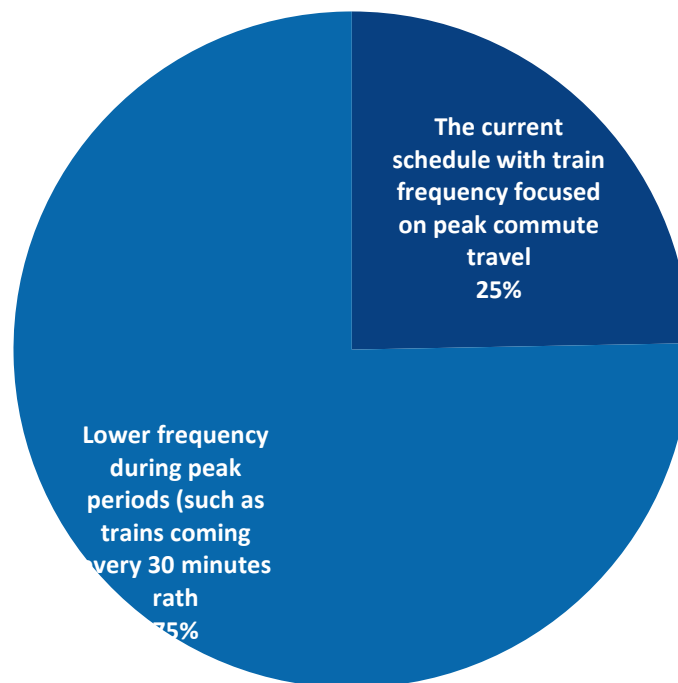
Medical/ healthcare appointments	16.7%	824
Social Services (DSHS office, shelters, food banks, etc.)	3.4%	166
Judicial services/court/jury duty	3.7%	182
Other - Write In (Required)	5.0%	248

**11.If this change were made, how would it affect your current ridership frequency?**



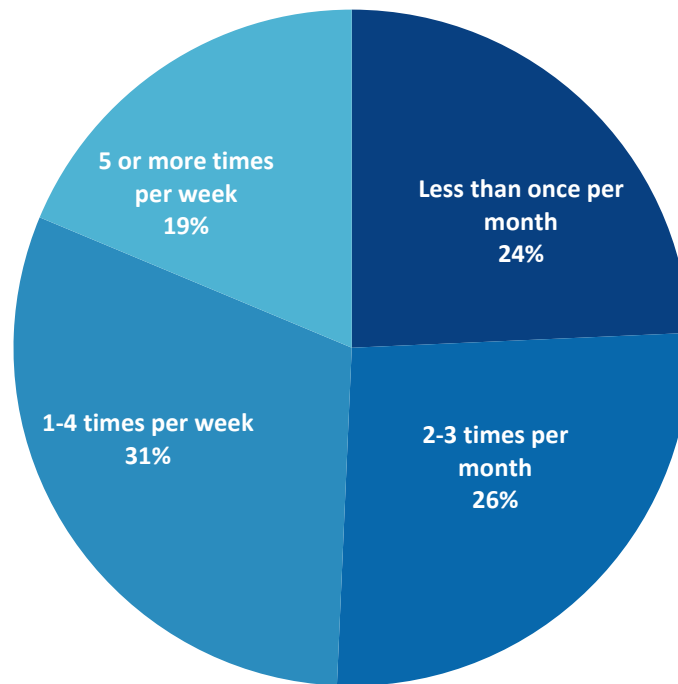
Value	Percent	Count
I would be a new Sounder rider	22.3%	1,099
I would ride Sounder more	72.5%	3,570
I would ride Sounder about the same amount I do now	5.0%	248
I would ride Sounder less	0.1%	7
	Totals	4,924

**12.Adjusting today's schedule Sound Transit may explore spreading trips throughout the day or week by spacing out the time between trips during the peak. In this scenario, the number of trips would not change, but trains during peak times could shift from approximately every 20 minutes to about every 30 minutes. Any changes to the current Sounder schedule would require approval from BNSF Railway.Which do you value more:**



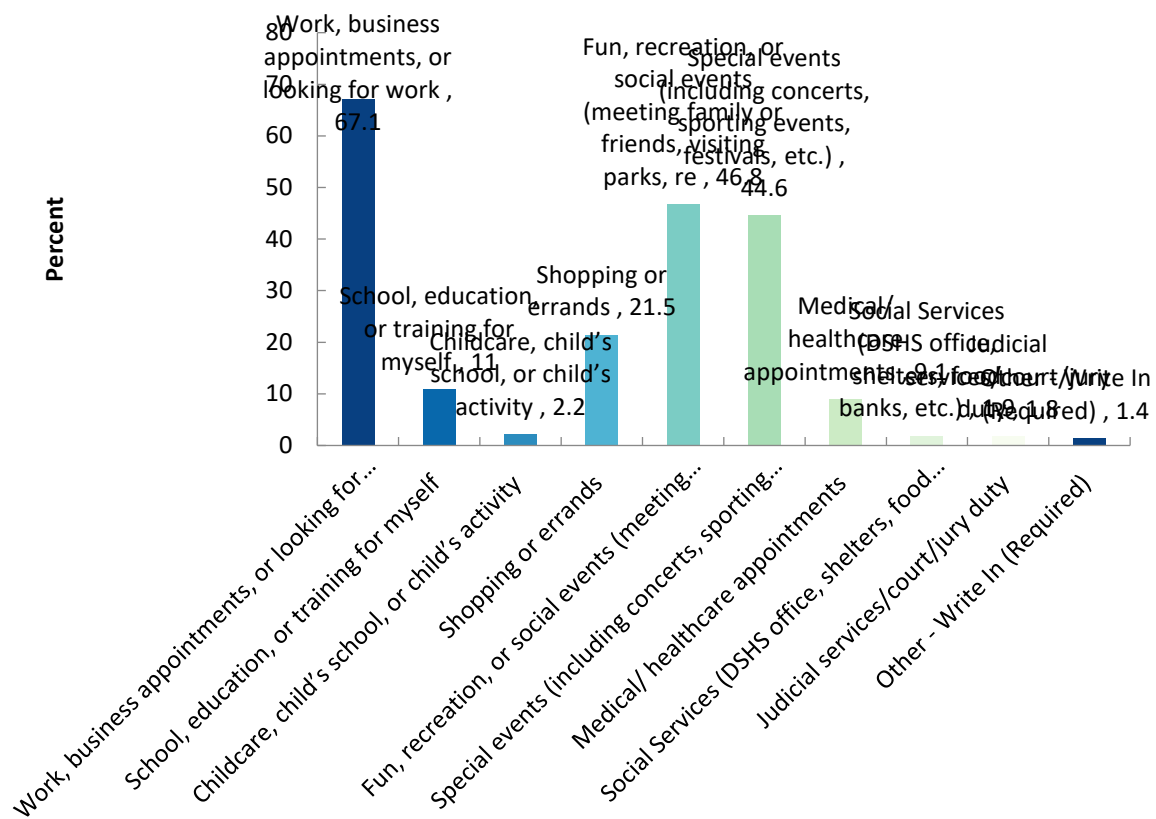
Value	Percent	Count
The current schedule with train frequency focused on peak commute travel	24.7%	1,370
Lower frequency during peak periods (such as trains coming every 30 minutes rather than every 20 minutes) to expand the train schedule to other times (such as weekends, weekdays midday, or weekday evenings).	75.3%	4,167
	Totals	5,537

**13.Sounder ridership How often have you ridden Sounder South in the past three months?**



Value	Percent	Count
Less than once per month	24.3%	677
2-3 times per month	26.4%	738
1-4 times per week	30.6%	853
5 or more times per week	18.7%	523
	Totals	2,791

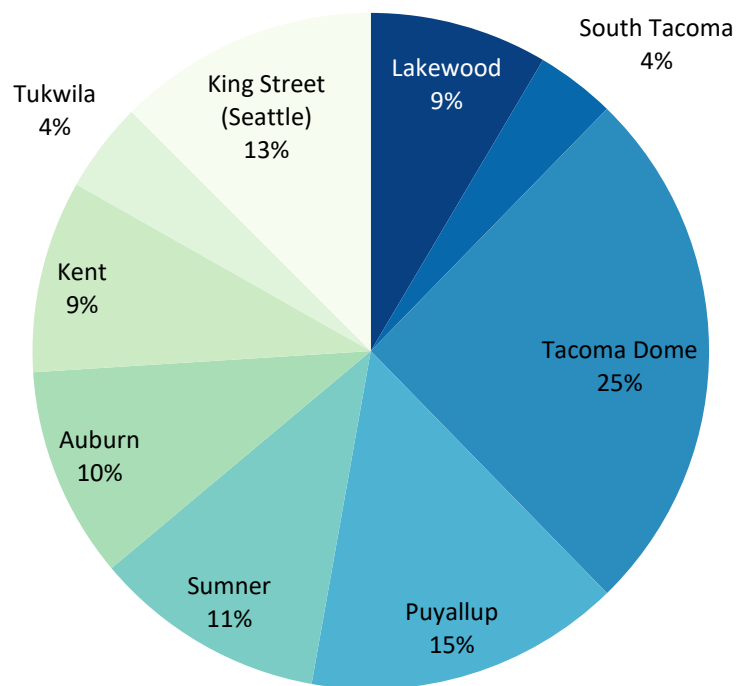
#### 14.What activities do you access through Sounder South?



Value	Percent	Count
Work, business appointments, or looking for work	67.1%	1,869
School, education, or training for myself	11.0%	307
Childcare, child's school, or child's activity	2.2%	61
Shopping or errands	21.5%	598
Fun, recreation, or social events (meeting family or friends, visiting parks, religious function, etc.)	46.8%	1,303
Special events (including concerts, sporting events, festivals, etc.)	44.6%	1,243

Medical/ healthcare appointments	9.1%	252
Social Services (DSHS office, shelters, food banks, etc.)	1.9%	52
Judicial services/court/jury duty	1.8%	51
Other - Write In (Required)	1.4%	40

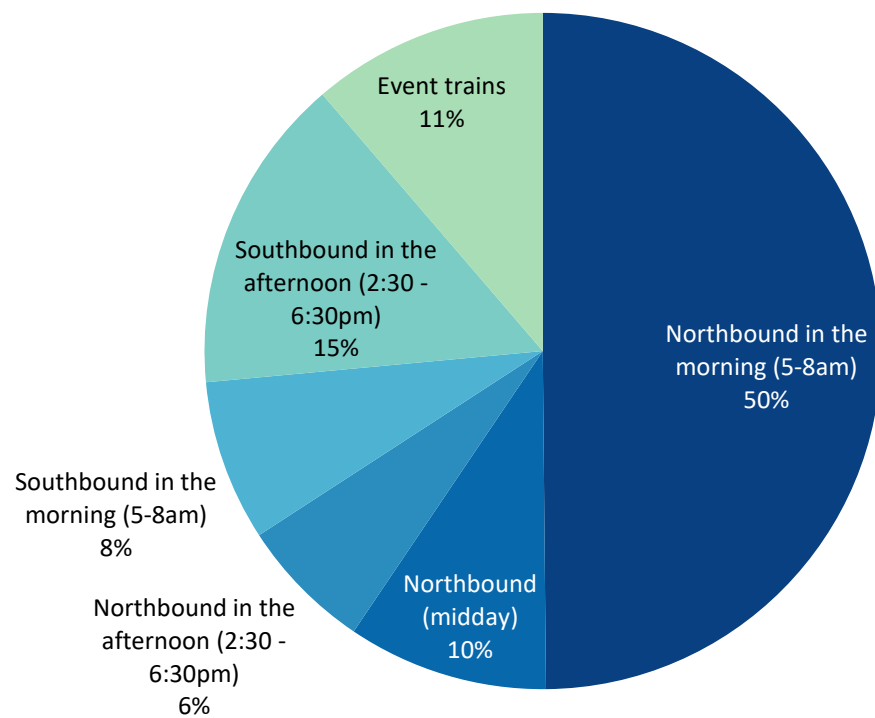
### 15. Which station do you normally depart from?



Value	Percent	Count
Lakewood	8.5%	236
South Tacoma	3.8%	107
Tacoma Dome	25.4%	707
Puyallup	15.1%	419
Sumner	11.1%	309
Auburn	10.1%	281
Kent	9.2%	255
Tukwila	4.3%	119
King Street (Seattle)	12.5%	349
	Totals	2,782

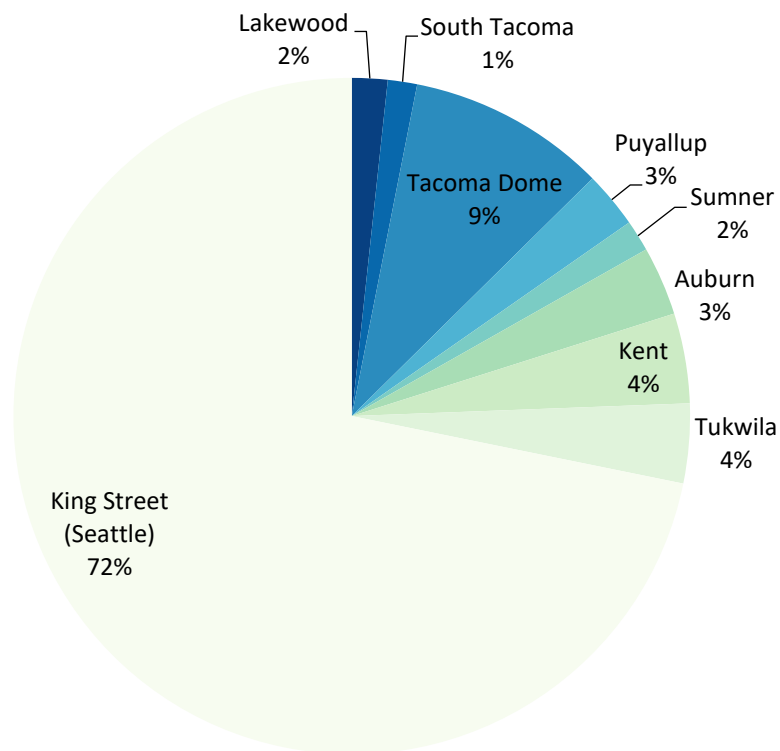


## 16.Which departing train(s) do you use most often?



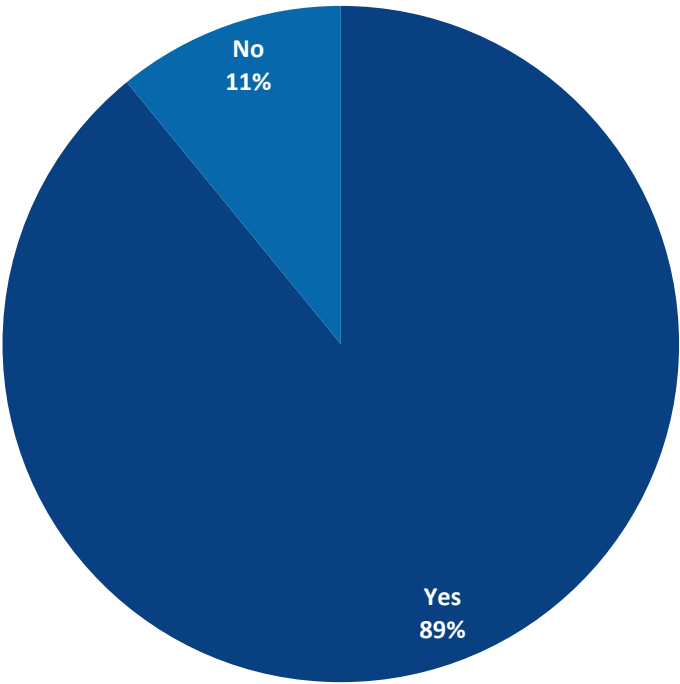
Value	Percent	Count
Northbound in the morning (5-8am)	49.9%	1,378
Northbound (midday)	9.6%	265
Northbound in the afternoon (2:30 - 6:30pm)	6.4%	176
Southbound in the morning (5-8am)	7.7%	212
Southbound in the afternoon (2:30 - 6:30pm)	15.2%	421
Event trains	11.3%	311
	Totals	2,763

## 17.What station do you normally travel to?



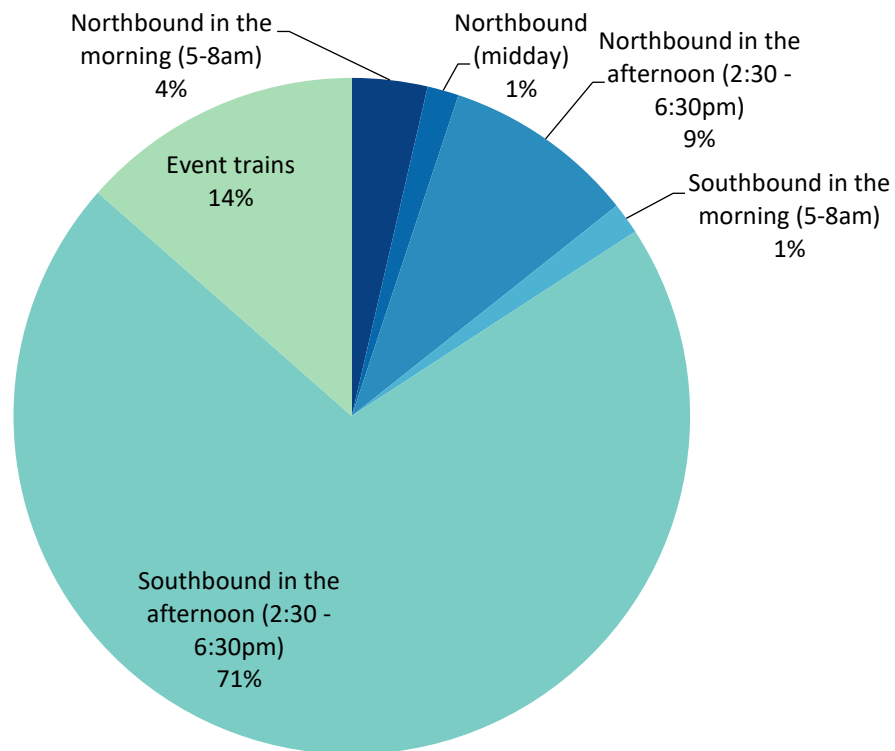
Value	Percent	Count
Lakewood	1.7%	48
South Tacoma	1.4%	39
Tacoma Dome	9.5%	264
Puyallup	2.7%	76
Sumner	1.5%	42
Auburn	3.3%	92
Kent	4.3%	120
Tukwila	3.8%	106
King Street (Seattle)	71.8%	2,001
	Totals	2,788

18.Is this normally a round trip?



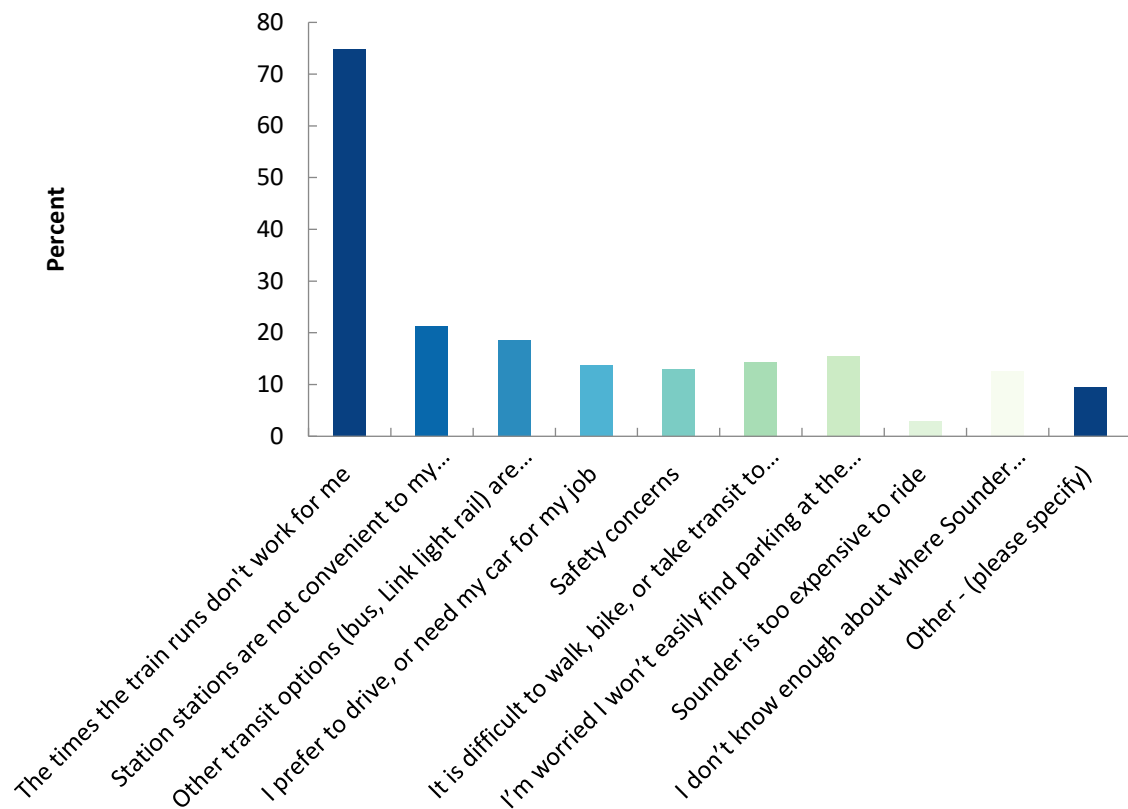
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	89.1%	2,457
No	10.9%	302
	Totals	2,759

### 19.What time do you travel the most often for your return trip?



Value	Percent	Count
Northbound in the morning (5-8am)	3.6%	89
Northbound (midday)	1.5%	37
Northbound in the afternoon (2:30 - 6:30pm)	9.2%	225
Southbound in the morning (5-8am)	1.5%	37
Southbound in the afternoon (2:30 - 6:30pm)	70.6%	1,723
Event trains	13.5%	329
	Totals	2,440

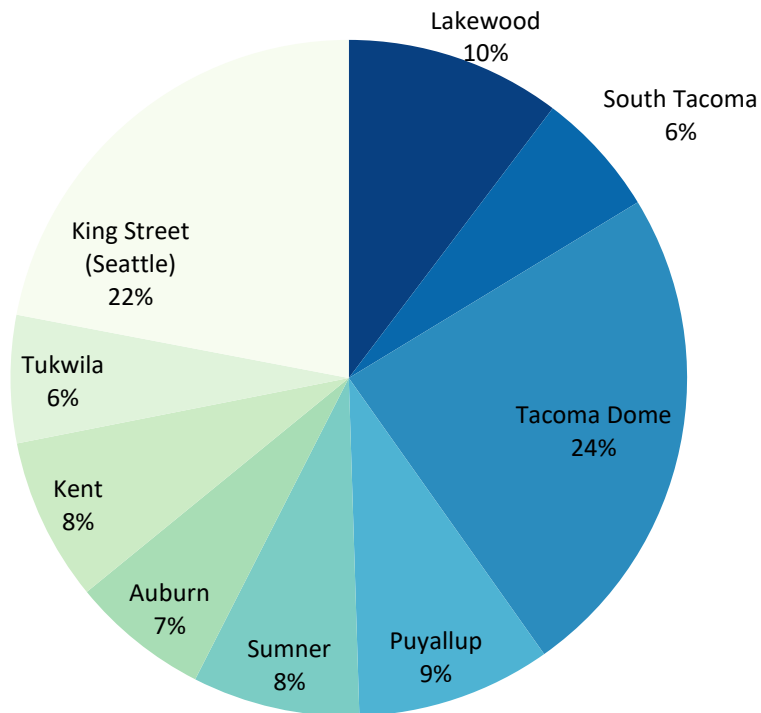
**20.Travel patterns What are the reasons you rarely or never ride Sounder?  
(check all that apply)**



Value	Percent	Count
The times the train runs don't work for me	74.9%	1,440
Station stations are not convenient to my home, or my final destination	21.2%	407
Other transit options (bus, Link light rail) are faster or more reliable for where I need to go	18.6%	358
I prefer to drive, or need my car for my job	13.7%	263
Safety concerns	12.9%	248
It is difficult to walk, bike, or take transit to get to the Sounder station from my home	14.4%	277

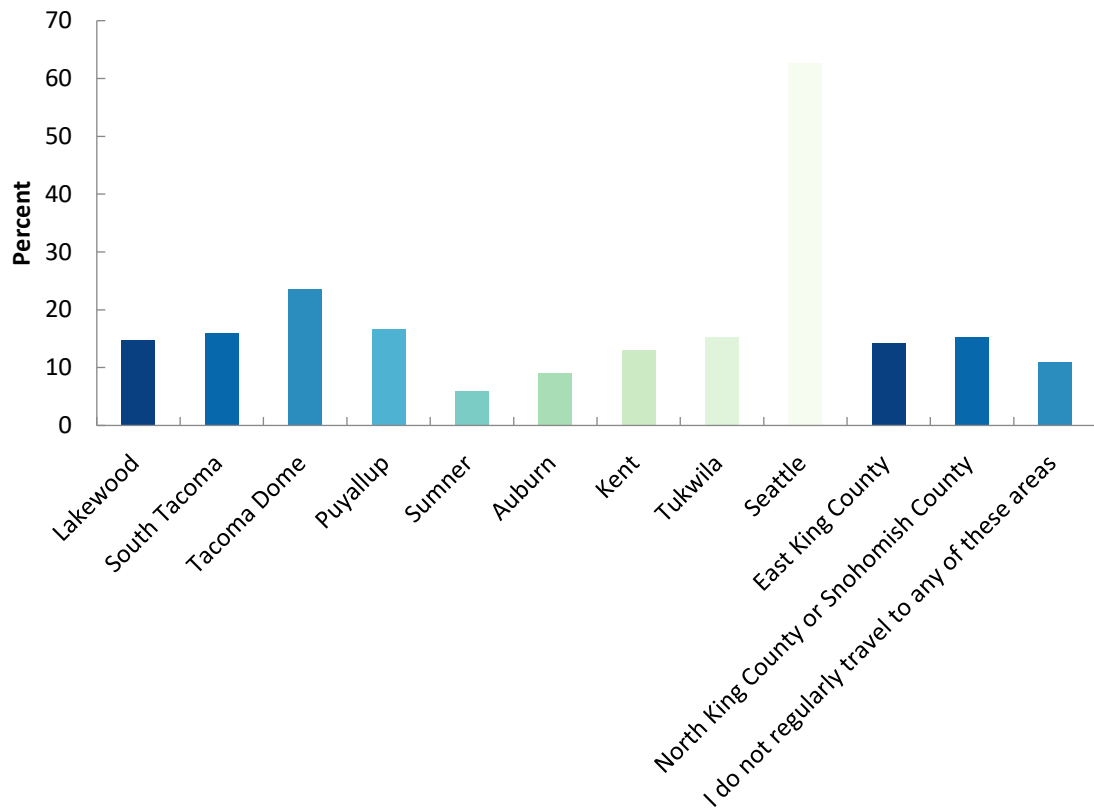
I'm worried I won't easily find parking at the station	15.4%	296
Sounder is too expensive to ride	3.0%	57
I don't know enough about where Sounder goes, the fares or schedule and need more information	12.5%	240
Other - (please specify)	9.5%	183

## 21. Which Sounder station do you live the closest to?



Value	Percent	Count
Lakewood	10.3%	198
South Tacoma	6.0%	115
Tacoma Dome	23.9%	459
Puyallup	9.3%	179
Sumner	8.0%	153
Auburn	6.6%	127
Kent	7.8%	150
Tukwila	6.1%	118
King Street (Seattle)	22.0%	423
	Totals	1,922

**22.Do you regularly travel to any of the following areas? (select up to three)**

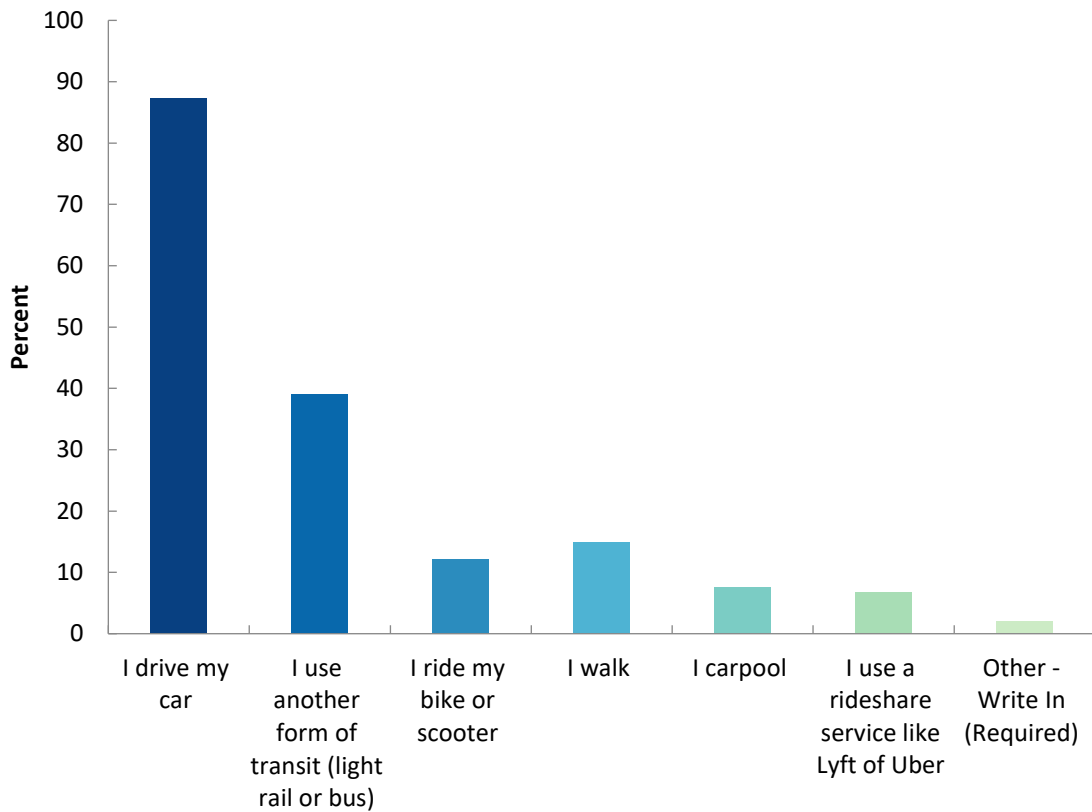


Value	Percent	Count
Lakewood	14.7%	281
South Tacoma	15.9%	304
Tacoma Dome	23.6%	450
Puyallup	16.6%	316
Sumner	6.0%	114
Auburn	9.1%	173
Kent	13.0%	248
Tukwila	15.3%	291
Seattle	62.7%	1,195
East King County	14.3%	273



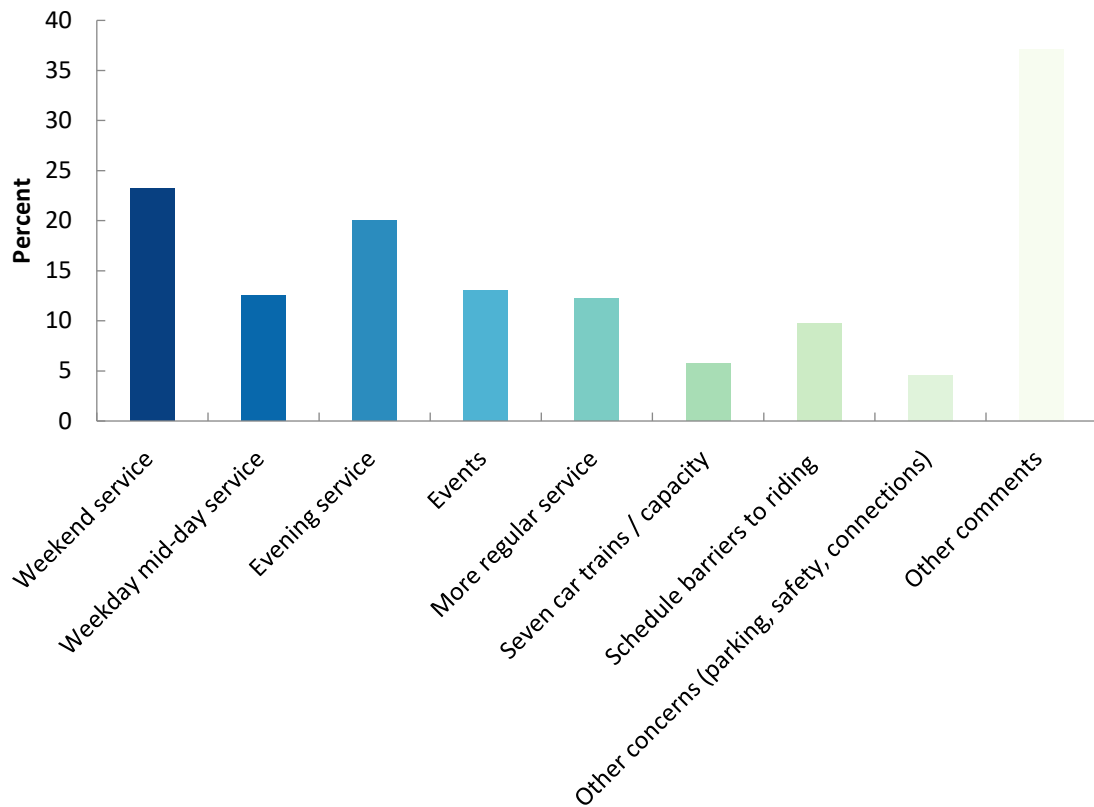
North King County or Snohomish County	15.3%	291
I do not regularly travel to any of these areas	11.0%	210

**23.What mode(s) of transportation do you use the most to travel outside of your neighborhood? (select up to three)**



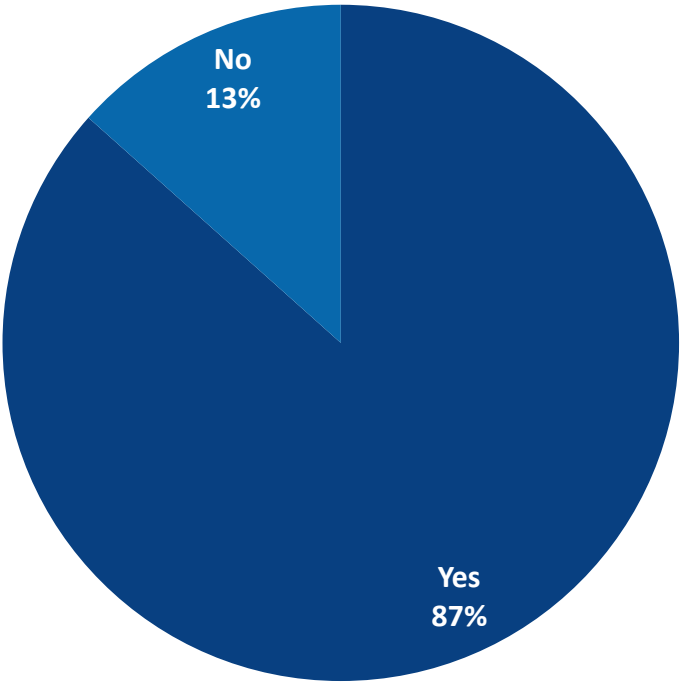
Value	Percent	Count
I drive my car	87.3%	1,678
I use another form of transit (light rail or bus)	39.0%	750
I ride my bike or scooter	12.1%	232
I walk	14.9%	287
I carpool	7.6%	147
I use a rideshare service like Lyft or Uber	6.8%	130
Other - Write In (Required)	2.1%	40

**24. Use the box below to share any additional thoughts you have about Sounder South (optional). - Text Analysis**



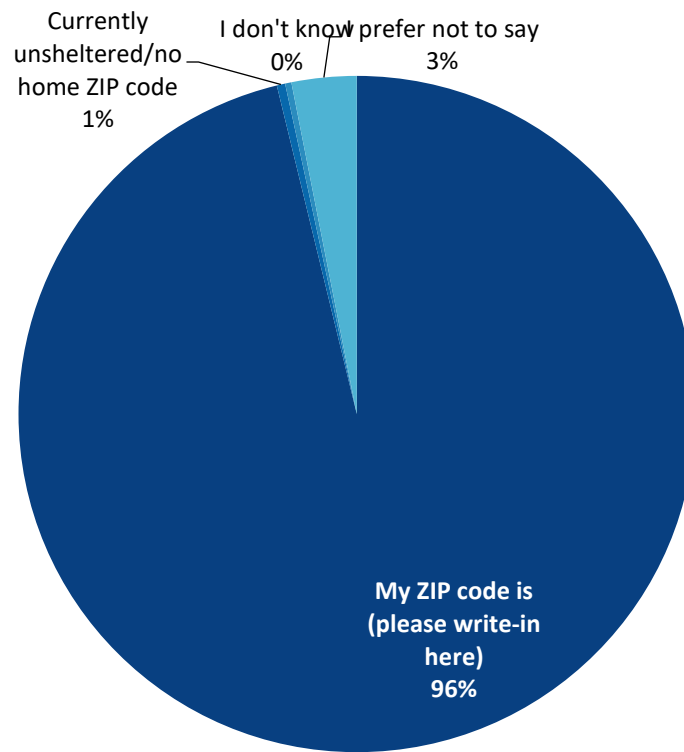
Value	Percent	Count
Weekend service	23.2%	322
Weekday mid-day service	12.5%	173
Evening service	20.0%	278
Events	13.0%	181
More regular service	12.2%	169
Seven car trains / capacity	5.7%	79
Schedule barriers to riding	9.7%	134
Other concerns (parking, safety, connections)	4.5%	63
Other comments	37.1%	514

**25. More about you** These optional questions are completely anonymous. By answering, you'll help our engagement team make sure we're reaching and hearing from everyone in the community. You can answer all or just some questions – whatever you're most comfortable with. Would you like to answer a few more questions about who you are?



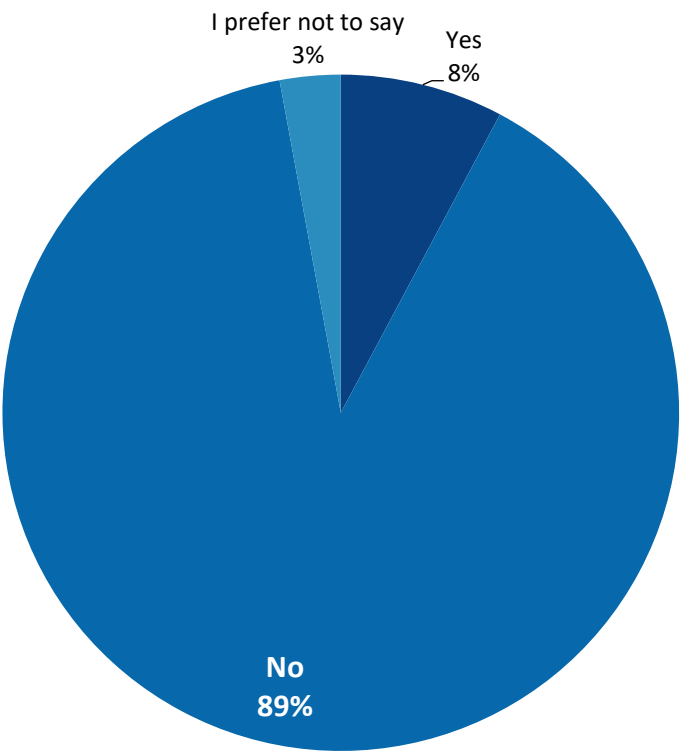
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	86.6%	4,151
No	13.4%	643
	Totals	4,794

## 26.What ZIP code do you live in? [Select one]



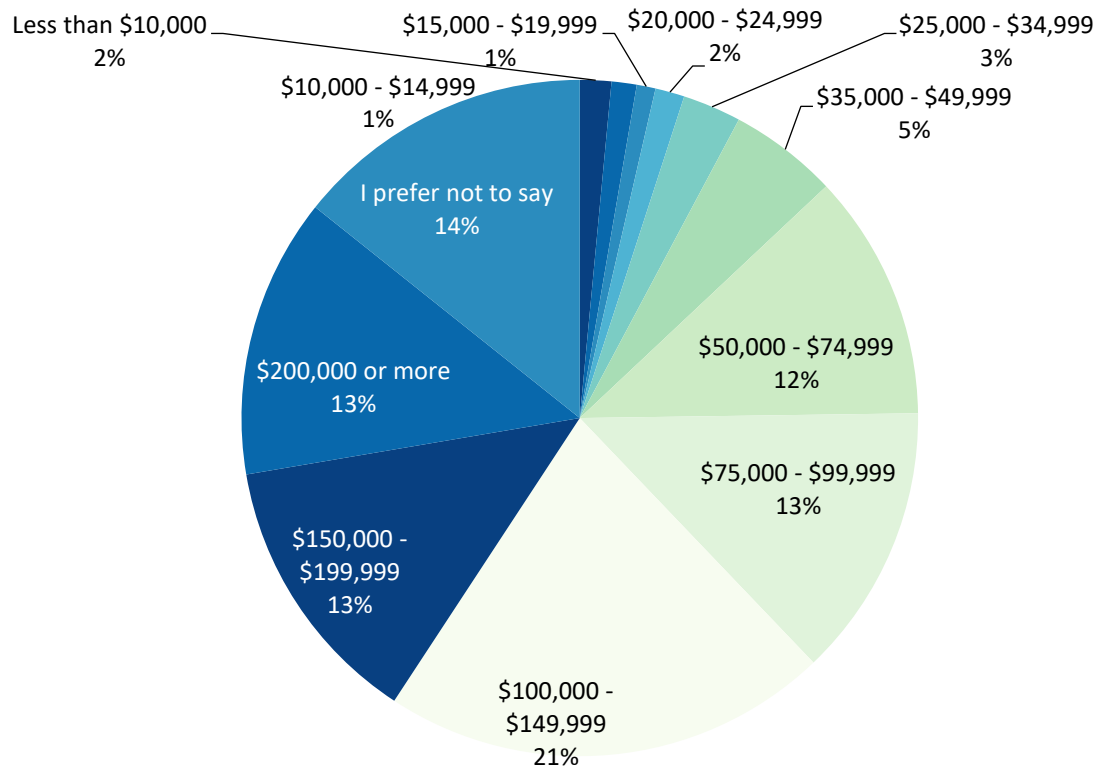
Value	Percent	Count
My ZIP code is (please write-in here)	96.2%	3,947
Currently unsheltered/no home ZIP code	0.4%	18
I don't know	0.3%	11
I prefer not to say	3.1%	127
	Totals	4,103

27.Do you consider yourself to have one or more disabilities that affect your use of public transportation?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	7.8%	316
No	89.3%	3,631
I prefer not to say	2.9%	119
	Totals	4,066

## 28.What is your household's total annual earnings?

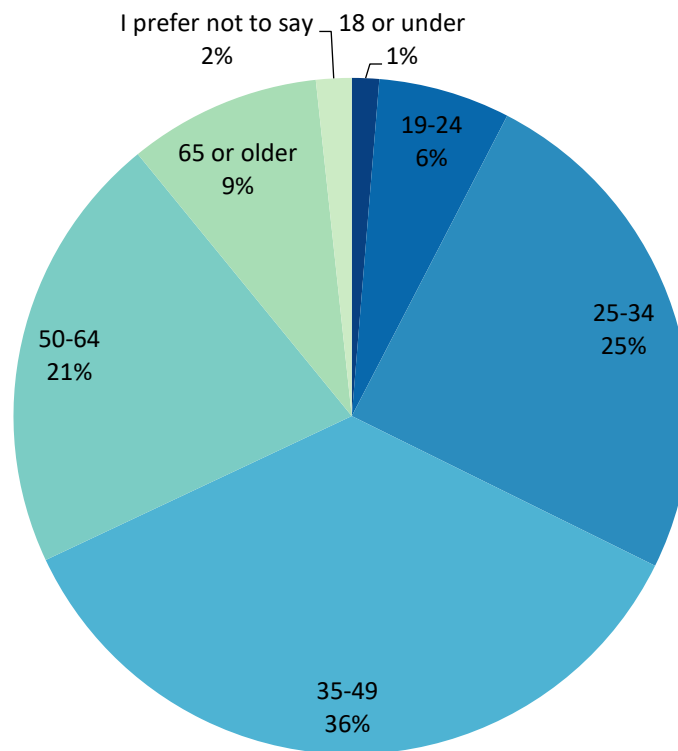


Value	Percent	Count
Less than \$10,000	1.5%	62
\$10,000 - \$14,999	1.2%	47
\$15,000 - \$19,999	0.9%	37
\$20,000 - \$24,999	1.4%	55
\$25,000 - \$34,999	2.8%	114
\$35,000 - \$49,999	5.2%	213
\$50,000 - \$74,999	11.8%	482
\$75,000 - \$99,999	13.1%	532
\$100,000 - \$149,999	21.4%	871
\$150,000 - \$199,999	13.1%	532

\$200,000 or more	13.4%	544
I prefer not to say	14.3%	583
	Totals	4,072

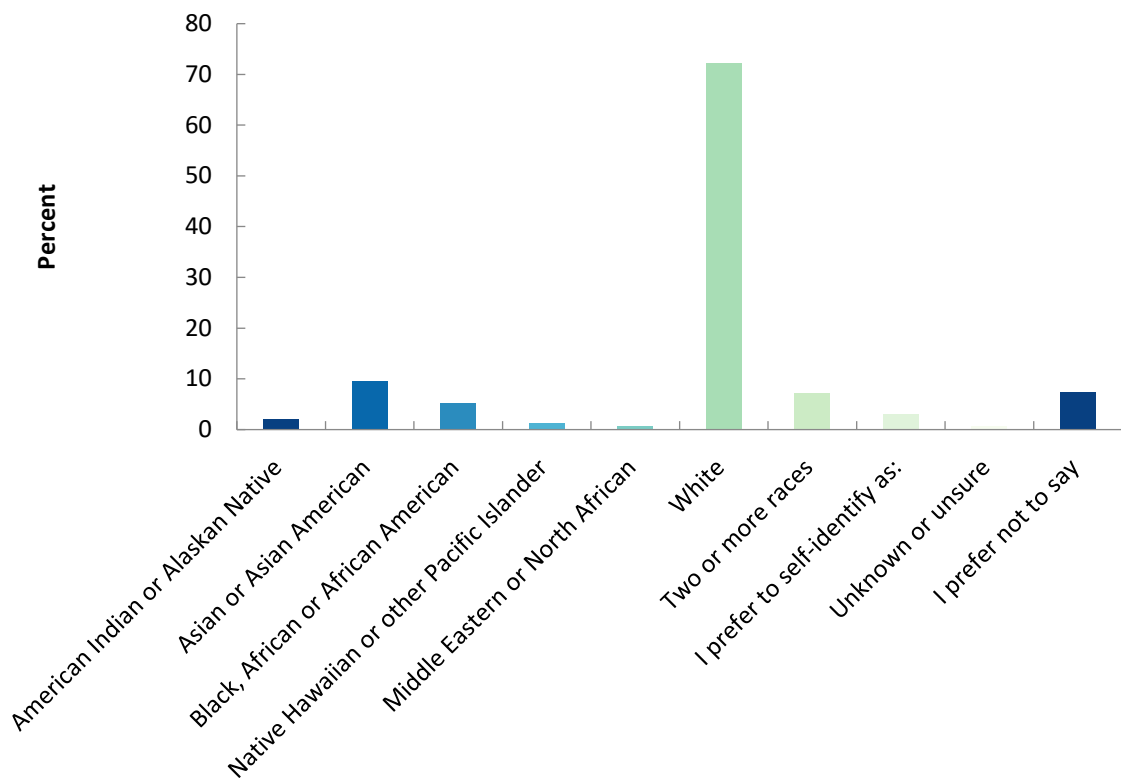


## 29.How old are you?



Value	Percent	Count
18 or under	1.3%	51
19-24	6.3%	255
25-34	24.7%	1,007
35-49	35.7%	1,457
50-64	21.1%	861
65 or older	9.2%	375
I prefer not to say	1.7%	70
	Totals	4,076

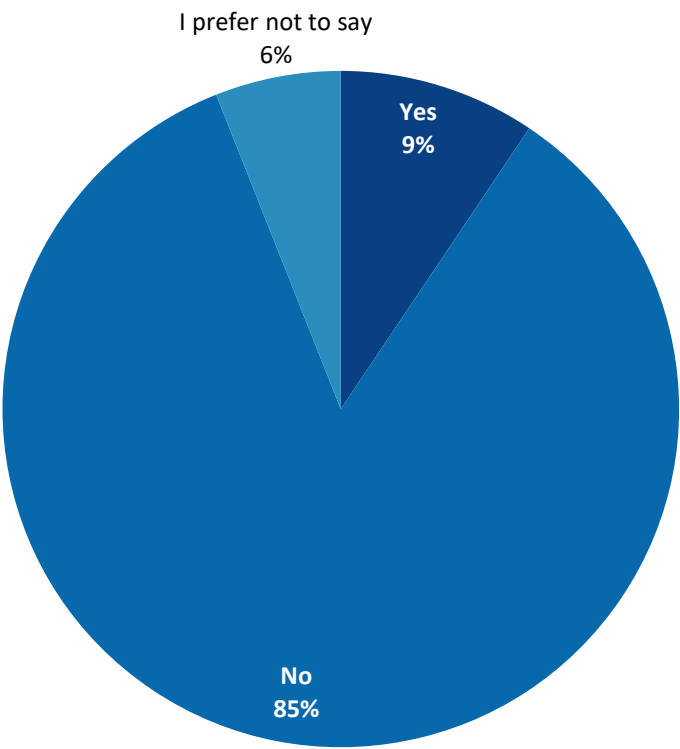
**30.Do you identify yourself as (Please check all that apply):**



Value	Percent	Count
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2.0%	80
Asian or Asian American	9.5%	382
Black, African or African American	5.2%	210
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1.3%	51
Middle Eastern or North African	0.6%	23
White	72.2%	2,902
Two or more races	7.1%	286
I prefer to self-identify as:	3.1%	125
Unknown or unsure	0.6%	24

I prefer not to say	7.3%	295
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31.Do you identify as Latino, Latina, Latinx or of Hispanic origin?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	9.4%	380
No	84.5%	3,411
I prefer not to say	6.0%	244
	Totals	4,035

**32.[OLD VERSION] What languages are regularly spoken in your home? (select all that apply)**

Value	Percent	Count
English	94.7%	637
Spanish	0.9%	6
Mandarin	0.3%	2
Russian	0.4%	3
Tagalog	0.7%	5
Other (please specify)	3.0%	20
	Totals	673

**33.What languages are regularly spoken in your home? (select all that apply)**

Value	Percent	Count
English	98.4%	3,324
Spanish	7.7%	260
Vietnamese	0.7%	23
Cantonese	0.5%	18
Mandarin	1.1%	37
Russian	0.7%	22
Ukrainian	0.4%	14
Arabic	0.2%	8
Amharic	0.1%	3
Somali	0.1%	3
Korean	0.4%	14
Tagalog	1.3%	44
Other (please specify)	3.5%	119

## Appendix C: Online Open House comments by theme

### *Weekend service comments*

Driving and parking in Downtown Seattle is difficult and expensive on the weekends. It takes a long time to get there and back via vehicle. A train from Auburn to downtown Seattle with hookups to water taxis and ferries would be ideal for weekend outings.
Would love to have one later train on the weekday evenings. And if available I would ride into the city and back on Saturdays.
Regular weekend service is critical for developing a ridership base. More weekday evening service would be appreciated, but not as much of a priority.
Traffic on I-5 is terrible and parking downtown is awful. However, since no functioning light rail exists to Tacoma, if I am to travel to or from Seattle, I am forced to either drive to Angle Lake and take the light rail from there, or I just drive to Seattle. This contributes to traffic on I-5, emissions, and parking congestion downtown. If evening or weekend Sounder options existed to allow me to get to Seattle existed, I would absolutely use them, at least until the light rail is complete.
I now live in Seattle but I used to live in Puyallup, as does my family. I filled this out as if I still lived in Puyallup, as it was always frustrating wanting to go to Seattle by rail on the weekends and having to drive up to Angle Lake when we had a Sounder Station in Puyallup. Increasing weekend service would make it much easier for my family to come visit me in Seattle, and for me to visit them in Puyallup. Sounder South would be better as regional rail instead of just commuter rail.
We no longer live a stiff 9-5 lifestyle as a society, so the current schedule seems archaic. I previously lived in the province of Ontario in Canada and their GO Transit bus and trains ran regularly and connected communities across the province. Washington should absolutely do the same and expanding the sounder schedule will allow people to get around on weekends and honestly that will help with weekend traffic! Nobody wants to be stuck on i5 on Sunday :) but we have no choice!
I am fortunate enough to work from home, so using the Sounder for me would be outside regular working hours - evenings, weekends, and holidays. I would love to be able to go into Seattle or Tacoma on the weekends to meet friends, go to events, or just visit the city without worrying about driving and paying for parking. Its especially important as someone who lives no where near the Light Rail expansions - east of I-5 Sounder is really the best option, if it was running on weekends.
Regular frequency on the weekend would be phenomenal. Also, frequency on Sounder North, along with additional stations (Interbay and Ballard) would allow me to ride for many more trips.
I would definitely use the Sounder more if weekends were added and if there were later southbound return times on weekdays. More travel options would be great so the trips could be longer. Love the Sounder, we just need more of it available.
if i could get on the sounder during weekends i would not have to worry about getting trapped in seattle after 5pm-6 because the buses quit running in tacoma by 8 and its a 2 hour ride back i usually have to call for a ride or take uber from tacoma done it would give a needed accommodation to people who would normally ride the link but that won't be in service for 20 years it would give more opportunities for social and jobs on weekends i want to experience seattle at night this would help
Absolutely love the experience of travelling to seattle by rail, but feel so stressed having to catch a single train in the morning since my busses can't even get me there when the earliest

trips depart. Would love to be able to use it on weekends for visiting Seattle and the lovely cities it passes through.
PLEASE add later evening trains as 6:30 is way too early for the latest train. Any weekend additions would be appreciated and utilized as a faster option to link, especially to Tacoma where it does not exist yet. I would much rather have trains every 30 minutes if it meant access to more of an all day service. Longer trains isn't the answer here, it is frequency in both directions.
Evenings and weekends please! Would like to not use the car as much, and it would be more convenient.
Would really love to be able to take the train to Seattle during the week and weekends for events, such as concerts.
It only let me select one option, but I would love to see more trains in the reverse commute as well during the week, plus on weekends. I sometimes want to go to Tacoma but would prefer to take a train and not a bus and Amtrak's schedule is inconvenient. I'm sure other people would love weekend options for coming to Seattle as well, since traffic can be terrible with lots of construction & road closures.
I would use the Sounder way more if there were regular weekend trains I could use to socialize in Seattle or go to a mid-day weekday appointment
Weekend service would significantly increase the number of times I visit Seattle. I love visiting, but I don't like driving in the city. As a result, I often just don't go. Weekend service would be a game changer!
I live by Wilkeson and enjoy going to Seahawks games in Seattle but only if the train is running. I would love to spend a Saturday in Seattle doing whatever else activities without the hassle of driving. I do go to SeaTac for airport or to visit family and would be nice to train there too
I understand how vital this link is for many commuters and so honestly while I personally would like to see it expanded to be more useful to people like me who live in Seattle but want to use it to access recreation activities in the region on evenings/weekends, I do think ST's priority should be on the commuter. Especially as rents continue to outpace income.
Increased trips on the weekends for UW football, Seahawks, Mariners games for Fri. and Sat. People from the South Sound will use the Sounder to get to King St. Station and transfer to wherever they would like to go by the light rail.
I love riding the train up to Seattle. It not only beats traffic, but also is cheaper and far more convenient than driving. Although I have taken the bus from Tacoma to Seattle, it is not as comfortable or convenient. I would love to ride the train even more than I currently do, but because so many events in Seattle take place in the late evenings on weekdays or on weekends, I unfortunately consistently miss out on them. I would love to be able to ride it one a week, if not even more often.
I would love to have the opportunity to use the sounder for weekend trips to Seattle!
Please add more to the sounder schedule, regular weekend runs would be great. It would get me to use the train. Can you buy the rails from BNSF? Look into that so you may have more control of the rails.
Weekend and all-day service (to move Sounder from Commuter Rail to a Regional Rail) would be very valuable to me
I would greatly appreciate the expansion of Sounder service on nights and weekends. My whole family would love to be able to take the Sounder train to and from all Mariners home games, for example.



If the Sounder operated on evenings and on weekends I would take the train to Seattle from Tacoma at least 1-2 month. Additionally, I would likely ride the Sounder to Tukwila where I work more often if there was more available times.
More options during the day times spread out, and weekend options would be great! Thanks!
I really enjoy taking the train to king street for work! it was actually a factor in my decision of location to buy my home. i would definitely choose the train over driving if there were more option to get in and out of seattle in the evenings or weekends.
I would take it more if the schedules allowed me more options for weekends, etc.
The first time we tried riding the train for a Seahawk game, it completely skipped the Auburn station because it was too full. I am tired of public transit being pushed on everyone, but not being provided ample seating on trains - I can not stand for 1 hour and sometimes they're so crowded you don't have options other than to not ride. Train station is only a few miles from our house, and it's a shame we can't ride into the city on weekends when we want to as well.
I would like to see this operating more on the weekends
Best outcome in my opinion would be to keep the current schedule and add frequencies mid-day and on weekends. I wish Sound Transit had more leverage over BNSF in terms of negotiating train slots.
This would be AWESOME! I would love to use public transportation as often as possible but currently it is not convenient at all. People are out and about on the weekends and want to take the train!
We have a potentially great commuter service and I believe a large part of low ridership stems from sometimes inconvenient scheduling. A more frequent schedule at all times especially weekends would encourage adoption as opposed to cars. I personally would visit Seattle on the weekends far more often if I could ride the train there and back at convenient times.
If there were more trains I would drive to see my friends so much less and use it almost every weekend or Friday.
Would love regular sounder trains on the weekends for trips to Seattle for events and to see friends/family.
I'm from Tacoma, but live in Seattle. All of my family still live in Tacoma, and I would love to be able to take the sounder to see them on weekends or outside of commuting hours.
As a Bremerton resident, Sounder is completely unusable without bidirectional 7-day service. Adding that service without adding an express bus from Bremerton to Tacoma makes Sounder only marginally more useful. We deserve good connections to King & Pierce Counties, & right now neither Sounder nor ST Express Buses provide that, in part bc Kitsap Transit & Sound Transit seem from a rider's perspective to not work together at all.
Evening and weekend Sounder service would make a huge difference for me. I frequently go to Seattle to dine, see shows, and go out with friends. Sometimes I work my plans around special event service even though I'm not going to the event - say, having lunch with a friend instead of going to a Seahawks game. I wish I could do so more regularly and without having to pay attention to sports events so I know what time I have to be at King St station. :)
I would love to regularly take the Sounder train to Sounders FC matches, but the timing this year and last rarely lined up. I would love more weekend trips (Saturdays and Sundays) to facilitate shopping trips or other outings in Seattle for the day.
Additional mid-day, and especially weekend trips would enable me to explore more of the region.
When I lived in Tacoma, I would have loved more weekend service to and from Seattle. Running Sounder on the weekend would be a huge boon to the region.

Event trains on weeknights and weekends would be very helpful as traffic and parking in Seattle for events is horrible
I want the morning trains to stay as is, there are frequent cancellations and it's nice when the next train is only 20 mins away. However, I would also like the option for weekend trains, particularly in the summer.
The South Sound needs more weekend trains for events. The Tacoma light rail connection is still years away and we need more trains to make up for our lack of light rail connections to Seattle.
Regular weekend service would be helpful, and for me and my fellow community members, increase ridership. Thank you.
More trips throughout the entirety of the day including the evening and trips on the weekend would increase my interest and utilizing the Sounder.
Having a train option to travel north during evenings, weekends would be a great way to be able to attend events with out traffic and paying a giant fortune for parking in Seattle! I would definitely spend more time around the sound with this option!
Would love more frequent trains -- and more trains for events at the stadiums and on weekends in general. I take it for work, but often the bus is more convenient. My family loves taking the Sounder too on weekends but it's hard with the schedule.
Weekend and evening trips on Sounder North would also be great, but I agree that more trips on Sounder South is a better first step.
I love it and wish I could take it on weekends and more times throughout the day
So many more people w ok would use the system if it was available on the weekends (not ONLY for some Seahawks games). MOST people commute on a regular basis from outside of Seattle, whether North or South. Offering more availability seems logical if you are trying to capitalize on attractions or events in the city.
More options to ride during the day (12pm-6pm) and on the weekends.
It's great, would love it for weekend trips with family to Seattle.
Weekend service, event trains, and more weekday midday service north would be amazing.
Weekend evening trains wouldn't be as effective unless they ran until midnight at the least, if only because of how many events tend to *end* at 10pm on weekends. Any expansion of the Sounder train would be a boon to our local economies, our communities and our environment.
There have been a lot of times I would have taken the s line instead of a bus or car. The train has always been my preferred method of transit but it hasn't worked for my needs in a few years since I stopped working regular hours in Seattle. I would love to be able to use it to get to my usual activities, especially on weekends.
I want to take my family to Seattle more often too visit our amazing emerald City, but everyone hates driving there. Having a weekend train would be amazing!
My whole family would love to take the Sounder for weekend visits to Seattle!
I can only use it during the summer when there's no school, because then i can go on weekdays. if it were expanded to weekends and evenings, i would use it much more often
I would love to see a weekend train that would allow folks to take advantage of public transportation to visit other communities, events, shopping, etc without the hassle of having to drive and find/pay for parking.

I would love ALL trains to go to Lakewood. It's silly that there's trains that stop at Tacoma Dome and don't continue to Lakewood. I have to wait for the train that goes to Lakewood when I could be on an earlier one. I would be interested in trains heading to/from Seattle on the weekends but not at the expense of reduced commuter trains. Build a station in DuPont for Olympia area residents skips JBLM Would be nice if there was also one later train on weekdays without reducing the current schedule.
I wish the sounder was more available on weekends to do errands or to wander around the city. Not only would this reduce our carbon foot print, but allow us the opportunity to exercise all while avoiding parking our vehicles and potentially getting broken into.
I would like weekend service, an 8pm Southbound out of Seattle, and one late night train Southbound out of Seattle (11pm-midnight)
At least one am "work schedule" south-bound to Lakewood and one pm "work schedule" north-bound to Seattle would make me a Sounder rider during the week. Weekend runs would be *fantastic.*
Since the pandemic we relocated to Tacoma and this is the first city I've lived in where I don't regularly use public transit. One of those reasons is access to schedules that support getting into Seattle on the weekend or evenings. I'd value being able to use it for recreation and entertainment purposes. I'm a remote worker and rarely need to travel to the city during peak hours.
Even one train to Tacoma Saturday and one back Sunday would be awesome
I really enjoy riding the Sounder, and it really frustrates me that there's no weekend or midday service. This train is the only direct way to get from Tacoma to Kent or Tukwila (Southcenter area)! Right now if I want to go there, I have to take the 574 to the airport and backtrack, or go all the way to Seattle and then backtrack. It really stresses me out, and I would definitely ride the Sounder more if midday and weekend service were added.
When I moved to Kent 2 years ago, I was very excited that the sounder could take me straight into Seattle. Unfortunately, I quickly realized that it was completely useless to me because it only works for commuters, and I was already closer to my job than the sounder could take me. This resulted in me never riding the sounder despite living less than a mile from the station. Expanding service times to evenings and weekends should be a top priority.
Please add weekend trains! I work on the weekend and would love to take the train up.
Sounder needs later service, more midday trips, and a regular weekend schedule. ST should also commit to running Sounder for 100% of Mariners, Sounders, and Seahwaks games. It would be very useful for going to/from Seattle for causal weekend trips.
The issue with event trains is that there isn't enough time before or after the event to enjoy other things in the City. If there was weekend service, I would take the train into Seattle and Tacoma on weekends to meet with friends or enjoy events and amenities.
The trains for special events would be helpful, especially for weekends when the Mariners and Sounders are playing at the same time.
It would be great if it could be expanded to reach to downtown Olympia. I regularly go to the Olympia famers market and the traffic on I5 between lakewood and Olympia is the worst I regularly experience. (especially on the weekends) Adding train service would help alleviate that without having to add extra lanes and new bridges to I5. This is a reach but just having later evening & weekend trains to seattle would be great. It would allow me to actually drink when I visit friends up there.

The lack of evening train options has unintended safety consequences. I ride the Sounder into Seattle for work, which makes it difficult to meet friends for drinks after, due to lack of evening or weekend service. If I know I will stay for drinks after work, I will drive into the city (less safe after alcohol) instead of using the train. It would also help if 36 hour parking were allowed at stations instead of 24, in case one needs to stay in the city overnight after missing the last train.
Weekend sounder trains, especially to support large event weekends like Seahawks or concerts would be a great addition. I would love to take the train to Seattle on weekends, but do not have the option from Tacoma. The only way currently is to drive to Angle Lake and take the light rail in.
Please add more trains during the day and weekends. This is the only public transportation I can take from my area to get to Seattle for my hybrid job. The train schedule now is really inconvenient for hybrid workers, we are essentially stuck in Seattle until the train runs again. I would use the train even more on the weekend during events as this is an ideal and one of the only transportations some of us can take and it is very limited.
It's a struggle to live in Olympia and get to Tacoma or Seattle without a car. Weekend service would open up so much more recreation opportunities for me and my family.
I know so many people who would use the Sounder to go up to Seattle on the weekend for fun if it was available.
It would be lovely to be able to use the Sounder more! Please make more trip availability and run on the weekends!
Weekend or at least Saturday train 2-3 northbound starting around 9am 1 per hour. 2-3 southbound starting @5pm 1 per hour making last train going south leave at 8pm would be nice.
Weekend service as soon as possible.
Additional service on either weekends or outside of peak hours would be great and I'd have use for both. Live in Auburn and commute to Seattle. Usually carpool in and take Sounder home. Weekend ones would be great for getting into the city and midday trips would allow me to use the Sounder for medical appointments when I leave work early- it is very challenging to take buses like the 578 with the inconsistency and length of travel time. More trips during the afternoon would help tremendously.
Any weekend options would be amazing! The light rail feels so far away! Also, please look into new ways to help cyclists have space to put our (non-e) bikes. We are competing with very large e-bikes, scooters, strollers/grocery carts and other various modes of transportation. Walking from the sounder to my work would almost triple my commute time. Thank you!
I am retired. I use Sounder (or ST Express buses) once or twice a month to go to Benaroya Hall, the Seattle Art Museum, or the ID. Having more midday or weekend options would enable me to use the train more often instead of the bus. The bus is OK, but the train is more comfortable and not affected by I-5 traffic.
It would be nice to work something out with BNSF to allow for more event trains, especially during bigtime weekend events that are large scale, like Lumen Field concerts or large conventions at Seattle Convention Center. It is much more convenient for me to depart from Kent Station and connect to the Link at King Street, then to drive to Tukwila, and ride the link from there to downtown.
I love the train, it's my favorite way to travel! Additional week-day northbound commute times after my kids get off to school (after 8) would help immensely. I would also be much more likely to spend my time (and money) recreationally in Seattle if there were options for evening and weekend trains.

I would love to be able to have a regular schedule for Sounder on weekends to be able to use it for non-work trips into Seattle, or Tacoma. I used to commute using the sounder and loved it, it's a great service. I think with expanded work from home, Sounder should look outside of peak commute hours for riders.
I would use and appreciate weekend trains for Seattle recreation occasionally but priority is daily employment commute
I am not a current rider, but I have been frustrated in the past when trying to visit friends in Tacoma on the weekends that the train isn't an option, especially if our plans involve drinking. Then I see that you run more than 2 trains/hour on weekday evenings, and it's hard to imagine you're filling all 10 trains to capacity. Please, make this mass transit possible outside of weekdays! It could expand ridership and encourage more Seattleites to head south. Maybe 1 late weekend return time too?
We enjoy riding the train and would like to be able to after work or on weekends. Our current jobs do not allow us to ride often due to wfh and delivery positions.
I would love an option to take Sounder mid day southbound from Seattle. I often find myself on a bus that slogs through traffic when Sounder zips to Sumner in about half the time. I would also enjoy regular weekend service to enable me to visit friends in the City.
It would be wonderful for lessening traffic and pollution to expand the Sounder schedule to include nights and weekends. Many people would be able to take the train more between Tacoma and Seattle.
I very much love taking the Sounder but have always wanted a weekend train to access Seattle easily on the weekend, to take my family out for dinner or other recreation opportunities without having to worry about driving and finding parking in Seattle.
Sounder South should become an All Day Monday-Saturday service like the UTA Utah Frontrunner. please see the schedule here: <a href="https://www.rideuta.com/Rider-Tools/Schedules-and-Maps/750-FrontRunner">https://www.rideuta.com/Rider-Tools/Schedules-and-Maps/750-FrontRunner</a> Off Peak should be every hour while Peak service is every 30.
Expanding commuter hours past 8am departure from Tacoma Dome would be immensely helpful, such as having at least one train during the 9:00 hour. Additionally, weekend service would be fantastic.
It would be fantastic if we could avoid losing any trips during weekday commutes as the train can be very packed. But it would be really nice to be able to us Sounder during the weekends so we can visit other cities until the light rail is finished in more than ten years.
I love taking the train to Sounders games when it's an option. I would take the train to Seattle on weekends often if it was an option!
It's great! Wish it ran more on weekends for day trips to the city from Tacoma.
Please make more trips during weekend, even if just once a day. would help me want to visit downtown more often than driving.
Would love to be able to travel on the train with my daughter to Seattle, for fun. Would love weekend availability. We have ridden amtrak to seattle from tacoma but its expensive
My entire household would take sounder extremely frequently if it had reliable morning & evening (6-9pm) service to & from Seattle on the weekdays and weekends
Would love a weekend train to be able to go to Seattle more often.
Prioritizing all-day and weekend service is significantly more important than adding peak-period capacity

A full schedule on weekends would allow those of us in South King County to take advantage of the cultural, sporting, and commercial benefits of Seattle. But short of a full schedule, ANY service on weekends would be helpful. Driving into Seattle has become so unpleasant over the past few years that without rail service to get there, Seattle becomes less and less relevant or appealing to surrounding communities.
I would like to be able to go into the office more. Having a later morning train at 9 would be perfect to allow me to get my kids on the bus. Also would love to use Transit on the weekend instead of having to drive to downtown. Without an option for light rail in the south end it would allow those who want to use transit to have a choice. And it would expand STs mission of being an equitable agency not to mention encourage others to go downtown more and help restore Seattle to a vibrant city
Adding 3-4 more trips to and from Seattle from a south sound station would encourage more riders to travel for leisure on the weekends!!
Weekday: have to take Amtrak north from tacoma dome in the afternoon/ evenings Weekend: have to take amtrak both ways now. Sounder on the weekend would be amazing. especially southbound evening options so people could spend the days in Seattle then come back home after
Would like to see sounder trains run on weekends. To be able to go to Seahawks games or other events. Without having to pay outrageous parking prices.
I really want a mass transit way to visit my daughter and grandson in north Tacoma. Right now, I must take my car. If the weekend Sounder train were an option I could combine light rail and the Sounder train to get to their house.
We would use it more as a Family if there were more time options and offered during the weekends/evenings.
More trains after 6:30pm and atleast 1 northbound train in the morning and 1 southbound train the afternoon every weekends
Love the event trains would love to explore Seattle and Puyallup more on the weekends. The parking garages are so helpful
I am really glad you are considering spreading trips out. With the congestion on I-5, making Sounder available on evenings and weekends on a regular basis would make it a viable option for more riders, including myself, since I live in Olympia.
Weekends will be a game changer
Adding more trains, esp. on the weekend, incentives me to go out to Seattle and elsewhere on the S-Line more frequently. Then I will be able to economics support the businesses there, many of which do not have an equivalent in Puyallup. I would definitely ride the Sounder more if these opportunities presented themselves, and I am in full support of expanding the Sounder schedule.
If I had to choose between additional weekday and weekend, I would choose the weekday service, though I cannot guarantee that I would immediately take advantage. Though, having the option to travel outside of peak times would add more flexibility to my hybrid work schedule. Weekend trips I would use probably 1-2x/month with my son as a way to see Seattle without a car. Sometimes I am tempted to use Sounder for special events though I have low confidence that I can make it back South. So I don't.
We need the same commuter hours in the morning for the weekend. The 574 and 594 are packed started at 5am. The sounder is faster and ensures commuters to be on work on time rather the bus. Especially the 574.
Weekend service!!!!
Poner más los Findes de semana

Driving to Seattle is a pain and I would love to be able to regularly take the train on the weekends to visit Seattle for various reasons. Even it was limited time options, having even one morning northbound and one evening southbound would be such a wonderful option. I wish also that the train ran for more events/games/concerts.
Overall its a great experience and worth the savings vs other transit methods. I would love to take my family DT on the weekends flr fun activities but the traffic and parking fees can get expensive if we drive in.
Would really enjoy weekend service; currently do not have a car so weekend Sounder service would really allow me to access cities outside of Seattle (e.g. Tacoma/Everett).
Please start offering Saturday trips! Congestion in the city is a huge problem and having weekend trains would be a big help.
Having more options throughout the day would make taking the train for activities or events far more appealing. Evening trains returning to Tacoma are a critical element of this. Weekends are a must, especially evening. I think there should be a southbound Sounder train that allows Amtrak passengers on the evening train from Vancouver to Seattle get to the South suburbs. This is an obvious transit gap that would make all rail service more appealing and make King Street less of a transit wall.
I enjoy riding the Sounder train from Lakewood to Seattle. Since I use it generally for recreational purposes, not commuting to work, some weekend options would be nice.
Definitely would be great to have the Sounder as an option to use for general travel between Tacoma area and Everett/Mukilteo. Both for family help to/from those areas during the day, and for weekend or mid-day activities other than just commuting for jobs.
Fin de semana lo necesito para ir a Dupont a trabajar
Adding evening and weekend runs would be super helpful and more likely for me to start riding again. The current limited schedule is a deterrent.
IF the train was available more to Seattle and back, during the evenings and weekends, we would definitely use the train. I hate driving to Seattle and parking. This would be a WONDERFUL reason to use the train.
Some runs in the weekend.
This train is a huge asset to the region. I work from home and have no need to ride to Seattle on the weekdays. But on the weekends, which we go to Seattle at least once a month, I would surely head north more often if I didn't have to drive and fight traffic.
I think it it ran on weekends and for all games it be better
A lot of people, myself included have entirely stopped going to Seattle because it's a pain to drive and park there. But the train only runs during traditional commute times. If it ran weekends even just to Tukwila we would go all the time for events, shopping, fun or even just to walk around. And with so many people working from home now permanently, it's time to shift some focus to alternate trip reasons.
It would be nice to have a train every 20-30min until 10am as parents still dropping off their kids at school at 9am. Also, add rides in midday at least one every hour. And have rides on weekends from like 9am until like 10pm or so. Also, please add a security on the train especially in non pick hours when less people travel.
Should consider adding Fri/Sat/Sun weekend/evening train service during Holiday season, long weekend holidays & throughout the summer.
I know I'm a niche population but some of us use transit to get out of the city on weekends and in free time, the sounder is limited in that respect because trips are all centered around suburban trips into the city, not people heading out.

Some weekend trips would be nice for recreational travel purposes beyond game days
Most of the time I would use this for work during the week and my answers reflect that. But if trains were to run on weekends, I would potentially use for evening events in Seattle.
Weekend trains would let me avoid driving to Tacoma and using I-5!
I love the sounder and I wish I had more evening and weekend availability. My partner and I only have one car and we have friends all over the I5 corridor, so it would be so nice to have more opportunities to use the sounder to visit them. I also would love the expanded availability for things like concerts and other special events.
As a Tacoma resident, having access to the sounder on the weekends would make a huge difference!
Limiting the final departure from Seattle to 10pm is useless. Not all events happen at the stadiums. The city is full of culture and art in other neighborhoods and losing access to those because of a 10pm cutoff time makes almost useless. Please consider people without families and the night owls whose events don't start until 10. Even just Saturday would be amazing! Please consider it!
Love sounder for commuting. Would love if we could use it on weekends for days in the city
I would love to take my kids to the Tacoma Zoo and Wash St Fair via Sounder. The lack of weekend service is a gross oversight. Also the last am southbound trip is very early. For biz trips to Tacoma on weekdays I take Amtrak and return on Sounder.
I commute to seattle for work but do not have a way to get back home in the evenings via the train since the last train is at 6:30. Later Southbound trains would be great! Also weekend north and south trains would be appreciated for friday and saturday night Mairiners games
I would love to just use the sounder to go to pike place or other downtown things on weekends or maybe out to dinner on a Friday night and avoid all the traffic. More trips would be amazing!
Having a consistent all day weekday and weekend service for the cities along the Sounder South is a great option for our communities especially since we won't get light rail and traffic on 167 isn't getting any better. It doesn't just need to be for the 9-5 workers but can expand to everyone. Event trains are the only way to travel and expanding that will make this service even more popular for the south end cities.
I would love having a weekend train run .
I don't require ST services to commute to work (not practical), but would utilize them if convenient for weekend outings, or for work related travel during the week (to attend meetings etc in Seattle).
Adding a pread of trips on weekends, and on weekday afternoons/evenings would make Sounder an incredibly useful mode of transit. As-is, since I don't commute to Seattle and don't attend sports games it's almost completely useless to me. I would love to ride it several times a month, maybe more.
Knowing there'd be a set schedule for the Sounder train on the weekend would make me more inclined to make plans in Seattle.
Regular service 7-days a week would likely improve ridership, giving people living between Lakewood and Seattle more options for getting to events along the route. I would attend more events in Tacoma and the surrounding area if I could use Sounder on the weekends or at night.
Having weekend as well as service in both directions at any given time provides more reliability than just frequent peak hour service.



My family splits our time between Tacoma and Seattle. Weekend trains and later evening trains would be extremely helpful for us and increase our ridership. Currently we're rushing to catch the regularly scheduled trains before/after work.
Reliability is of the utmost importance. It would be nice to be able to use it for more events on weekends.
I would love to make a round trip from Seattle to Tacoma and have flexibility at when I start and end. In particular, a late evening train from Tacoma to Seattle would cause me to use Sounder. There should also be weekend service for similar trips.
Late evening transportation on weekends should be until midnight. This would generate revenue for both major cities, Seattle and Tacoma. Allowing Seattle residents to explore Tacoma for dinner, events, nightlife, and the same for Tacoma residents wanting a fun day/night out in Seattle with reliable and safe transportation to and from each city. Tacoma has a lot to offer however as a Seattle resident I avoid it due to so much traffic when commuting by car. Tacoma could benefit the most from this
Needs to run on weekends
More options during the week would allow for more job opportunities and easier commute to get to my Dr. appointments in First Hill. Weekends and later times at night would help getting to events less stressful and I could attend more often as well as free up traffic on busy event nights and weekends.
I love having the sounder. I just wish the hours for expanded, and that it ran on the weekends!
I would love to see more frequent weekend options down to Tacoma specifically. It takes much more time to visit my family, do errands, and attend events in Tacoma while taking the inter-county bus—I often have to first take a bus downtown and wait up to 40 minutes for the bus to Tacoma or Puyallup to come. Driving is becoming prohibitively expensive because of gas and upkeep. I much prefer the Sounder to all other options and would definitely increase my ridership significantly.
Would be awesome to have it run during games on the weekends and during games on the weekdays not just for working people
I would love to explore South King County downtowns or go to Tacoma more often. These trips would be possible with weekend Sounder service.
More trips. Mid-day & weekends. Would like to take visiting family downtown on weekends but forced to drive. Ew.
Disappointed I can't select weekday afternoon north and southbound trips. I most often have to come from 6-12a and return 1-5p, mainly for medical care. 100% of the time I want to take a train rather than a bus or my car, but I can rarely commit to an entire day in Seattle and typically my appointments aren't for hours after I would arrive taking the train from with current timeslots. I would also LOVE to take the train roundtrip on weekends or days off to do some shopping or see friends.
Weekend service would be really great, I would use it often
More trips on weekends
Need more available to and from all sporting events in Seattle weekends and evenings.
We love having the later train that departs from Kent to Seattle in the 11AM hour. It is easier to catch with young kids and less packed (room for seating). It would be beneficial to have a train leave Kent between the last AM (8:30?) and that 11:00AM as it's sometimes too late. When taking 8:30AM seats are hard to come by which is frustrating as a pregnant mom with a toddler. Weekend options (not just for MLB/NFL) would be wonderful too so we could explore Seattle as a family without driving.

We would like to be able to take the Sounder to Seattle for fun and entertainment instead of driving and the hassle of parking on weekends. Unfortunately, the schedule doesn't work for us. An early afternoon train from Tacoma and a late evening train from Seattle to Tacoma would work best. Trains that leave Tacoma no later than 9am and which leave Seattle no later than 6:30pm have always been a show stopper for us.
I think some later morning trips (departing around 9-10am would be my ideal timeframe) and later trips after 6 going south would be my ideal addition. Additionally, weekend trips would allow folks who are not serviced by line 1 to reach Seattle without driving. For a Mariners game we drove from Tacoma to Angle Lake Station to ride the Line 1 into downtown; a Sounder would have been ideal as we could have avoided the inner city riders on Line 1 and not had to drive from Angle Lake back to Tacoma.
I like the shorter wait time between trains during peak times, but would love to see consistent weekend service. It makes accessing the city so much easier.
Evening and weekend trains are very important and would make Sounder train much more useful.
Work had changed a ton the past couple years more hybrid work from home and office is happening. The traditional peak times aren't the norm for everyone I can literally go on the office any time I want and wfh the rest of the day. It's too hard for me to do this with a small child and being available for dropping him off/ picking up from school but a wider range of day/afternoon trips would make it possible. Plus I would love to travel to the city on weekends without driving/parking
Would love to see more times available from the Puyallup Station going both Northbound and South bound from Puyallup to King Street Station weekdays and weekend. Also additional stop at the University District. Thought when the station and parking facilities were built that the sounder schedule would be leaving much more frequently from Puyallup. For those with disabilities, it would be helpful to have a walking bridge that crosses over platforms from side to side at the Puyallup station.
I mostly use trains for Events - SEAHAWKS games, but I would use it on the weekends to travel up to Seattle on the weekends if it was available. Especially in the Summer.
There should be at least one event or general train both weekend days.
Need weekend access as my job is in Seattle and it is so much cheaper to take the sounder vs spending \$50 every 2 days on gas, getting caught in traffic. I work Thursday -Sunday and I have to drive to federal way on the weekends so I can take a bus to SeaTac so I can hop on the Link to get to my job at 6pm and going back home at 6am. Would be so much easier to drive 4 miles vs 15 miles and catch the light rail vs a city bus
I care more about the frequency of the trains during peak times on weekdays since I use the Sounder for work. Though more options on weekends would be nice, it's not as important.
Expand train service weekdays and weekends, run it later in the evening
Please add weekend trips that would serve people like me traveling from Seattle to Tacoma and points in between. I would love to leave my car at home and take the train for cultural and recreational activities in Tacoma.
Commuter rail is great, but I never use it because I don't commute south for work- I commute south to visit friends and to shop. I'd love if the Sounder was able to get me back to Seattle later in the evenings and on weekends.
Please weekend service!!!! It would change so many people's lives!

We need more service on both the N & S lines; weekends needs to be somewhat prioritized IF we can't have more weekday & weekend service. I *cannot* drive; Sounder is one of the better options for traveling farther away from my home. It doesn't matter why people want to travel - drivers never have to choose ; DOTs never ask drivers to distinguish b/t work/fun/community. Most car trips are not even commute trips so why should transit prioritize commute trips over other types of trips? Thank you.
More weekend trains would be great for tourists too!
We would love to have the option to ride Sounder on the weekends to Tacoma.
I would do far more in Tacoma on weekdays (esp. Thursday and Friday) and weekends with Sounder South availability -- especially if I could take it roundtrip! However, given the train capacity is already quite high during "rush hour" commute times -- and "rush hour" has also expanded with remote work in some ways. I would focus on that and then also expand to at least 1 day a weekend -- who wants to be stuck in I-5 when they can take the train on a Saturday, that'd be fantastic!
More cars for peak travel times, addl weekend trips would be nice
I was looking at going to a corn maze in Kent from Seattle and would have loved to have taken the train but unfortunately it doesn't run on the weekends so I have to rent a car. If implemented, I would take the train to explore the rest of the county.
I would like to be able to take my grandchildren for weekend rides to different areas.
The sound S line should run Monday -Sunday 6am -7pm.
I'm excited by the possibility of more trips and added weekend service!
There needs to be more availability on weekends. I work both Saturday and Sunday and I need to drive to Tukwila and then take the light rail (due to parking costs downtown). Plus, it would allow people to travel to the city while being more cost efficient, time efficient, and environment conscious.
The Sounder is an excellent stop-gap measure in lieu of a regional passenger rail networks. It's use is hamstrung by not running SOME amount on the weekends.
We definitely need more lines of northbound from Lakewood midday of the weekdays and weekend.
Would be great to have a train in Bonney lake. Also having access to the train on the weekend to get to sumner, Seattle or Tacoma would be great
For the longest time, a lack of weekend trains and or late evening trains makes me avoid using trains to use cars instead. This would change if I could take the train to get where I need when I need.
It would be amazing for the sounder to have regular weekend options . I think hundreds of people would pack in from Lakewood all the way to tukwila on the weekends bc they could all plan their weekend and be able to visit the city . With the way parking is in Seattle a lot of people stay away from the hassle . It'l would be a boost to Seattle economy as well. I rode the sounder for years pre covid and I enjoy it . Always wished for weekend routes bc I love the city . PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!!!!! :)
would LOVE additional service times - northbound early evening and southbound later in the evening and both ways on weekends
Right now I typically use Sound Transit Express route 594 to get to Tacoma, but it would be nice if I could take the Sounder instead during off peak and weekends.

I love the Sounder. I first discovered it back in the early 2000s; it gave me a fun and easy way to come south to stay with family on weekends when I was working in Seattle. I'd love a schedule with more north and south trains. Weekend trips, with later trains southbound, would mean I ride much more. And not just me, but my wife and folks, too. And on weekday event nights, later trains that let me hang out longer with friends would be also make me a more frequent rider.
I would absolutely use and support a weekend option for the Sounder. I like the idea of traveling to Seattle for events and other occasions but increasingly it feels too hard to make the drive home later in the evening.
I feel like the sounder south is underutilized and has lots of potential to have more ridership. I think if the sounder had more evening weekday and more weekend trips I would ride it a lot more.
It will be very nice to get a weekend train since I work during weekends
More trains, less bus! Weekend/off-peak N line trains please.
The Sounder is a fantastic tool in the region and needs to expand to include more weekday daytime runs and weekend runs, especially on Saturdays.
If the sounder ran northbound from Kent at 9am or 930am I would ride that train to get to work. If it ran southbound leaving King Street at 730pm or 8pm I would ride that to get home. If it ran on weekends at all I would ride it to get to or from work.
We need a train past 6.30pm going southbound. Last train put being at 6.30pm is ridiculous and need to add weekend trains.
Providing evening and weekend service to/from King Street from Tacoma Dome would be a great way to get fewer cars on the road and support the downtown reactivation plan.
Can't round trip since no evening schedules. PLEASE please create evening and weekend schedules!!! We would ride so often from Tacoma to Seattle!!
While I now work from home, I would love to have the option to use Sounder for evening or weekend events in Seattle, like concerts, festivals, or a dinner out. I know the track sharing with Burlington makes it more difficult, but I miss the flexibility of the BART system in the SF Bay Area. (Though those trains are a health hazard now, and I'd never ride them late at night!) Sounder has traditionally been more of a commuter train, but having some non-commute options would be fantastic.
I can't take this to work as I work in Issaquah. Only time I can take it would be when I'm not working which is on the weekends but it's not operating on the weekends.
Working weekends, weekdays there is no wonder service for concert or events of an evening. Only crowded light rail trains available needing 2+ train just to get to Ankle Lake Station. I could ride sounder, get on board first train arriving and off in Sunnyside saving driving time and fuel.
Need reliable transit from Tacoma Dome to my office. Need trains that accommodate 12 hr hospital shifts at TG for my wife. Need weekend trains for any trips to Seattle. Our live-in nanny would appreciate reliable transit on weekends
Definitely would want more trips during the week and weekend trips to take advantage of shopping, events in Seattle.
I used to commute to and from Seattle on the Sounder and my husband and I talk all the time about how we wish the Sounder ran on weekends because we would take it to Seattle and back to Tacoma.

Having returning trains to sumner over the weekend would make connections for Amtrak trains departing and arriving at king street or Tacoma dome station much easier and more viable for weekend use, for example leaving on a Friday night and returning on a Sunday so I can use the sounder to get back to sumner instead of parking a car over the weekend or uber
more times should be added so I could ride it to work on weekends.
I would love to ride the sounder to Seattle for events, but there are no return times that work or weekend travel currently
I would like to be able to take the Sounder train to events on the weekends.
If evening trips were available, my rides would be round trip more often as I would have more flexibility to leave at a later time. Weekend service would help me access my family and community immensely, as the Sounder is by far the most comfortable and convenient way to travel out of the city as a non-driver. I currently live in Northgate and ride the light rail to King Street station in order to transfer to the Sounder.
it would be very beneficial for me and my family to use the sounder on weekends for social events, shopping and dining.
The trains are becoming too full and it is time to bring back the 7 cars for at least the first train out of Lakewood and the first back from Seattle. I would love to use the train to Seattle on the weekends but I am not a sports fan and would not ride a crowded fan packed train to their games. Put other trains on weekends to the city for people who want to shop or go to festivals or travel with family to visit the city not just cater to the sports fans.
I think weekend trips to Tacoma would be really nice. I have also taken the train to Tacoma on a weekday evening and had to take a cab back, which is quite expensive. Later weeknight service northbound would make me more likely to take the train.
The Sounder currently addresses needs of commuters. If you are able to expand the schedule, particularly on weekends, to help with fun trips to Seattle, that would be very helpful.
The lack of frequency at night or weekends makes it take much longer to get south.
I think that ridership on the sounder south line will increase if there was hourly service Monday thru Sunday. From 8AM-10AM. Or hourly service Monday thru Saturday.
The Sounder is my favorite way to commute, and I would love to use it to travel on weekends, especially. It's the most direct way to get from Tacoma to Auburn, Kent, and Tukwila, so it's really frustrating to have to use 3 buses minimum to get to my destination and risk missing connections.
It would be nice to have the option of a train leaving southbound later than 6:30. IT would also be nice to have the option of taking the train northbound on the weekends vs. driving.
Other than what had been expounded on in "Write In" boxes above, to consider weekend runs, ESPECIALLY on evenings until 11pm, to accommodate transit connections at destination arrivals. To "elaborate on" service to help relieve the worsening I-5 congested weekday traffic - reasonable fare structure MUST be competitive on obligated costs {authorised right-of-way use, additional runs and staffing expenses, maintenance...} to offset expense {...and costs} for personal or "for-hire" vehicle usages.
Adding at least 2 round-trip commuter trains (Northbound between 6-9am and Southbound between 2:30 - 6:30pm) to King Street Station on the weekend (or at least Saturday) would reduce traffic on Hwy 167 and add options for folks who work weekends.
Weekend trips would be nice. Please consider service 7 days a week like the bus. 594 is not accessible on weekends for me as a disabled person since you use the MCI coaches on weekends: lifts are often broken or drivers don't want to bother with it.

Weekend schedule would be very useful
I really wish it ran on weekends. It would massively improve my options for travel as somebody that doesn't drive
Peak directional travel, while a reality, is less valuable. For someone who does not own a vehicle, more midday and WEEKEND service would be an asset as someone who travels to Tacoma regularly.
Would like to get further north to and from on the weekends
Add an initial morning (say 0830) and afternoon (say 1630) inbound/outbound pair Saturday on a shopper/museum schedule. Biggest bang for the buck weekend ridership wise. That's four slots. Trade BNSF the last weekday morning inbound and first afternoon outbound slots on Monday and Friday when ridership is lower anyway account more work from home on those days.
if the trains ran on the weekend it would pick up a lot more clientele and more people would come into the Seattle and different areas this my personal thoughts on it I know the trains run on football games or maybe Sunday baseball games but I'm not talking about that I'm talking about everyday on the weekend have a blessed day
You guys do a great job keeping it clean and being on time. You have great station attendance. It would be nice to have weekend service all day Saturday to Seattle.
I live in Seattle and my partner lives in Tacoma, so I travel to Tacoma often. I work in Seattle but I often work until 9 or 10 p.m., so this prevents me from moving to Tacoma to live with my partner, since I couldn't commute after 6 p.m. As well, I would love to take the Sounder to see him on the weekends rather than the bus. He often wants to come see me in Seattle as well, but he greatly prefers the train to the bus, so his options are limited.
I live in Tacoma and would eagerly use the Sounder to visit my family in Seattle and to go to cultural events and institutions downtown if the Sounder ran on the weekend.
Sounder should run on weekends
I ride the Sounder for work 3 days a week, both ways. The schedule you guys have right now works great. Weekend trains would be cool, but I don't know if I would give up weekday routes for it. Love taking the sounder!
I would travel round trip if there were a way to get back but the commute times are too limited. I would love to be able to go up on the weekend on the train.
Adding Weekend service would be wonderful.
Make times on Saturdays
I would love to stop driving to Seattle on Fridays and Saturdays altogether and be able to rely on the sounder as a regular weekend option.
There should be more event trains on the weekends to and from Seattle. As it is right now, the schedule is so limited, that going to an event causes us to miss parts of the event because we have to use the train for transportation. My husband is a quadriplegic so it's necessary to use sounder to get to events and come home. We need earlier trains and later trains to better meet our needs for extra time
Would love trains to be able to spend weekends in Seattle
The Sounder primarily supports people who work outside their communities, which is great. For a lot of people in Tacoma and the surrounding areas, having weekend service would open up more opportunities to recreate, enjoy our region, and participate in the culture and community of the greater Puget Sound region.
i want more times on weekends and safety. sometimes, it is questionable safety

It's exciting to hear that Sound Transit may add weeknight Sounder commuter rail service later (more trips) in the evening from Tacoma Dome Station to Seattle (King Street Station)! But especially new Saturday and/or Sunday trips too.
Retired use to go to Seattle a lot now parking is unreasonable streets not safe and sounder don't run on weekends. It will depend on cost to ride the sounder
I have been riding the train for 15 + years and would love to have the option of weekend travel to DT Seattle but not game trains --- to crowded and the fans are a little fanatical for me.
Weekend expansion is essential. I hate dealing with traffic and parking, weekend routes would fix this. Even if it's 4 rides a day (9am & 12pm train north, 9am & 12am train south).
Weekend service is a plus
Would use much more for evening/weekend special events
Evening and weekend trains would allow attending a Mariners game, comedy show, a new restaurant in Seattle so much easier!!! Please run the train more often — take a look at the northeast corridor (NJ Transit)! Run the trains, people will ride!!
Later trains so we can stay after work to go eat dinner or go shipping! Weekend trains for the same.
If weekend trains were available, I would ride at least once a month round trip from Tacoma to Seattle/King Street Station.
OMG this would be literally life changing for me if you added more options, particularly on weekends. I drive to Seattle 4 times a week and it's so costly and stressful. I'm afraid to take the bus because the only one I can catch south to Puyallup leaves from Pioneer Square & it's night time. The tricky part is I attend religious services & volunteer, so if the trains depart before the events are scheduled to end, it doesn't help me. My votes are: W, F south 930pm Sa, Su north 8am, south 1pm & 3pm
Would use to travel to Tacoma for weekend recreational activities
Weekend train service and full event coverage i.e. night football games.
I understand that BNSF owning the track presents a significant challenge, but the region desperately needs viable intercity rail. Seven days a week. Both directions--morning, day, and night. I'm in favor of anything that moves the region closer to that goal, even if it includes bringing the track and rolling stock under public ownership. Our regional transit needs are much more important than BNSF's profit margins.
I would use Sounder for trips to and from Seattle if it had a later return in the evening. As it is it would require leaving work or other meetings too early to catch the last one southbound. If it ran on weekends I would use it to access social activities in Tacoma and Seattle. If you could coordinate a good express bus from Olympia to Lakewood that would be a huge help to using Sounder even if you kept the existing schedule. I want to use Sounder! Schedule just too Limited.
Please more trains during non commuter hours especially weekends! We would love to visit family via the train!!
I moved from Baltimore, MD to Tacoma in 2018. I lived in Balt. for 15 years and, prior to that, 11 years in the Wash. DC region. Rail transportation was comprehensive. Commuter trains between Baltimore and DC (and the stops in between) were regular and frequent, including weekend/evening service, making it possible to enjoy both cities. On the DC side, rail also connected well to the subway service. I do wish Tacoma/Seattle had similar. I would use rail frequently if so.
Would like it to be round trip but not an option currently (trains don't run southbound late enough or on weekends)

I hope the train would run for all Sounders games. The cost of parking around the stadium adds up I would rather give that money to the train. I would also like trains to run on the weekend so we can go to Seattle or people could come south to experience our area. Safety needs to be a huge priority so the train does not end up like the light rail or the bus system in Seattle.
Weekend train during work hours (morning northbound, evening southbound)
It would be absolutely amazing if the Sounder started to run on weekends, even in a limited capacity. My husband and I frequently travel from Tacoma to Seattle over weekends (Friday evening - Sunday) to visit family and go to events and we would love to be able to take the Sounder. Friday and Sunday traffic is a mess between Seattle and Tacoma so we would definitely use it!
I use the sounder to commute 4-5 days every week. I also use it for personal trips to Seattle on weekdays that I do not work. I 100% believe the best thing that could be done to enhance Sounder service is to add weekend service.
When choosing weekend times there was not a category that fit best. you had a morning category a 6am to noon. I think a better category would be like 9am to 2pm. I think most weekend users would be looking to travel to Seattle for a day trip to Seattle for shopping/events, but not start it out so early in the morning at 6am.
It would be great for Sounder to operate all day and on weekends instead of being exclusively for commuters and events.
I have so MANY thoughts! Having weekend service and at least SOME "reverse commute" trains will allow Sounder to be a consistently available option, I think this can help increase ridership. Too many times I've considered, but rejected because no trains ran my schedule. Also, how goofy it is to pay more for the slower Sounder, than the ST Express buses, please homologate the fares. Thanks for listening, even if Tacoma / Pierce always feels like it gets the short end of the stick.
Need weekend trains.
I love the Sounder and would take many more trips to Seattle on the weekends!
Adding more evening and night trains would be amazing if we could make this possible
I want to say thank you for the work you guys do. Also reiterate, I'm in a young demographic and we appreciate being able to get up to Seattle from the south in an eco friendly way. We want to ride more especially on the weekends and attend more Mariners, Seahawks and social activities. Currently the biggest hurdle is no access on weekends and trains leaving before events ends back south.
I would travel to Seattle for fun on the weekends if there was a Sounder train. The car traffic is currently a deterrent.
Your current schedule makes the Sounder train essentially inaccessible to me. More evening and weekend trains would be a game changer for me.
Please add addition trips north to Seattle on Fridays for people who get off work at 5pm & travel time close to 20 minutes to get to the train. Running to the train is no fun. Also add Weekend service southbound to Lakewood on Sunday evenings. Adding these additional trips would benefit the people who travel north to Seattle (I get off at Tukwila) to visit family, friends and partners on Fridays and come back to their homes on Sunday. It takes me close to 2 hours to get to Puyallup on Sundays!
I have friends that live in Sumner that I don't get to see as often as I would like because the bus service isn't good! Also I really want to go to the shopping center in Tukwila but getting there is also difficult on the weekends with just the bus! (I don't own a car)



Regular weekend service, even if limited or charged at a higher rate, would be a really nice option. It would likely benefit businesses north and south, and almost certainly bring in more riders.
I love taking the light rail from angle lake to downtown Seattle on the weekends. It would be great to have that option from Tacoma where we live. I work in Tukwila and would take the train if it was easier to get a bus from the sounder station to work. 1000's of Boeing workers in tukwila/East marginal and there is no train service to that area. I'm surprised that with Boeing, being the largest employer in the state, more consideration, wasn't taken in having a train stop near their large hub.
I love trains and would love to take the Sounder to explore other parts of the Seattle metro, especially for recreation, meet ups, events, etc. but I'm not a morning person and the 2-something service with a return trip at 5:30 isn't really enough to justify a trip down to Tacoma to go to a museum, especially on a weekday. I'd love to take it on the weekends, though, especially if you offered late morning/early afternoon S trips and evening return trips.
I am grateful for the Sounder train but I do think the service could be improved. The lack of southbound trains later in the evenings on weekdays makes it difficult for me to get home when work gets out late and I can't catch the last departing train from King Street Station. I would also love to use the trains on the weekends to attend Seattle events and see friends but currently the lack of weekend trains prevents me from doing so.
I want to take the train to Seattle for concerts and weekend entertainment, but I can't because it rarely runs on weekends. Just one trip up at 5 and one trip back at midnight would be game changer. Or one daytime trip up in the morning and back in the afternoon, and one trip up early evening and back at midnight would be a game changer.
I would ride more for other activities outside of work, but there are very limited options. Would be so useful to be able to ride the train in the evenings and weekends outside of morning and evening peak hours.
Weekend morning northbound evening southbound
I would love the opportunity to use the Sounder to get to and from Seattle for fun events and other opportunities, but those I attend are usually in the evenings or on weekends. I find driving in Seattle stressful and parking expensive or nonexistent. I feel I would travel to Seattle more if the Sounder ran outside just commuter hours, especially into the later evening. Additional stations would help also, as the closest one to my house is not that close.
Love the Sounder. Trains more often and on weekends would be great.
I think having a weekend option would be nice for folks who want to go to Seattle for touristy stuff or shopping but don't want to drive. Often times the only other time I rode was to Mariners Sunday games. It was really nice to have that option, but if it was expanded for other events I believe ridership would go up.
Increased capacity or frequency (weekends & later in the evening) will build usage and get people into the habit AND build confidence in the system.
I believe the sounder train would benefit from having weekend service, a larger capacity, and departures at even times.
A saturday morning train northbound to seattle would increase my ridership. I have a car but the trouble and cost of driving to and parking in seattle keep me out of the city. A sounder service would increase my visits for sure.
More event train on weekends.
We need train Saturday and Sunday, for people work weekends, mornings and back noon 🕒 please 🙏 and I want to win the tickets for me my 2 kids and my husband please !
We really need much later Sounder service as well as weekend service to stimulate the economy.

Thank you for considering other options. I live in Tacoma and LOVE the Sounder! I love that it's traffic-free, reliable, and connects me to Seattle without needing to use my car. I start and end my workday on the train (because there's wifi) and my only wish is that I could use it to get home late if I go out after work or want to do something fun in Seattle on the weekends.
Need late night trains, need weekend trains, need regularity of service across the board!
I'd love a later train from Lakewood to Seattle in the morning. The 6:45 am train is too early, but a 7:30 and/or 8:00 am train would let folks who start work later in the morning to take the train on a round trip basis. Taking a bus from Lakewood to Seattle during rush hour can be a much longer commute in traffic. I'd take the train into Seattle more frequently, if trains were available to get to/from events on weekends. Driving to Lakewood is stressful. Taking the train is relaxing. Thanks
Again< I would like to use the Sounder South Trains to go to the Sounders FC games for both Weekdays and Weekends.
Seattle traffic is so horrendous! I would love to be able to take the Sounder train on the weekends to Seattle from Tacoma for shopping, museum visits, etc. and leave the car home.
I would use the Sounder regularly to attend sporting events in Seattle during the week if trains ran at convenient times for them (arriving around 5 pm and leaving around 10 pm for Mariners games, for example). I would similarly use it on weekends to attend sporting events or to go shopping in Seattle or Tacoma. The Sounder would be much more useful to me if it was less focused on commuters and more focused on just being able to get around the region throughout the day, every day.
I would use it much more often if it ran in the weekends and ran later in the day.
From Puyallup / Tacoma, we need a train that goes to Seattle. Either Light Rail or the Sounder is needed here for the weekends.
Sounder service is the ideal way to move in and out of the valley, but the current schedule favors regular M-F 8-6 workers. While I also work these hours, I routinely work graveyard and have activities in the evening. Expanding availability of evening service would drastically change my commute structure. Adding weekend service, particularly Friday and Saturday night would increase my families patronage of Seattle-based food and activity establishments.
Would love to use the s line on weekends, I work Saturdays
The expansion of the Sounder train is an incredible opportunity to increase transit options and honor Sound Transit's desire to fight climate change and advance equity in our region. I live by Kent station and would prefer to take transit but too often the schedule means driving or missing things entirely. I urge you to increase weekend travel. My fiancée is blind and this expansion would transform her life, giving her independence and increased access to work opportunities and social events.
It provides shorter travel time, currently on weekends South Sound residents are forced to drive to the Angle Lake Light Rail station to avoid a drive/parking in Downtown. Initially it'd be nice if there was at least a mid-morning Northbound train, maybe 9:30am and a evening Southbound train, maybe 6:30pm. That way folks could make it a day downtown. If that was popular then service could be expanded.
We are retired and prefer to never drive to Seattle, so we take Sounder to get there when it's convenient. Adding greater convenience would increase the number of times we go up there. We love the city for recreation, Mariner games, shopping, Christmas events and dining out. Making the trip by train just adds to the pleasure. Weekend availability would be incredibly helpful.
Weekend Sounder would be very helpful, even if frequencies are like every 90 minutes

More service hours and weekend service will open up Sounder usage for many non-commuters, which will increase funds for Sounder making it easier to increase frequency later on
Keep the sounder train running on Saturday
limited weekend trains would be great for people that want to spend the day in Seattle, say a couple in the morning(early and mid) and a couple at night say 6pm and 10pm.
This is not a round trip because there is no sounder train on the weekends. If I use the train, I must depart from Seattle southbound on Friday afternoon to reach Tacoma and return to Seattle via Bremerton ferry on Sunday. I often choose to drive, despite the high cost of gas and traffic, because I cannot use the Sounder train in both directions for a weekend visit.
I from Tacoma and would like to travel there without having to take the bus. Also my mother would like to visit me in Seattle more but she can't drive on freeways and buses are too confusing. Allowing more weekend trips would help facilitate more connections. I imagine there are many people like me who grew up in the Puget Sound and would like to depend on trains to see loved ones more.
Sounder South weekend service is the missing link to access many awesome regional trails in South King County and Pierce County. Due to geography, traffic, distance, etc. a lot of these trails are really mostly accessible to people with cars and bike racks unless you live in that area or find a way to get there on transit. But that's just me, a major trail user. What a great routine family outing it would be into Seattle via Sounder on the weekends.
We need 7 days and later routes. I want to go to tacoma or seattle restaurants as we live in puylup. mostly on weekends. We also work in bellevue so the sounder doesnt really help us get to work.. so we have to drive...bus is too slow...not a good option. But later in the evenings during weekdays and weekends would be nice. At least one each direction per hour until midnight so poeple can take advantage of the program we are all paying for with taxes.
Trains running more throughout the day would be great, but more important for me and my family would be the ability to use the train on weekends.

### ***Weekday midday service comments***

It would be round trip if you had a returning mid day train!!
I would definitely use the Sounder more if weekends were added and if there were later southbound return times on weekdays. More travel options would be great so the trips could be longer. Love the Sounder, we just need more of it available.
I think it would be helpful to add one more car as I see the southbound train is getting crowded. I wouldn't necessarily have to ride the train on the weekends but would appreciate having at least one more midday southbound route during the weekdays.
Personally I would use a midday train or evening train (post 630) 2-3 times a month - when these needs arise currently, i end up driving.
The last morning train departure time from Tacoma was always very challenging as a one-car household with a child who needed to be dropped off at daycare. Later time options would make it much easier.
I would use the Sounder way more if there were regular weekend trains I could use to socialize in Seattle or go to a mid-day weekday appointment
Consistent mid-day trains would be more helpful than any other Sounder funding priority
Would love additional morning hours and evening hours. The 630 is the latest train I can take home now which means I often skip out on after work events in order to have reliable transportation home. A 730 option would be great!

Best outcome in my opinion would be to keep the current schedule and add frequencies mid-day and on weekends. I wish Sound Transit had more leverage over BNSF in terms of negotiating train slots.
catch the last morning train from Puyallup but would be happy if there was one later.
It's frustrating to be stuck in Seattle for so many hours after a work or medical appointment because of the early afternoon lull in southbound trains.
I love the Sounder train, but it is largely unusable to me because of my schedule, so I only use it on odd days. I live in Seattle, and work in Kent from 2pm - 10pm most days, including Sundays. If there were trains around my normal commute times, I would bike to the train, and save about 30 minutes compared to commuting by bus.
I ride the train on Monday and Friday from Puyallup to Seattle I would love a midday option for the train.
Adding another option northbound in the 9am hour range would be the best!
Additional mid-day, and especially weekend trips would enable me to explore more of the region.
I would love a midday option around lunchtime for half-days in the office downtown. The first departing afternoon train at 2:35 pm from King Street is too late for the working parents who need to be at our kids' bus stops at 3:15 pm. It currently leaves me with only 5 minutes of wiggle room for a late train, congested getting out of the Auburn garage, or random traffic collisions on the way home. Unrelated, I love the stations ambassadors and the transit security that I see every day. I feel safe
Mid day trips would allow me to work downtown more often. I often have appointments in the morning or afternoon and can't use the train for half days
More options to ride during the day (12pm-6pm) and on the weekends.
Weekend service, event trains, and more weekday midday service north would be amazing.
Please add more later times during the week and add times during the week
Because I take the train round trip from Lakewood to King St, I feel 'stuck' in Seattle in the middle of the day. That is, if I need to get back to Lakewood for a mid-day emergency, I wouldn't know how to do that until the Sounder started running again. I also wish there were more late morning (7 to 9AM) and early evening trains (5:30 to 7PM) because I usually catch the last or 2nd to last departure and I'm always worried about a cancelation that will make me stuck where I am.
I hope they add a 3:40pm northbound train.
I would like to see a train earlier than 2:30 especially on Fridays when a lot of people get out early. Maybe a 1:30 and 2:00 train on those days.
please add a southbound train that leaves kingstreet midday 12:30.
The hours the train runs lock me into a schedule where if I want to get to work before meetings, I need to catch the 6 or 620am train, and I can't wait until after meetings to come in on my lunch break. At the same time, I can't leave early to work the morning and come home on my lunch break, because the train stops running until 230pm. Meaning, it's a 10-11hr day. If there were more midday and evening options, I could shift my schedule to better times.
I live in Kent and have worked in Tacoma since May. I had to petition for a schedule change in order to make a train back home because there are only 3 northbound trips in the afternoon, and the last one leaves at 5:15. More options for people traveling south in the morning to get home would be amazing.

I love taking the train because it is clean and comfortable. But the inability to travel south in the middle of the day is inconvenient.
I hate being stuck downtown from 8am to 2:30, I have on many occasions had to take Ubers home during that period for emergency reasons. It makes me want to drive in and park at my office. I also don't understand why 6:30 is the last departure. I take that train often and it's always packed. Another train at like 8pm would be appreciated and allow for business people to eat dinner with customers before heading home. Right now I drive in when I have dinner meetings (4-5 times a month)
Need more trips at commute time. Need to add a train time for 8:48 and for 9:18. This allows for those late workers to take advantage of using the train or if an earlier train is cancelled, you can take a later one. Currently if the 8:18 is cancelled you have to drive in or take the bus which is awful. minimize the cancellation of trains, it disrupts commuters work schedule. Have a standby train for trains with mechanical issues. Because when you cancel a train it has an impact on commuters
More frequent trains in the afternoon would be appreciated, whereas longer trains in the morning works best. Afternoons are usually more chaotic for when I can make it to the station and catch a train whereas the morning is more consistent. Also, train seats should be oriented all facing the same direction rather than facing one another. It's really awkward sitting face to face with strangers
Having one more train in the morning leaving Lakewood. Getting there from Olympia by bus is very hot or miss by sometimes seconds. Or if it could leave 5 min later on the last morning trip northbound.
I am disabled and limited to public transit. Where public transit does not go, I cannot go. Attempting to attend a midday activity using commuter train options doesn't work. I cannot arrive at a medical appt several hours early or wait several hours (or overnight) to return home. Better access all day and evening to other areas will expand my medical care options as well as expand my options to create a life worth living.
It would be helpful to have 1 midday south train... Once we arrive to Seattle for work, you cannot get home on the train for any reason until 2:35pm. It would be nice to have at least 1 option -- like 12:30pm or 1:30pm.
I would travel south bound between noon -3pm but trains are not available at this time.
I really enjoy riding the Sounder, and it really frustrates me that there's no weekend or midday service. This train is the only direct way to get from Tacoma to Kent or Tukwila (Southcenter area)! Right now if I want to go there, I have to take the 574 to the airport and backtrack, or go all the way to Seattle and then backtrack. It really stresses me out, and I would definitely ride the Sounder more if midday and weekend service were added.
I drop my daughter off at school at 8:10, and the last train leaving Puyallup is 8:03. This means I can't take the train to work. An 7:30 or 9 am train would solve that problem for me.
I notice capacity as more of an issue departing southbound from Seattle. The morning trains to Seattle might also be full, but I'm usually on the midday train. For that reason, I would not recommend lessening the frequency of trains. Also, I would specifically love another train or two departing northbound to Seattle that arrives at 9:30-10:30am.
There needs to be a mid morning train option before 2:30
Trains after 8 am would be great. A train going southbound from King street station between 5:45 and 6:30 and an option after 6:30p would be awesome.

<p>Sounder needs later service, more midday trips, and a regular weekend schedule. ST should also commit to running Sounder for 100% of Mariners, Sounders, and Seahawks games. It would be very useful for going to/from Seattle for causal weekend trips.</p>
<p>I think the biggest gap in service on sounder right now is the period between 11am and 4:40pm northbound to Seattle (I usually return coming from Kent). Any additional trains in this window would be a great benefit to transit riders. Particularly in the 3-4:40 pm window.</p>
<p>Would like to add a train going south at 1-2pm</p>
<p>I want to use sounder to commmute from Seattle to Kent round trip. My work schedule ends early and I find that waiting what can often be an extra 40 minutes for the first northbound train at 4:40 PM back to Seattle is discouraging to me continuing to use the Sounder South. I would love to see the sounder arrive into Kent earlier (around the 4 pm to 4:20 Range) for its first trip. Stretch Ask: It would improve access for me greatly for the sounder to have a station in Belltown (near pier 66)</p>
<p>More options for afternoon travel (southbound) would be very helpful</p>
<p>Especially Tuesday, Wednesday, &amp; Thursday there needs to be more carts. The volume of passengers is extremely larger. As someone who commutes to Seattle would like to see 1 train leaving Seattle southbound between 9am-12pm.</p>
<p>Please add more trains during the day and weekends. This is the only public transportation I can take from my area to get to Seattle for my hybrid job. The train schedule now is really inconvenient for hybrid workers, we are essentially stuck in Seattle until the train runs again. I would use the train even more on the weekend during events as this is an ideal and one of the only transportations some of us can take and it is very limited.</p>
<p>Additional service on either weekends or outside of peak hours would be great and I'd have use for both. Live in Auburn and commute to Seattle. Usually carpool in and take Sounder home. Weekend ones would be great for getting into the city and midday trips would allow me to use the Sounder for medical appointments when I leave work early- it is very challenging to take buses like the 578 with the inconsistency and length of travel time. More trips during the afternoon would help tremendously.</p>
<p>I would love for there to be an option to return back south earlier than 2:35pm from Seattle. If there could be an earlier option between 12-2 that would be amazing!!</p>
<p>It would be nice to have another train leaving Tacoma after the 7:50. Ideally it would be a non-stop train leaving at about 8:20 that would almost catch up to the 7:50 and arrive just a few minutes behind it. It could be a shorter train, maybe 2-3 cars.</p>
<p>I am retired. I use Sounder (or ST Express buses) once or twice a month to go to Benaroya Hall, the Seattle Art Museum, or the ID. Having more midday or weekend options would enable me to use the train more often instead of the bus. The bus is OK, but the train is more comfortable and not affected by I-5 traffic.</p>
<p>I love the train, it's my favorite way to travel! Additional week-day northbound commute times after my kids get off to school (after 8) would help immensely. I would also be much more likely to spend my time (and money) recreationally in Seattle if there were options for evening and weekend trains.</p>
<p>Perhaps consider through 0900 as high frequency times. The freeways are packed at this time. I would take sounder if it ran. I go to work a little later to avoid traffic and come home later to avoid traffic. It doesn't matter, traffic is still bad.</p>

I would like more weekday trains, however, more trains would not be useful until the Sumner parking garage is complete. Many days, you can't find parking there if you are not riding the earliest trains. Also, it's frustrating to use the train to commute to Seattle but be stuck there and unable to return home southbound in the event of an emergency due to lack of trains running 8:30-2:30.
I would love an option to take Sounder mid day southbound from Seattle. I often find myself on a bus that slogs through traffic when Sounder zips to Sumner in about half the time. I would also enjoy regular weekend service to enable me to visit friends in the City.
Expanding commuter hours past 8am departure from Tacoma Dome would be immensely helpful, such as having at least one train during the 9:00 hour. Additionally, weekend service would be fantastic.
Would love to use the sounder to get up north and not have to wait until late to come back.
I would like a Southbound train to run between 1200 (noon) and 2:30 pm.
1. Tacoma Dome Station needs an underground walkway to access Track 2. Having to walk around is a delay and an inconvenience. 2. Let's make a long-term plan to electrify the line! 3. One later train in the mornings, like at 8:20, would be *so* helpful.
I would like to be able to go into the office more. Having a later morning train at 9 would be perfect to allow me to get my kids on the bus. Also would love to use Transit on the weekend instead of having to drive to downtown. Without an option for light rail in the south end it would allow those who want to use transit to have a choice. And it would expand STs mission of being an equitable agency not to mention encourage others to go downtown more and help restore Seattle to a vibrant city
Adding at least 1 train midday would be a big help, especially for commuting students/workers that may need to get up to work for a shift or class at 2 in Seattle. With the current system, my friends and I have to take a morning train and are stuck for a time before we are needed at class/work, so a midday 12PM train would be helpful.
I commute from Seattle to UW Tacoma. The Sounder options currently available for this commute are fairly limited and run earlier than I usually commute. Late morning/early evening options would work much better for me. Currently I either drive or take the bus, but I would love to take the train more frequently.
At least one more train northbound late morning and one southbound early afternoon would open up a lot of opportunities for me to explore areas I don't normally get to because of the time it takes use ST Express.
It would be great to offer a train option(s) departing from Lakewood between the 6:46AM option and 10:11AM option.
With childcare drop-off responsibilities, it is near impossible for me to make it to the 7:50a Tacoma Dome northbound service to King Street. Therefore I have no choice but to take the less reliable/timely 590. Even one additional northbound morning trip would relieve a significant amount of stress I have trying to juggle toddler responsibilities with an exhausting hybrid work commute from Tacoma (Nordstrom Corporate employee).
It would be great to have a train at least after noon and before 2:30 pm.
I recently moved from Seattle to Tacoma and now use the train to get to and from work. I commute from the dome to Tukwila daily. But if there is a reason for me to leave work early, the first train to go back south is at 2:48 which leaves me stranded incase of an emergency. That would be my only complaint , is there is no midday trains.

If I had to choose between additional weekday and weekend, I would choose the weekday service, though I cannot guarantee that I would immediately take advantage. Though, having the option to travel outside of peak times would add more flexibility to my hybrid work schedule. Weekend trips I would use probably 1-2x/month with my son as a way to see Seattle without a car. Sometimes I am tempted to use Sounder for special events though I have low confidence that I can make it back South. So I don't.
My primary use of transit is to/from the SoDo stadium district. Sounder service north in the afternoons and late service southbound would be much more convenient than having to take the Link from Angle Lake.
Definitely would be great to have the Sounder as an option to use for general travel between Tacoma area and Everett/Mukilteo. Both for family help to/from those areas during the day, and for weekend or mid-day activities other than just commuting for jobs.
Mid-day trains to and from Seattle would be ideal. Not only would it greatly benefit riders who must compromise and take the bus instead, but will create new riders who drive currently. There is no need to add additional cars to a train, at least for now; there is more than enough space for riders.
I work second shift and I could make the trip to downtown faster with sounder if there was a time slot around noon or 12:30-1p. That would give me time to connect to a bus to cross downtown to work. Currently, I ride the 150 from Kent to 5th/union. Please add more time slots! Would prefer the Sounder as it is close by too.
I wish there was a train at like 8:45a
A midday Sounder option would get me home quicker (30 min) than riding a Sounder bus that takes an hour or more. I would ride the S-Line Sounder at least twice a week, in addition to the 5 morning and afternoon trips.
It would be nice to have a train every 20-30min until 10am as parents still dropping off their kids at school at 9am. Also, add rides in midday at least one every hour. And have rides on weekends from like 9am until like 10pm or so. Also, please add a security on the train especially in non pick hours when less people travel.
How can you define times after 8am as "midday" ?? It is insane that the last train up to Seattle from Tacoma Dome is at 750am. Not everyone wakes up at 4 or 5am.
For people who have to work later (team building, happy hour, client dinner, etc) , having a northbound train closer to 10am and a southbound train around 8pm would be extremely helpful! It's one of the biggest reasons I don't ride more.
Even midday southbound trips from King St every 90 minutes (rather than a gap from 9-230) would be incredible helpful.
Wish southbound started earlier-noon or 1pm
The biggest blockers are the lack of consistent coverage of Sounder service throughout the day/night, and availability of parking near the station. If you can't park, it makes it nearly impossible to take advantage of the station. Fortunately, Auburn is getting another parking structure in the future. Yay! Would totally use the Sounder all the time if I could set out midday and get home at night.
Midday options both ways is important for health care needs.



When I had to, I loved taking the train. I was more relaxed when I came into work, as I was not getting frustrated by being stuck in traffic. However, since there was no southbound day runs, I needed to start driving once my daughter was back in school in case any emergency arose. That was the only reason I stopped riding the train. I would love to be able to ride the train to a Mariners game. I am sick and tired of the people on the LINK thinking they can just openly smoke and do drugs.
An additional train at aprox 8:30am traveling north to King Street would be so helpful for peak time ridership. The 8:08 train out of sumner is so hard to accommodate with kids school schedules
More northbound trips until 9am!
Would appreciate if Sounders adds an afternoon train southbound and an evening train northbound.
I prefer light rail, so if the Sounder can connect me to the current light rail (Tacoma Dome to King Street) with Afternoon and evening hours I would love it and use it.
With RTO I try to go into the office in the middle of the day and leave before peak times. There is never an option to use the Sounder, which I would prefer, so I end up using the Link because the travel times are more regular and they have midday options.
I don't require ST services to commute to work (not practical), but would utilize them if convenient for weekend outings, or for work related travel during the week (to attend meetings etc in Seattle).
Adding a pread of trips on weekends, and on weekday afternoons/evenings would make Sounder an incredibly useful mode of transit. As-is, since I don't commute to Seattle and don't attend sports games it's almost completely useless to me. I would love to ride it several times a month, maybe more.
I sometimes take an Express Bus north in the morning versus Sounder because I would prefer a later morning departure; then same in the southbound evening, I switch to Express Bus if I have a late meeting or met up with someone after work. But I prefer the train and would take it more if those times were offered.
I would love to see expanded afternoon service northbound to Seattle, expanded evening and night service southbound to Tacoma Dome Station. I would definitely use Sounder service if it was offered at these times on the weekend.
Because there isn't very good bus transit between Tacoma and many of the sounder stations, having additional midday service would be helpful for both 9-5 workers if they have to leave work early, as well as workers who have shifts outside 9-5
Please consider redefining midday. 8am to 2:30 is too broad. I would consider up to 10am morning.
More trips. Mid-day & weekends. Would like to take visiting family downtown on weekends but forced to drive. Ew.
Disappointed I can't select weekday afternoon north and southbound trips. I most often have to come from 6-12a and return 1-5p, mainly for medical care. 100% of the time I want to take a train rather than a bus or my car, but I can rarely commit to an entire day in Seattle and typically my appointments aren't for hours after I would arrive taking the train from with current timeslots. I would also LOVE to take the train roundtrip on weekends or days off to do some shopping or see friends.
mid day trips would be awesome.
If we get more northbound trains during the 8-10 am schedule it will help all those that go into the office during the week. That is peak for driving on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. (Find out what companies are going into office)

My preference is to ride the train early to arrive in Seattle King station at 6AM and head South to arrive in Sumner by 3PM. The schedule I see for South from the King Street station doesn't begin until 4:30PM which is too late for me to arrive home for the kids when school is released.
We love having the later train that departs from Kent to Seattle in the 11AM hour. It is easier to catch with young kids and less packed (room for seating). It would be beneficial to have a train leave Kent between the last AM (8:30?) and that 11:00AM as it's sometimes too late. When taking 8:30AM seats are hard to come by which is frustrating as a pregnant mom with a toddler. Weekend options (not just for MLB/NFL) would be wonderful too so we could explore Seattle as a family without driving.
I think some later morning trips (departing around 9-10am would be my ideal timeframe) and later trips after 6 going south would be my ideal addition. Additionally, weekend trips would allow folks who are not serviced by line 1 to reach Seattle without driving. For a Mariners game we drove from Tacoma to Angle Lake Station to ride the Line 1 into downtown; a Sounder would have been ideal as we could have avoided the inner city riders on Line 1 and not had to drive from Angle Lake back to Tacoma.
I wish I could do round trip. South midday and return north in the evening.
I need a northbound train that leaves earlier in the afternoon. Currently heading back into seattle the first northbound train leaves from kent station at 4:40 PM meaning i have to work a 9.5 hr work day. If there was a train leaving at 3:40 that would boost my ridership drastically
Would love to see more times available from the Puyallup Station going both Northbound and South bound from Puyallup to King Street Station weekdays and weekend. Also additional stop at the University District. Thought when the station and parking facilities were built that the sounder schedule would be leaving much more frequently from Puyallup. For those with disabilities, it would be helpful to have a walking bridge that crosses over platforms from side to side at the Puyallup station.
please add trips through the day, the sounder express bus is not a good replacement as it gets stuck in traffic, contract it to amtrak who has more legal leverage over bnsf.
I ride to Seattle but have to resort bus home in the 9-11a time frame
Expand train service weekdays and weekends, run it later in the evening
I wish Sounder train ran at least once around 10 or 11.
I believe strengthening Sounder South, through midday trips, station & station area improvements, bypass tracks, and expanded park & ride facilities would be a far superior use of taxpayer money than the slow, capacity-constrained Tacoma Dome Link Expansion. Tacoma Dome link shouldn't (and won't) be cancelled, but if midday trips on Sounder South are pursued, it would be the quickest transport between Seattle and Tacoma, leaving link's capacity for Airport-Tacoma, Federal Way-Seattle trips.
I would do far more in Tacoma on weekdays (esp. Thursday and Friday) and weekends with Sounder South availability -- especially if I could take it roundtrip! However, given the train capacity is already quite high during "rush hour" commute times -- and "rush hour" has also expanded with remote work in some ways. I would focus on that and then also expand to at least 1 day a weekend -- who wants to be stuck in I-5 when they can take the train on a Saturday, that'd be fantastic!
Hope there is a trip from Tacoma to Seattle at 8:30 arriving at Seattle at 9:30/9:35 ish the latest. Need reverse trips to Tacoma at 8:55AM Southbound.
The sound S line should run Monday -Sunday 6am -7pm.

The last train is way too early on weekday mornings (minus the 1030 one) so I take the bus in, and take the train home. More friends would come visit me in Tacoma if there was a train to take on weekends since the train is much more enjoyable than the bus. Also, I'm very concerned about the limit on bikes on the trains "until further notice." I use my bike to connect for the final mile and it would be a huge inconvenience to show up for the train and not be able to ride with my bike!
Not having a return train any earlier than 2:30pm is an inconvenience for when you need to get home to get a child from school the furthest south you go. Folks in the south have the longest commute and rely heavily on the Sounder Train to make it manageable. Any options to help add flexible options to our schedules is welcome.
It would help a lot if there were midday & evening trains on weekdays - allowing me more flexibility in when I go up for afternoon appointments. I would love, love, love to be able to take the Sounder on weekends instead of the bus/driving for recreation.
It would be great if you can add a couple more northbound trains between 8:18 am and 10:45 am from Auburn
I would like to see a southbound train in the late morning before noon to return home if needed from Seattle and not be trapped downtown until first train southbound from king street not until after 2pm
We definitely need more lines of northbound from Lakewood midday of the weekdays and weekend.
It would be great to have a northbound to Seattle train that leaves about 9:30. 10:30 gets you there quite late in the day, but leaving before 8 is unworkable if you have kids to get to school. I would take it almost every day if there was a train about this time.
Having more trains after 8am Northbound and more trains Southbound after 6pm will give me lot of flexibility and help adjust my schedules.
Hard to wait until 2:30 pm southbound
I would like another route from 8:30am from puyallup. The 8am route is pretty full adding another time to leave would really be nice.
Right now I typically use Sound Transit Express route 594 to get to Tacoma, but it would be nice if I could take the Sounder instead during off peak and weekends.
As someone who lives in Renton sounder is great for avoiding I-5 and sr167 traffic for when I want to visit downtown Seattle and downtown Kent. I would travel to Tacoma much more often if sounder ran all day even if was only once an hour midday. Having to take a bus to downtown Seattle to get to Tacoma is very inconvenient. Just a short trip over to tukwila station makes a trip to Tacoma a lot easier. Sounder has potential and I love it but I want to see it grow to more trips per day.
Morning schedule is too early for recreational trips. Late mornings & mid-afternoon works best. Don't want to be caught in rush-hour traffic.
More trains, less bus! Weekend/off-peak N line trains please.
The Sounder is a fantastic tool in the region and needs to expand to include more weekday daytime runs and weekend runs, especially on Saturdays.
If the sounder ran northbound from Kent at 9am or 930am I would ride that train to get to work. If it ran southbound leaving king street at 730pm or 8pm I would ride that to get home. If it ran on weekends at all I would ride it to get to or from work.
Would like to see a train run southbound a couple of times before 3 pm

I live across the street from Kent station but take the light rail Monday and Friday because there's such a large gap in the south bound train in the afternoon that I end up on campus for hours with little to do because my classes are early in the day. I would take the sounder every day of the week if there was a south train earlier then 2:35, which would also save me a car trip from my place to angle lake.
If I would become a Hybrid worker and go in 2-3 times a week, the problem is daycare and being able to reliably get home prior to 5pm (latest pick up time). With delays, cars or people hit on the track, the delays can be up to hours. I would need to leave the office at 2pm (bus+train) to get home and reliably pick up my kid. Having a mid-day option in case my kid gets sick would help and expand my options.
would ride more often, and departing from South Tacoma station, if trips departed northbound for approximately another hour in the morning, and southbound likewise for approximately another hour.
I have a class in Tacoma at 1 pm. Because I have to take two busses and the busses take a long time, I could save a lot of time going to this class if the Sounder ran to Tacoma mid-day.
Having a train that departs from King Street before the 2:30 pm would give me added flexibility in my weekday commute. Right now catching the 2:30 pm train gets me home just early enough to pick up my children from their childcare before they close at 4 pm, so an earlier train would give me a buffer in case something unexpected happens between the train and home (like bad traffic).
Often there is NO train to get home midday..... I want to also connect to the N sounder, get to northern destinations and still have trains/connections to get me back same day/evening
I would love for you to return the mid day train from/to TDS/King st
At least 1 mid-day southbound train would be great!
Since there won't be a Link light rail line to SE King Co. anytime soon, more-frequent and mid-day Sounder service should be seen as an issue of equity for these highly-diverse areas of lower income. The only alternatives are 2-seat bus rides that take at least twice as long to reach downtown Seattle / downtown Tacoma.
More times in midday and evenings
I think that ridership on the sounder south line will increase if there was hourly service Monday thru Sunday. From 8AM-10AM. Or hourly service Monday thru Saturday.
Having the Sounder as a reliable alternative to driving is really important for my work and home life. I live in Tacoma and work in Renton but need to be back in Tacoma by 5:20 each day to get my daughter from daycare. Having trains scheduled so that I can always make it to daycare on time and not be caught in traffic is really helpful and a great benefit of using the Souner.
I live in Seattle and work in Kent. The early morning trains are pretty impractical for me. I would like more frequent trips south in the morning and north in the evening. Even adding one more train that departs between the 6:35 and 7:55am would be nice.
Would love to see at least one or two trains available midday to support those who want to go shopping in Seattle or get done with work early. I know there are also buses (ie 573) available, but depending on traffic, the bus can take longer than the first train that departs later than the bus.
I can't take the Sounder to work because it starts running much too late. It would cut my commute time in half if I could take it! I'm spending five hours a day commuting to Tukwila by bus from Tacoma. Five hours is ridiculous!!!! Please expand Sounder times to run earlier and later!!!!

Peak directional travel, while a reality, is less valuable. For someone who does not own a vehicle, more midday and WEEKEND service would be an asset as someone who travels to Tacoma regularly.
It's not round trip because of how little hours the sounder runs. The last train is like 730-815am going north but business opening at 10am is normal. It would be convenient for a 9am sounder / and another for a later night shift worker like around 12pm.
Even having one train heading south midday (noonish) would allow me the flexibility to leave work early. As it stands today the earliest I can be home is 3:40pm.
It would be nice to still have schedule times throughout the day. South bound stops at 7:55 and. Doesn't start again til 2:35. Even a few times would be ideal for when half days occur at Puyallup schools.
Any new midday options would attract additional traffic from retired individuals. Better advertised connection from the Tukwila station and the airport would be very convenient for travelers. Many countries boost their transit connections for travelers actively illustrating connectiveness of multiple methods including private cars upon departing trains (in australia).
There are frequently times when I need to go to Seattle in the morning and return during mid-day, but that is currently not an option for Sounder. Usually end up taking the 578 bus but would much prefer Sounder.
Would like to see trains leave earlier and later southbound Seattle to tacoma.... Later than 630 pm and earlier than their first afternoon southbound train
I think there should be longer trains AND more trips during the weekdays. I would rather that than catering to sporting event attendees. If they can afford to attend the event, they can afford to drive to Seattle and pay for parking. Just one commuter's opinion.
The 7:50am train from TDome is nice but 8:30am would also be nice. Now that I don't commute to Seattle for work, I mostly use Sounder for Mariners games and other events. Slightly later southbound would be nice but the bus typically works ok with less traffic after peak
During the week: keep the same schedule during peak commuter times, but add trains at least once per hour each direction during the mid day hours.
More midday service would make using Sounder feasible for me.
I have used the Sounder for school and work in Seattle, what would really be helpful is day/evening trips for appointments, shopping and entertainment. The congestion, dangerous driving and no parking prevent trips north. We've been paying for the light rail but once again Pierce County is pushed to the end of the line, it would be great if the train made up for some of that.
It's a shame the latest train is at 7:50, then again at 10:20 or so. That's a huge gap! You could probably shift everything to the right a bit and start later, but just my 2 cents.
I appreciate the service. It would be helpful for it to run later in the morning because the buses at 8:30 and 9 am are beyond capacity at times. Weekend service would also be nice
I would like to be able to leave earlier home than 2:30pm southbound from King street. I would use it more if it came south bound earlier.
Please add more mid day trains, particularly the lack of trains between 8am and 10:30am a noon train would be nice too. Having an night train from Seattle headed south would also be awesome, anything between 8pm and midnight is a game changer.

Adding midday train time departures from King street station in Seattle would allow me to get what I need done in Seattle for work, then come home to Tacoma (dome or south tacoma) and get my school work done, instead of wasting one day on either.
I would like to go up to Seattle more often without driving. It won't great to go north in the afternoon and back south in the evening. Having to rush to cram into the last train South at 6:30 doesn't make it possible to go up for a show, dinner, an event or just to shop. Also, on game days, a Southbound train a couple hours after the end of the game allows for time to go out to dinner, drinks, celebration, etc. I think if it was easier to go up to Seattle on the train more people would go
I have to find something to do for several hours before the first train departs at approximately 2:30 PM south. It would be so nice, much more convenient if a train went south earlier, like 11 AM
I recently have needed to travel midday but the sounder doesn't run . It would be nice to be able to use the sounder whenever ai need to travel instead of small windows of time.
I rode the train most weekdays to work and return home in the pm.. Sometimes I needed a mid-day train to return home. At times there were unpleasant loud vulgar people on the afternoon train. I moved to the car that had a conductor on board and people were much more quiet and polite. There should be an attendant in each car. When waiting for a train at the Sumner station in the a.m. people line up so close to the train and sometimes a BNSF train would come by and nearly blow us off the platform.
I often am unable to take Sounder south when I'm done with my school in Seattle. It begins after 2pm and I get out around 11:30 to noon. It's difficult and takes much much longer to get home without the Sounder. Service needs to be for everyone and not just stereotypical commuters (which are the minority of the people who would benefit from better Sounder)
We really need mid day trains north, and later trains south
I want to use the Sounder more but I can't without more round trips during the day, plain and simple. For example, I have a medical appointment that I would love to take the sounder for, but without midday return trips it simply won't work. I dream of a system kind of like what you find in Paris or Salt Lake, with trains connecting the suburbs at regular intervals, not just during commutes.
later morning options around northbound and early afternoon options weekdays would also be appreciated
Between 7:50am and 10:25 is a big gap missing a Tacoma Dome train departure.
Additional trips 8am to 12pm north bound will be helpful
I personally think it would be awesome to have an extra train midday to Seattle, probably around 11:30/noon, like a schedule for getting to the city for lunch time or something similar.
It provides shorter travel time, currently on weekends South Sound residents are forced to drive to the Angle Lake Light Rail station to avoid a drive/parking in Downtown. Initially it'd be nice if there was at least a mid-morning Northbound train, maybe 9:30am and a evening Southbound train, maybe 6:30pm. That way folks could make it a day downtown. If that was popular then service could be expanded.
Having an earlier return trip option would help me feel less trapped at work, making the train a better option for commuting.
More cars and more mid day trains plus since parking is so bad in sumner please add more busses from bonney lake park and ride to match train schedule.
I wish I could travel south sooner

### ***Evening service comments***

Would definitely love to see evening trips added. Would allow for staying downtown for concerts/happy hours with coworkers and friends and not have to depend on an uber or bus instead of sounder.
Would love to have one later train on the weekday evenings. And if available I would ride into the city and back on Saturdays.
Regular weekend service is critical for developing a ridership base. More weekday evening service would be appreciated, but not as much of a priority.
Traffic on I-5 is terrible and parking downtown is awful. However, since no functioning light rail exists to Tacoma, if I am to travel to or from Seattle, I am forced to either drive to Angle Lake and take the light rail from there, or I just drive to Seattle. This contributes to traffic on I-5, emissions, and parking congestion downtown. If evening or weekend Sounder options existed to allow me to get to Seattle existed, I would absolutely use them, at least until the light rail is complete.
I am fortunate enough to work from home, so using the Sounder for me would be outside regular working hours - evenings, weekends, and holidays. I would love to be able to go into Seattle or Tacoma on the weekends to meet friends, go to events, or just visit the city without worrying about driving and paying for parking. Its especially important as someone who lives no where near the Light Rail expansions - east of I-5 Sounder is really the best option, if it was running on weekends.
I would definitely use the Sounder more if weekends were added and if there were later southbound return times on weekdays. More travel options would be great so the trips could be longer. Love the Sounder, we just need more of it available.
Later than 10pm south from Seattle would be massively helpful for attending special events like concerts and sport events that end after 10pm. Midnight would be ideal.
There should be at least one late night. Sounder train even if using a smaller train set to save on fuel or purchasing a DMU set. There also should be consideration of running a few trains to full route length between Everett and Lakewood
PLEASE add later evening trains as 6:30 is way too early for the latest train. Any weekend additions would be appreciated and utilized as a faster option to link, especially to Tacoma where it does not exist yet. I would much rather have trains every 30 minutes if it meant access to more of an all day service. Longer trains isn't the answer here, it is frequency in both directions.
Personally I would use a midday train or evening train (post 630) 2-3 times a month - when these needs arise currently, i end up driving.
For those who work 12 hours shifts at one of the many hospitals, an evening train service would be a lifeline. I used to catch the AM train to Seattle for work as commuting by car seemed less economical. But, had to commute by bus on the way back. The train station waiting area always seemed safer at 7:30 PM compared to any of the express stops going south.
Evenings and weekends please! Would like to not use the car as much, and it would be more convenient.
Ideally the train would run deeper into the evening on weekdays as well as weekends. So many people go to Seattle for events on the weekend and are forced to drive or take the light rail (which requires tons of driving). I dig the bus but my wife doesn't and I'm sure lots of people are in the same boat.

Also want weekday evening service.
I understand how vital this link is for many commuters and so honestly while I personally would like to see it expanded to be more useful to people like me who live in Seattle but want to use it to access recreation activities in the region on evenings/weekends, I do think ST's priority should be on the commuter. Especially as rents continue to outpace income.
I work up by Lake union Seattle along Westlake Ave N and I can't catch a sounder to get back to. Lakewood Station. So I run from Virginia & 3rd to Stewart and 4th catch the 592. If we had more trains South bound I would ride back. 6:30 pm I can never make due to metro schedule along Westlake Ave N.
I love riding the train up to Seattle. It not only beats traffic, but also is cheaper and far more coinvent than driving. Although I have taken the bus from Tacoma to Seattle, it is not as comfortable or convenient. I would love to ride the train even more than I currently do, but because so many events in Seattle take place in the late evenings on weekdays or on weekends, I unfortunately consistently miss out on them. I would love to be able to ride it one a week, if not even more often.
I would greatly appreciate the expansion of Sounder service on nights and weekends. My whole family would love to be able to take the Sounder train to and from all Mariners home games, for example.
If the Sounder operated on evenings and on weekends I would take the train to Seattle from Tacoma at least 1-2 month. Additionally, I would likely ride the Sounder to Tukwila where I work more often if there was more available times.
It would be wonderful if Sounder could provide event service for major concerts in SoDo - especially for travelling home after the end - like they do for Seahawks games. Later evening trains would also be useful for patrons dining or attending events in downtown Seattle (such at the symphony) or at the Seattle Center (sports, concerts, etc). Unfortunately a 10pm departure wouldn't be late enough for many things as the events run until then and time is needed to transit to King Street Station.
I really enjoy taking the train to king street for work! it was actually a factor in my decision of location to buy my home. i would definitely choose the train over driving if there were more option to get in and out of seattle in the evenings or weekends.
Would love additional morning hours and evening hours. The 630 is the latest train I can take home now which means I often skip out on after work events in order to have reliable transportation home. A 730 option would be great!
Not having evening options really deters me from taking advantage of the trains especially for traveling to and from concerts and events.
I would love a frequent Tacoma to Seattle option that runs later into the evening. I usually travel up to Seattle to see shows or my family, and being able to hop on a train back in the evening would mean far less driving for me.
We really need trains to Tacoma Dome events and late night trains northbound after the events
If they could add another after noon train after 4:00 pm that would allow me to stay at work later in the evening for work events that take place after 5:00 pm



I love the Sounder train, but it is largely unusable to me because of my schedule, so I only use it on odd days. I live in Seattle, and work in Kent from 2pm - 10pm most days, including Sundays. If there were trains around my normal commute times, I would bike to the train, and save about 30 minutes compared to commuting by bus.
Late-evening NB sorely needed
Evening and weekend Sounder service would make a huge difference for me. I frequently go to Seattle to dine, see shows, and go out with friends. Sometimes I work my plans around special event service even though I'm not going to the event - say, having lunch with a friend instead of going to a Seahawks game. I wish I could do so more regularly and without having to pay attention to sports events so I know what time I have to be at King St station. :)
Evening trains following sporting events / later than 6:30 would be very helpful for those coming back to the office that want to attend a sporting event or concert with their team or even go to happy hour but not have to drive into Seattle / find a bus route.
I think there need to be a late night train so that I can eat, drink, or see a concert in Seattle and take the sounder home. This survey does not consider the very important role this could play in getting drunk drivers off the road.
I would ride it to every kraken game if getting there and back on the train were an option
Event trains on weeknights and weekends would be very helpful as traffic and parking in Seattle for events is horrible
More trips throughout the entirety of the day including the evening and trips on the weekend would increase my interest and utilizing the Sounder.
More evening trains would greatly alleviate stress making it from work in the UDistrict to a train without getting stranded.
Having a train option to travel north during evenings, weekends would be a great way to be able to attend events with out traffic and paying a giant fortune for parking in Seattle! I would definitely spend more time around the sound with this option!
Event trains are typically the only times that are convenient for the events I want to attend. Id love to be able to take my family up for a day trip somewhere but we wouldn't want to come home until 8-10pm.
So there are times when I have business dinners or other events in Seattle. I have to drive myself, commuting in the morning so I have a ride home. When I don't need to drive in, Sounder South has been fantastic. But the 6:30 cut off in the evening is problematic.
Weekend and evening trips on Sounder North would also be great, but I agree that more trips on Sounder South is a better first step.
Please add more later times during the week and add times during the week
Weekend evening trains wouldn't be as effective unless they ran until midnight at the least, if only because of how many events tend to *end* at 10pm on weekends. Any expansion of the Sounder train would be a boon to our local economies, our communities and our environment.
Would love to see a later southbound weekday train. Somewhere in the 8-9pm range would be great
I can only use it during the summer when there's no school, because then i can go on weekdays. if it were expanded to weekends and evenings, i would use it much more often

I take a shuttle from Factoria to King Street and I've come close to missing the last train of the evening. A later train would help
Because I take the train round trip from Lakewood to King St, I feel 'stuck' in Seattle in the middle of the day. That is, if I need to get back to Lakewood for a mid-day emergency, I wouldn't know how to do that until the Sounder started running again. I also wish there were more late morning (7 to 9AM) and early evening trains (5:30 to 7PM) because I usually catch the last or 2nd to last departure and I'm always worried about a cancelation that will make me stuck where I am.
Need trains after 6:30. Ideally these can also line up roughly with events such as how Caltrain does for SF giants games
The hours the train runs lock me into a schedule where if I want to get to work before meetings, I need to catch the 6 or 620am train, and I can't wait until after meetings to come in on my lunch break. At the same time, I can't leave early to work the morning and come home on my lunch break, because the train stops running until 230pm. Meaning, it's a 10-11hr day. If there were more midday and evening options, I could shift my schedule to better times.
It would be so nice to be able to go to Seattle for an evening and return on the train!!
The last train being at 6:30 has always made it difficult to manage extended hours for deadlines and after-hour business events. Focus should remain, however, on providing frequency during the peak commuting hours.
I hate being stuck downtown from 8am to 2:30, I have on many occasions had to take Ubers home during that period for emergency reasons. It makes me want to drive in and park at my office. I also don't understand why 6:30 is the last departure. I take that train often and it's always packed. Another train at like 8pm would be appreciated and allow for business people to eat dinner with customers before heading home. Right now I drive in when I have dinner meetings (4-5 times a month)
Since the pandemic we relocated to Tacoma and this is the first city I've lived in where I don't regularly use public transit. One of those reasons is access to schedules that support getting into Seattle on the weekend or evenings. I'd value being able to use it for recreation and entertainment purposes. I'm a remote worker and rarely need to travel to the city during peak hours.
I frequently have to work late and miss the last evening train back. One or two southbound options later in the evening would be great.
adding later trains departing from King Street
I cimmute from seattle to tacoma 1-3 times a week by bike and sounder train.. It would be nice to have a later train go south in the morning. Currently i take the 6:30 south in the morning but sometimes i leave later and then i have to drive since the train does not leave later. The schedule now however is better than it used to be. When there was only one northbound train in the evening from the dome. It works fairly well for me.
We need trains every 15mins in the peak times and trains going later in the evening so we can actually attend evening events in Seattle. Last train at like 9 or 10 would be much better.
There needs to be a train after 6:30pm going south
Later trains leaving Seattle on the weekdays would also be nice!
It would be great if the last southbound train wasn't at 6:30. It makes it difficult to stick around for team functions after work.

Trains after 8 am would be great. A train going southbound from King street station between 5:45 and 6:30 and an option after 6:30p would be awesome.
It's not usually a round trip because there isn't a late train to take me back to Tacoma Dome. In my opinion, more frequent trains would give me more reasons to ride the train. And a late night return home is kind of necessary. I think expanding the sounder schedule is important for the next 10 years as the light rail slowly, slowly, ever so very slowly creeps south towards Tacoma dome. I don't want to drive, guys. I want to sell my car forever. But I can't.
When I moved to Kent 2 years ago, I was very excited that the sounder could take me straight into Seattle. Unfortunately, I quickly realized that it was completely useless to me because it only works for commuters, and I was already closer to my job than the sounder could take me. This resulted in me never riding the sounder despite living less than a mile from the station. Expanding service times to evenings and weekends should be a top priority.
Sounder needs later service, more midday trips, and a regular weekend schedule. ST should also commit to running Sounder for 100% of Mariners, Sounders, and Seahwaks games. It would be very useful for going to/from Seattle for causal weekend trips.
It would be great if it could be expanded to reach to downtown Olympia. I regularly go to the Olympia famers market and the traffic on I5 between lakewood and Olympia is the worst I regularly experience. (especially on the weekends) Adding train service would help alleviate that without having to add extra lanes and new bridges to I5. This is a reach but just having later evening & weekend trains to seattle would be great. It would allow me to actually drink when I visit friends up there.
It would be great if there was a late night train heading south every evening at 11pm or so. We would use it most often to attend shows or events in Seattle and return home to Tacoma safely. I haven't actually used the train yet because the current service only caters to the commuters which is not me or my partner. The bus is a pretty good alternative but I would typically prefer to take the train as it's not impacted by traffic. Please add nights and weekends!
The lack of evening train options has unintended safety consequences. I ride the Sounder into Seattle for work, which makes it difficult to meet friends for drinks after, due to lack of evening or weekend service. If I know I will stay for drinks after work, I will drive into the city (less safe after alcohol) instead of using the train. It would also help if 36 hour parking were allowed at stations instead of 24, in case one needs to stay in the city overnight after missing the last train.
Sometimes my schedule ends at 6 and I can't make the last train so I have to take a bus from Seattle to Tacoma. It would be nice to have one around 7 or 8.
It would be so nice to have more trains added for evening commute.
I'd love later evening trips during the work week.
Regular all day service especially for those trying to attend concerts and events that run late would be a great improvement to service and is really the bare minimum that our regional rail service should be providing.
I love the train, it's my favorite way to travel! Additional week-day northbound commute times after my kids get off to school (after 8) would help immensely. I would also be much more likely to spend my time (and money) recreationally in Seattle if there were options for evening and weekend trains.

Need trains that leave seattle after 6:30 - with the current train schedule you can't do anything after work and make that train so I have to drive in those days we have company events or meeting friends for a quick drink or dinner.
It would be nice if you guys offer later trains north for concert goers
More service throughout the day, every day has helped San Francisco Bay Ferry bounce back from COVID, and I strongly suspect that it will help you as well. It would certainly be a nice alternative to taking I-5. That being said, I would recommend extending the conclusion of evening service, which you currently have slated for 10pm, to 1am due to the number of nighttime events (sports, theater, & concerts) in Seattle and the potential for strong ridership demand that they will produce.
I would LOVE to utilize the south sounder more often, but the lack of scheduling makes it nearly impossible - especially for evening classes and events.
With how long it takes to get from work to King Street, It would help to have trains run later than 6:30
Please have later than 6:30pm option and open top two floors of auburn station parking
I would love this option - night service. I dislike driving at night and feel so left out of concerts and sporting events and cultural activities in seattle. The light rail is great and I use it during the day but that only goes from Angle Lake. And at night, the train feels safer than the bus.
We enjoy riding the train and would like to be able to after work or on weekends. Our current jobs do not allow us to ride often due to wfh and delivery positions.
It would be wonderful for lessening traffic and pollution to expand the Sounder schedule to include nights and weekends. Many people would be able to take the train more between Tacoma and Seattle.
Since we've seen a significant increase of Mariner baseball attendance due to the team playing better, I would highly recommend adding the 35-minute departure after the last out after each night game. I'm a season ticket holder and I've seen the train at 90% capacity on Sunday event trains. More riders would utilize the Sounder if it offered the night train to return home.
I usually take the express bus coming back to Seattle because the sounder doesn't run that late.
Hard to do a round trip in the evening with no late night trains southbound
Extending normal trains til 8pm allows for many additional medical & shift workers to use public transportation more.
My entire household would take sounder extremely frequently if it had reliable morning & evening (6-9pm) service to & from Seattle on the weekdays and weekends
Always wanted to ride it to check out Seattle. It was an option for me to consider when I was looking for work. The only issue was that the train ride for the evenings didn't last long. I like enough time to not rush.
I wish there was more service late at night
Weekday: have to take Amtrak north from tacoma dome in the afternoon/ evenings Weekend: have to take amtrak both ways now. Sounder on the weekend would be amazing. especially southbound evening options so people could spend the days in Seattle then come back home after
We would use it more as a Family if there were more time options and offered during the weekends/evenings.

More trains after 6:30pm and atleast 1 northbound train in the morning and 1 southbound train the afternoon every weekends
Would like southbound train which leaves King Street Station after 6:30 p.m.
I am really glad you are considering spreading trips out. With the congestion on I-5, making Sounder available on evenings and weekends on a regular basis would make it a viable option for more riders, including myself, since I live in Olympia.
My primary use of transit is to/from the SoDo stadium district. Sounder service north in the afternoons and late service southbound would be much more convenient than having to take the Link from Angle Lake.
Would love to ride from Seattle to Lakewood after evening events, like Symphony concerts and shows!
Having more options throughout the day would make taking the train for activities or events far more appealing. Evening trains returning to Tacoma are a critical element of this. Weekends are a must, especially evening. I think there should be a southbound Sounder train that allows Amtrak passengers on the evening train from Vancouver to Seattle get to the South suburbs. This is an obvious transit gap that would make all rail service more appealing and make King Street less of a transit wall.
Since moving here I always thought it would be great to have evening train times to travel for shopping movies and dinner. I'm in the military and in Korea most travel is via public transportation it would be nice to see that here too.
More times coming from king street to Puyallup after 6pm.
Adding evening and weekend runs would be super helpful and more likely for me to start riding again. The current limited schedule is a deterrent.
For southbound service it would be great to have a train between 6:35 AM and 7:55 AM departing from King Street station. Having a train arrive at 7 PM and 9 PM to King Street on northbound services would be great because it would mean I wouldn't have to leave work early and that I could go do recreational activities in the south Puget Sound after work too without worrying about rushing back north to catch the last train
What I'm most interested in is a commute trip to Everett in early morning with the ability to return to Tacoma in the afternoon arriving by the evening. Honestly, this would be once a week as a caregiver.
IF the train was available more to Seattle and back, during the evenings and weekends, we would definitely use the train. I hate driving to Seattle and parking. This would be a WONDERFUL reason to use the train.
Need a train between 545 and 6:30pm from King St
I like using light rail, and I would like to use the sounder but the last train is so early that it is impractical to do anything in the evening and use it to get home.
I'd love a late night option both north and southbound.
I usually have to take 590 or 594 express buses because sounder does not have many southbound departure options in the evening
Should consider adding Fri/Sat/Sun weekend/evening train service during Holiday season, long weekend holidays & throughout the summer.

For people who have to work later (team building, happy hour, client dinner, etc) , having a northbound train closer to 10am and a southbound train around 8pm would be extremely helpful! It's one of the biggest reasons I don't ride more.
The biggest blockers are the lack of consistent coverage of Sounder service throughout the day/night, and availability of parking near the station. If you can't park, it makes it nearly impossible to take advantage of the station. Fortunately, Auburn is getting another parking structure in the future. Yay! Would totally use the Sounder all the time if I could set out midday and get home at night.
I often use it to visit my brother in Pierce County, go to Kent Station for dinner or hockey games or Tacoma for date night and shows. When there is not a good transit return trip I'll drive instead of taking transit. Later return trips northbound (such as 8pm - 11pm) would help me use the train more and drive less.
I work in puyallup and live in seattle, but I am unable to take the train home (to seattle) because there are limited to no evening rides northbound, so I drive a single occupancy vehicle every day. Make evening northbound times and that would change.
I love the sounder and I wish I had more evening and weekend availability. My partner and I only have one car and we have friends all over the I5 corridor, so it would be so nice to have more opportunities to use the sounder to visit them. I also would love the expanded availability for things like concerts and other special events.
Limiting the final departure from Seattle to 10pm is useless. Not all events happen at the stadiums. The city is full of culture and art in other neighborhoods and losing access to those because of a 10pm cutoff time makes almost useless. Please consider people without families and the night owls whose events don't start until 10. Even just Saturday would be amazing! Please consider it!
Expand times later more trains more going the other way besides just one way
Would like the train to run south later in the evening. We would mainly use it for transportation to Seattle if we could get back home. More frequent trips would be beneficial.
Would appreciate if Sounders adds an afternoon train southbound and an evening train northbound.
I prefer light rail, so if the Sounder can connect me to the current light rail (Tacoma Dome to King Street) with Afternoon and evening hours I would love it and use it.
I would love to take my kids to the Tacoma Zoo and Wash St Fair via Sounder. The lack of weekend service is a gross oversight. Also the last am southbound trip is very early. For biz trips to Tacoma on weekdays I take Amtrak and return on Sounder.
It would be great to have more evening options. 6:30 is too early if I want to do something after work. It forces me to drive, which I can't stand, if I want to ever have plans.
I commute to seattle for work but do not have a way to get back home in the evenings via the train since the last train is at 6:30. Later Southbound trains would be great! Also weekend north and south trains would be appreciated for friday and saturday night Mairiners games
I would love to just use the sounder to go to pike place or other downtown things on weekends or maybe out to dinner on a Friday night and avoid all the traffic. More trips would be amazing!

Please run T-Link later in the evening, so it is useful for people returning on 574, 594 and potentially Sounder, as well as restaurants and bars in Tacoma. Also, not leaving it free for at least 6 months was a mistake. People needed to get in the habit before building an orca card barrier to use.
It would be great if the sounder ran like one train at 7:00 PM or so southbound from king street station so that people could get dinner or drinks with co-workers at the end of the day. Now if there is an event, I have to drive and pay for parking.
In the past, the lack of northbound evening trips has deterred me from using Sounder to attend things like conferences in Tacoma. I would've otherwise preferred to use Sounder over driving.
My wife and I have always wished we could use Sounder to go to Seattle and come back to Tacoma in the late evening. Ideally, I would never have to drive!
Adding a pread of trips on weekends, and on weekday afternoons/evenings would make Sounder an incredibly useful mode of transit. As-is, since I don't commute to Seattle and don't attend sports games it's almost completely useless to me. I would love to ride it several times a month, maybe more.
Regular service 7-days a week would likely improve ridership, giving people living between Lakewood and Seattle more options for getting to events along the route. I would attend more events in Tacoma and the surrounding area if I could use Sounder on the weekends or at night.
My family splits our time between Tacoma and Seattle. Weekend trains and later evening trains would be extremely helpful for us and increase our ridership. Currently we're rushing to catch the regularly scheduled trains before/after work.
I would love to make a round trip from Seattle to Tacoma and have flexibility at when I start and end. In particular, a late evening train from Tacoma to Seattle would cause me to use Sounder. There should also be weekend service for similar trips.
Public transit needs more safety and to run later at night to keep drunk drivers off the road. So much of this could be prevented with safe late night transit
Late evening transportation on weekends should be until midnight. This would generate revenue for both major cities, Seattle and Tacoma. Allowing Seattle residents to explore Tacoma for dinner, events, nightlife, and the same for Tacoma residents wanting a fun day/night out in Seattle with reliable and safe transportation to and from each city. Tacoma has a lot to offer however as a Seattle resident I avoid it due to so much traffic when commuting by car. Tacoma could benefit the most from this
Having at least one late southbound train for a return trip would be very valuable. If I want to stay late in the city to attend an event or shop, it means I need to plan to not ride the Sounder. Rather than make other travels plans, it means I attend such events less often. Most of the time, I would wait even longer in Seattle to catch a train back south (e.g. if only one late train left later than I would otherwise like), since my alternative is going home early.
I really miss riding the Sounder more often. We often wish we could ride Sounder for evening events in Seattle, like concerts, etc. Even with the hours you're suggesting, we'd never be able to get back home because they go pretty late into the evening - you'd have to run through 11:00pm or midnight.

More options during the week would allow for more job opportunities and easier commute to get to my Dr. appointments in First Hill. Weekends and later times at night would help getting to events less stressful and I could attend more often as well as free up traffic on busy event nights and weekends.
I would love to see expanded afternoon service northbound to Seattle, expanded evening and night service southbound to Tacoma Dome Station. I would definitely use Sounder service if it was offered at these times on the weekend.
I would like later train options. It's difficult catching the 6:30pm train from UW on time. I'm always rushing to make the train. Clubs and events always start from 6pm-8pm. It would be nice to have even one train running at 8pm as a communities student. So I can still be involved with the student campus community.
I live in Tacoma and work at the hospital. Most shifts start at 7am and 7pm, shifts end at 7:30am and 7:30pm when finishing shifts. I would take the train from Tacoma to Puyallup 3 times a week if I can make the train after I get out. Assuming 20 minutes after shift end would be enough to walk there if needed. Currently mornings works going there but have to take a bus which takes longer to get home
I think it should run until later in the day, I commute everyday for school and sometimes it's difficult to attend any events when I have to take the 6:30 at the latest.
Need trains during social hours to help people take a train after drinking/partying. Also help with late workers and those with unpredictable schedules.
I depart from Seattle in the evening after work. Sounder does not run back to Seattle so I have to take the bus home.
Later weekday options on Tuesdays, wednesdays or Thursday's would be extremely helpful and allow me to take the train to work even on days where I have social or work events after 4pm. Right now I'm forced to drive home because the last train leaves at 6:30, even though I'd rather take the train, especially if it's a social event involving dinner/drinks.
Morning trips are busy and should extend to 7 car lengths. Would also appreciate one extra train later in the evening, something like 7:30.
If there were more northbound evening options, I would be able to use it to complete my commute to work and school.
I would like you to add an evening train around 830pm
I take night classes once a week. It would be beneficial to have an evening train after 7pm, so I don't have to drive in to take my class. Also an evening train would allow me to social with co-workers after work instead of heading to the train.
Need more available to and from all sporting events in Seattle weekends and evenings.
The lack of easy public transportation is keeping us held back as a whole. In travels to other cities, it upsets me to see how great public transportation can be but seeing the Puget Sound options is a huge set back to our area. Expanding times to better serve the community, later at night options to assist those who would otherwise have to pay ridiculous prices for Uber. We need to figure out potential ways to better serve as a community
Really would like more evening options for going south. The last train at 6:30 is a large blocker for me taking the sounder as I often work later in the day.



I think some later morning trips (departing around 9-10am would be my ideal timeframe) and later trips after 6 going south would be my ideal addition. Additionally, weekend trips would allow folks who are not serviced by line 1 to reach Seattle without shdriving. For a Mariners game we drove from Tacoma to Angle Lake Station to ride the Line 1 into downtown; a Sounder would have been ideal as we could have avoided the inner city riders on Line 1 and not had to drive from Angle Lake back to Tacoma.
Laye night southbound trains would accommodate mariners games. Can't take sounder north and link south - stations are too far apart
Would love to have more evening options besides the last train being 630pm. It would allow me to attend more social/networking events connected to my schooling at UW.
I wish I could do round trip. South midday and return north in the evening.
Later evening trips would be ideal. I prefer to take the sounder when I go to concerts/shows in seattle, but when the last train going south departs in the 6-7:00 range, I have to rely on other inconvenient modes of transportation in order to get home.
The 6pm cut-off makes it really difficult because the office is closer to SLU than core downtown. As a result, I need to budget ~50min to walk or take the bus to King Street, which means no meetings after 4pm, and if I miss that last train, I need to switch to buses, which is prohibitively inconvenient because of I-5 traffic (why is why I prefer the sounder train in the first place).
Trains should run hourly further into the evening.
An evening train south from King Street to Lakewood would be incredibly handy. An evening train from King Street to Tacoma Dome also would be convenient for those of us who work late. As well, returning to seven-car trains during all peak periods could be justified. Ridership is way up in the past couple of months!
Having only 3 options after 5 pm is fairly limiting. Also, going from 20 minutes apart to 30 minutes apart would drastically lower my comfort with using this service. Showing up 2 minutes late and having to wait 28 for the next train is a huge burden compared to driving.
Evening and weekend trains are very important and would make Sounder train much more useful.
It would be nice to have a few options a little later in the evening for those working late or happy hours and don't want to try to drive or take a longer bus ride
Expand train service weekdays and weekends, run it later in the evening
More Mariner trains please. Especially if it's possible for weekday evening games.
Commuter rail is great, but I never use it because I don't commute south for work- I commute south to visit friends and to shop. I'd love if the Sounder was able to get me back to Seattle later in the evenings and on weekends.
Mainly would love to use it for Mariners games. Or other evening events in Seattle. Also would love if it came all the way to olympia.
I would really value evening service that let me stay later to participate in after work activities.
Please run trains at night for the High school state basketball games at the Tacoma Dome.
PLEASE make later weekday Evening Trains and Event Trains EVERY weekend. A LOT of people would use it! Thank you!!

Living in Kent, I've used the Sounder to commute both to school (UW) and work. Having more evening return options would allow me to participate in more activities on campus or spend time with friends after work. Commuting is exhausting, and with the current Sounder schedule, I'm forced to commute to Seattle for social events on days when I'm not already in the office. Having evening return service would be transformative and allow me to continue living more comfortably and affordably in Kent.
A first step would be to add later trains from King St and Tacoma Dome, such that people can have a nice dinner in Seattle or Tacoma and then ride back - perhaps 8P departures from each station to each respective city.
you would get shift workers like nurses who commute if you offered time after 8pm nurses and other health care work 7-7, this would be a huge help
Just need a lot more frequency especially in the afternoon/evening and we would ride it a whole lot more...
Would love to see trains that run later heading south. I have been taking the sounder for three years now and love it! Thank you!!!
It would help a lot if there were midday & evening trains on weekdays - allowing me more flexibility in when I go up for afternoon appointments. I would love, love, love to be able to take the Sounder on weekends instead of the bus/driving for recreation.
Later evening trains is the thing I'd value most. Working and commuting from south to Seattle while taking the sounder does affect the jobs I'm able to work. Especially when having to take the link or bus from work to the train I can only work so late and that causes strain on me and my employer.
It is usually late in the day to be round trip, so we return on the bus or by UBER. If there were more options to return to Seattle later we would do that instead.
Sounder South schedule should be more spread out with some evening options
Worked well when I rode it, but need a 7pm or 7:30 pm train for late night tech workers. Also need a better way to handle it when there is an incident.
Having more trains after 8am Northbound and more trains Southbound after 6pm will give me lot of flexibility and help adjust my schedules.
For the longest time, a lack of weekend trains and or late evening trains makes me avoid using trains to use cars instead. This would change if I could take the train to get where I need when I need.
would LOVE additional service times - northbound early evening and southbound later in the evening and both ways on weekends
I think I might use it to go north to Seattle more if it went later into the evening. But while we can go up using the train, it never runs late enough for leaving an event from up north.
Right now I typically use Sound Transit Express route 594 to get to Tacoma, but it would be nice if I could take the Sounder instead during off peak and weekends.
I love the Sounder. I first discovered it back in the early 2000s; it gave me a fun and easy way to come south to stay with family on weekends when I was working in Seattle. I'd love a schedule with more north and south trains. Weekend trips, with later trains southbound, would mean I ride much more. And not just me, but my wife and folks, too. And on weekday event nights, later trains that let me hang out longer with friends would be also make me a more frequent rider.

I feel like the sounder south is underutilized and has lots of potential to have more ridership. I think if the sounder had more evening weekday and more weekend trips I would ride it a lot more.
More trains, less bus! Weekend/off-peak N line trains please.
I live next to Puyallup station and work in Redmond near Overlake. I've been waiting for a long time for the light rail to complete its connection from there into Seattle. When that's done, the only issue remaining is that the sounder schedule in the evening simply doesn't run late enough. It is my sincerest hope that we get trains running after 6:30 PM. If that happens, and the light rail completes, my life will skyrocket in quality. My commute will finally be pleasurable.
If the sounder ran northbound from Kent at 9am or 930am I would ride that train to get to work. If it ran southbound leaving king street at 730pm or 8pm I would ride that to get home. If it ran on weekends at all I would ride it to get to or from work.
We need a train past 6.30pm going southbound. Last train put being at 6.30pm is ridiculous and need to add weekend trains.
Providing evening and weekend service to/from King street from Tacoma Dome would be a great way to get fewer cars on the road and support the downtown reactivation plan.
Can't round trip since no evening schedules. PLEASE please please create evening and weekend schedules!!! We would ride so often from Tacoma to Seattle!!
While I now work from home, I would love to have the option to use Sounder for evening or weekend events in Seattle, like concerts, festivals, or a dinner out. I know the track sharing with Burlington makes it more difficult, but I miss the flexibility of the BART system in the SF Bay Area. (Though those trains are a health hazard now, and I'd never ride them late at night!) Sounder has traditionally been more of a commuter train, but having some non-commute options would be fantastic.
Need reliable transit from Tacoma Dome to my office. Need trains that accommodate 12 hr hospital shifts at TG for my wife. Need weekend trains for any trips to Seattle. Our live in nanny would appreciate reliable transit on weekends
I would most like to add trains traveling south from King Street in the evening. The current schedule of ending southbound service after 6:30pm is very limiting to the time I want to be in Seattle. In addition, the last train leaving Seattle at 6:30 is always full, with standing room only, because everyone knows it is the last opportunity to get home. Adding trains past 6:30 would decrease the rush to get that train for people working late and others enjoying an evening in Seattle.
More evening return trips south.
More times in midday and evenings
Medical Centers have a high rider potential. Many healthcare workers work 12 hour shifts 7 to 7:30, both a.m. and p.m. By opening up evening commute, you could open up a whole new fleet of travelers from all the medical centers in the Seattle area and the workers that live in the south sound. Please open 7:45-8:30pm travel!
The hospital staff works 12 hr shifts, 7a-7:30p and 7p-7:30a. Having 1 more southbound train available in the evening after 7:30p would be utilized by many staff.

I moved here from NYC 10 years ago... and was really disappointed that the Sounder did not provide service to and from Seattle/Tacoma area past 7PM in the evening during the week and nothing on the weekends. It made absolutely no sense to me. My family primarily would use this service to go into/out of Seattle for shopping, dining and entertainment, but the current schedule does not support the needs of my family. I would absolutely use it more if there were more options for ridership.
It's really frustrating that you stop south Tacoma trains even before 7am and there's never a train after 6:30pm. Many days I drive to Seattle because of this. Even having a 7:10am train would significantly help.
If evening trips were available, my rides would be round trip more often as I would have more flexibility to leave at a later time. Weekend service would help me access my family and community immensely, as the Sounder is by far the most comfortable and convenient way to travel out of the city as a non-driver. I currently live in Northgate and ride the light rail to King Street station in order to transfer to the Sounder.
Extend hours to 7pm
I think weekend trips to Tacoma would be really nice. I have also taken the train to Tacoma on a weekday evening and had to take a cab back, which is quite expensive. Later weeknight service northbound would make me more likely to take the train.
I'd love if this train functioned as transit, not as a commuter train. An evening in the city where I do t have to drive and park would allow me to frequent restaurants and shows.
The lack of frequency at night or weekends makes it take much longer to get south.
Return a train later from Seattle so we can stay in town longer
It would be nice to have the option of a train leaving southbound later than 6:30. IT would also be nice to have the option of taking the train northbound on the weekends vs. driving.
It would be if you had more train service between 5:45 and 6:30. OurAmz shuttle leaves at 5:20 by the time we reach the train it left at 5:46pm. That is over 1/2 hour wait.
Me and my neighbors are finding it too difficult and dangerous to travel to Seattle as we age, due to heavy traffic, driving at night, driving in bad weather, etc. This prevents us from enjoying what Seattle has to offer. We would love the ability to attend an afternoon event, and a dinner out. We would do this regularly, if we could access reliable light rail. We did this regularly when we lived in Beaverton, and traveled easily to downtown Portland by the Max light rail. Bring it here!
A later train back to Lakewood for late running events. eg: concerts
I work 12 hour shifts 7a to 730p. The current train schedule does not support this
Other than what had been expounded on in "Write In" boxes above, to consider weekend runs, ESPECIALLY on evenings until 11pm, to accommodate transit connections at destination arrivals. To "elaborate on" service to help relieve the worsening I-5 congested weekday traffic - reasonable fare structure MUST be competitive on obligated costs {authorised right-of-way use, additional runs and staffing expenses, maintenance...} to offset expense {...and costs} for personal or "for-hire" vehicle usages.
Pre-pandemic I was a regular Sounder commuter between Tacoma and Seattle. I am returning to the office, however it is to SoDo instead of Pioneer Square. Sounder options at night could increase options to stay in the city and come home after happy hour or dinner, but that's also what the 590 is for. If my office location didn't change I'd be a 3-4 day a week rider

It'd be really nice to have a *late* bus to get me back from Tacoma after I went there in the afternoon on Sounder. This would be like "leave Tacoma Dome at midnight, get to Link station at 12:45 am" or something. It's very hard to take transit to Tacoma Dome concerts when it isn't scheduled to get me home after. I'd also like for there to be like a 7 pm southbound Sounder train, to accommodate for me getting there after leaving work elsewhere in King County at like 5:30 or 6 pm.
I would like to take the train to *and from* distant events south of Seattle (particularly Thunderbirds games, Seawolves games and concerts at the White River Amphitheatre), but the train doesn't run late enough for me to get back to Seattle. The main reasons I prefer the train are: It is MUCH faster than taking a bus or car; parking and traffic near these events is always horrible; Sounder stations are usually within walking distance of event locations, so no last-mile bus is necessary.
More trips, especially in evenings
There are not enough event trains if you are taking sounder to an event at Tacoma dome from Seattle you are stranded in Tacoma after the event ends. More frequent late night trains would reduce traffic on i5
It's not round trip because of how little hours the sounder runs. The last train is like 730-815am going north but business opening at 10am is normal. It would be convenient for a 9am sounder / and another for a later night shift worker like around 12pm.
As someone who works until 6/8:30pm throughout the week, I usually just miss the cutoff. Longer hours would save me the stress of getting bus schedules together while giving me comfort of knowing I'm safe on Sounder. As well as saving me the stress of a ~40 miles commute, the longer hours would greatly support the flow of traffic in the instance that multiple events are occurring, potentially preventing traffic becoming interrupted via the congestion that the conclusion of said events will bring.
I only have time to go to work and come home. If the times were extended, I could stay and go to the gym, attend professional networking events and connect with friends.
Would love a later time
More trains between the 5 and 7pm would be appreciated. It would be helpful for me to work/study longer in the evenings but the limited more crowded trains with longer wait times during those hours make evening commutes difficult. Train flexibility with additional tighter spaced evening routes would make commute timing more convenient and useful. I'm afraid to try to take the 5:45 train as if my connection runs late I'm stuck waiting 45 min for the 6:30 which is the last available option.
I would really like additional evening trains southbound. I start my evening commute in northgate and transfer to king street. Extra trains would make an after work personal errand possible, and not risk missing the train.
<b>RUN MORE OFTEN RUN LATER</b>
I have come to avoid driving on the freeway unless I absolutely have to. I would not mind being able to go to Seattle for an event or for shopping if I could take the train. That could be true for Auburn or Kent, too. I do need to get back, too, though, so trains have to run South into the evening to accomplish that.

I am a sports fan and would attend many more games if a train was available to get me there and back. I also would like to attend concerts/plays/other social events but there are no evening trains often enough or late enough to accommodate most events.
More options outside of commute hours would be great. I go to Seattle for events and to meet with friends. A later southbound run on weekdays would be nice as well, as on the rare occasions I'm in Seattle for work it would be nice to be able to spend some time before heading back south.
Later south bound trips would help
Riding the Sounder has always been limiting due to the schedule. When I was commuting into an office right at King Street Station every day, I was unable to stay in Seattle to do shopping or after-work events with my coworkers, as the Sounder stopped running too early without any reasonable replacements to get home. I now live very close to the Puyallup Sounder station, but am forced to drive all the way to Angle Lake to take the Link Rail any time I want to get into Seattle for events/social.
I avoid employment opportunities in Seattle because of the train schedule ending so early. This would open up great opportunities for those who live in the south sound.
Would like to see trains leave earlier and later southbound Seattle to tacoma.... Later than 630 pm and earlier than their first afternoon southbound train
It's not a round trip because Southbound doesn't currently run later. Expanded schedule would dramatically increase my use of the train. I can also say that many friends and family share my sentiment. This would also help to increase the business activity in Seattle which was lost from the pandemic and continues to struggle due to the increase in people working from home. It would also increase my ability to employ people from King county
would love 1 earlier train than the current earliest as well. that said, more trains past the last 6pm train would be great and encourage me to stay later during work functions.
It's exciting to hear that Sound Transit may add weeknight Sounder commuter rail service later (more trips) in the evening from Tacoma Dome Station to Seattle (King Street Station)! But especially new Saturday and/or Sunday trips too.
I think there should be longer trains AND more trips during the weekdays. I would rather that than catering to sporting event attendees. If they can afford to attend the event, they can afford to drive to Seattle and pay for parking. Just one commuter's opinion.
No evening trains mean I need to take a Metro bus home, adding nearly an hour to my trip
There needs to be later return trips during the week.
The 7:50am train from TDome is nice but 8:30am would also be nice. Now that I don't commute to Seattle for work, I mostly use Sounder for Mariners games and other events. Slightly later southbound would be nice but the bus typically works ok with less traffic after peak
For commuting purposes it would be great to have another train between the 1523 and the 1525 (getting to the 1523 is totally DT traffic dependent), and possibly another after the 1525.
Would use much more for evening/weekend special events
Evening and weekend trains would allow attending a Mariners game, comedy show, a new restaurant in Seattle so much easier!!! Please run the train more often — take a look at the northeast corridor (NJ Transit)! Run the trains, people will ride!!

Later trains so we can stay after work to go eat dinner or go shipping! Weekend trains for the same.
We would love to use the train more often as we prefer has fast it is and that it's much cleaner and feels safer than the light rail. However, we can't use it often as it barely runs. We would do more city things if we could take it back later in the evening.
OMG this would be literally life changing for me if you added more options, particularly on weekends. I drive to Seattle 4 times a week and it's so costly and stressful. I'm afraid to take the bus because the only one I can catch south to Puyallup leaves from Pioneer Square & it's night time. The tricky part is I attend religious services & volunteer, so if the trains depart before the events are scheduled to end, it doesn't help me. My votes are: W, F south 930pm Sa, Su north 8am, south 1pm & 3pm
I'd like it be a round trip, but the train stops too early in the evening for me to take it round trip.
I would use Sounder for trips to and from Seattle if it had a later return in the evening. As it is it would require leaving work or other meetings too early to catch the last one southbound. If it ran on weekends I would use it to access social activities in Tacoma and Seattle. If you could coordinate a good express bus from Olympia to Lakewood that would be a huge help to using Sounder even if you kept the existing schedule. I want to use Sounder! Schedule just too Limited.
I have used the Sounder for school and work in Seattle, what would really be helpful is day/evening trips for appointments, shopping and entertainment. The congestion, dangerous driving and no parking prevent trips north. We've been paying for the light rail but once again Pierce County is pushed to the end of the line, it would be great if the train made up for some of that.
I moved from Baltimore, MD to Tacoma in 2018. I lived in Balt. for 15 years and, prior to that, 11 years in the Wash. DC region. Rail transportation was comprehensive. Commuter trains between Baltimore and DC (and the stops in between) were regular and frequent, including weekend/evening service, making it possible to enjoy both cities. On the DC side, rail also connected well to the subway service. I do wish Tacoma/Seattle had similar. I would use rail frequently if so.
Would like it to be round trip but not an option currently (trains don't run southbound late enough or on weekends)
later evening trips after 7 would come in handy
The addition of evening service times for this commuter rail would improve my life significantly. As a covington resident it is a lengthy drive to angle lake station to take the light rail northbound. I prefer public transit significantly more than driving, especially going into seattle. If I was able to take the sounder train in the morning and come back in the evening I would take the sounder at least once a week and even more if I was employed within the city.
I would like to take the train southbound in the evening more but end up missing it due to early cut off. So I take it in the morning but often can't in the evening.
It would be convenient if there is another train that departs from King station at 7:00 and 7:30pm southbound. Most of the healthcare worker like I do does not schedule on business hours, we work 10-12 hours daily. the 6:30pm last trip from king station must be extended to 7pm and 7:30pm accommodate us. We pay more for RTA taxes and fully support public transportations but unfortunately the current schedule does not work for me.

<p>Often times when I go take the train North, I'm going in for work, and sometimes I have to work way past 5pm. On these days, I always have to ask for special permission to duck out of work early to catch my commute train back, so wish there were trains that ran past 6:30pm.</p>
<p>Adding more evening and night trains would be amazing if we could make this possible</p>
<p>Your current schedule makes the Sounder train essentially inaccessible to me. More evening and weekend trains would be a game changer for me.</p>
<p>I'm retired now but commuted from Puyallup to Seattle every weekday. I always thought it would be nice to meet my wife for dinner in Seattle, maybe a concert, Seattle Art Museum, but that was never a good option because she'd have to drive in, so we would have a car to get back to Puyallup.</p>
<p>Please add additional trips north to Seattle on Fridays for people who get off work at 5pm &amp; travel time close to 20 minutes to get to the train. Running to the train is no fun. Also add Weekend service southbound to Lakewood on Sunday evenings. Adding these additional trips would benefit the people who travel north to Seattle (I get off at Tukwila) to visit family, friends and partners on Fridays and come back to their homes on Sunday. It takes me close to 2 hours to get to Puyallup on Sundays!</p>
<p>Please add more mid day trains, particularly the lack of trains between 8am and 10:30am a noon train would be nice too. Having a night train from Seattle headed south would also be awesome, anything between 8pm and midnight is a game changer.</p>
<p>I would like to go up to Seattle more often without driving. It won't be great to go north in the afternoon and back south in the evening. Having to rush to cram into the last train South at 6:30 doesn't make it possible to go up for a show, dinner, an event or just to shop. Also, on game days, a Southbound train a couple hours after the end of the game allows for time to go out to dinner, drinks, celebration, etc. I think if it was easier to go up to Seattle on the train more people would go</p>
<p>I am grateful for the Sounder train but I do think the service could be improved. The lack of southbound trains later in the evenings on weekdays makes it difficult for me to get home when work gets out late and I can't catch the last departing train from King Street Station. I would also love to use the trains on the weekends to attend Seattle events and see friends but currently the lack of weekend trains prevents me from doing so.</p>
<p>I would ride more for other activities outside of work, but there are very limited options. Would be so useful to be able to ride the train in the evenings and weekends outside of morning and evening peak hours.</p>
<p>Wish there were later trains.</p>
<p>We really need mid day trains north, and later trains south</p>
<p>I would love the opportunity to use the Sounder to get to and from Seattle for fun events and other opportunities, but those I attend are usually in the evenings or on weekends. I find driving in Seattle stressful and parking expensive or nonexistent. I feel I would travel to Seattle more if the Sounder ran outside just commuter hours, especially into the later evening. Additional stations would help also, as the closest one to my house is not that close.</p>
<p>Increased capacity or frequency (weekends &amp; later in the evening) will build usage and get people into the habit AND build confidence in the system.</p>



You don't have any trains that leave after the Theater, Ballet, or Folk Life is over (Midnightish), so I don't ride much. it's obviously a commuter line for people working day jobs, so I leave it to them.
We really need much much later Sounder service as well as weekend service to stimulate the economy.
I often take the bus leaving at 8 or 8:15 in the morning if I miss the northbound 7:50 from tacoma dome I usually take the 5:45 pm S departure from king street station but having more evening options would allow me to work until 6 or 6:30 or attend evening events and still catch a train home.
I think adding a train heading southbound from king street before the 6:35pm train would be really nice. I don't get off early enough to make the train prior, so i have to take the 6:30pm train. It kind of sucks because I still have to commute home from the station parking garage and for safety reasons, I would prefer not having to wait so long when it's dark outside.
Thank you for considering other options. I live in Tacoma and LOVE the Sounder! I love that it's traffic-free, reliable, and connects me to Seattle without needing to use my car. I start and end my workday on the train (because there's wifi) and my only wish is that I could use it to get home late if I go out after work or want to do something fun in Seattle on the weekends.
Need late night trains, need weekend trains, need regularity of service across the board!
Add another train from king street going southbound. At least at 7 or later. People would still ride at high frequency
The hardest part about getting home from work is that there are only three northbound trains in the evening, and only one leaves after 5pm. So since I rely on public transportation, I have to take a short lunch and leave my office at 4:30 to make that last 5:15 train. More options after 5 would be better for regular work schedules.
I would use it much more often if it ran in the weekends and ran later in the day.
Sounder southbound to Puyallup is not available after evening Sounder's Soccer Matches or Mariner Baseball Games
Sounder service is the ideal way to move in and out of the valley, but the current schedule favors regular M-F 8-6 workers. While I also work these hours, I routinely work graveyard and have activities in the evening. Expanding availability of evening service would drastically change my commute structure. Adding weekend service, particularly Friday and Saturday night would increase my families patronage of Seattle-based food and activity establishments.
It provides shorter travel time, currently on weekends South Sound residents are forced to drive to the Angle Lake Light Rail station to avoid a drive/parking in Downtown. Initially it'd be nice if there was at least a mid-morning Northbound train, maybe 9:30am and a evening Southbound train, maybe 6:30pm. That way folks could make it a day downtown. If that was popular then service could be expanded.
We need more train routes leaving Seattle after 6:30pm.
Later southbound trains would be great. I commute to Lynnwood, so I have to leave a lot of time for traffic on the bus from Lynnwood to Northgate and delays on the light rail to make sure I don't miss the last Sounder of the day. My job is enforcing 2 days in office per week starting in January so I will be riding more often.

We need 7 days and later routes. I want to go to tacoma or seattle restaurants as we live in puuyllup. mostly on weekends. We also work in bellevue so the sounder doesnt really help us get to work.. so we have to drive...bus is too slow...not a good option. But later in the evenings during weekdays and weekends would be nice. At least one each direction per hour until midnight so poeple can take advantage of the program we are all paying for with taxes.

If my work ran late, few more trains in the evening would be nice, trains throughout the day would allow us to use the trains for visit in the city on non-work related days. I think it would just make it so much better thank you for taking the time to do the survey. my daughter, lives in the city and she likes to come visit me, but to rush to catch the last southbound commuter train in the morning instead of taking a leisurely midday train down. Better access during the day would be wonderful.

Not being able to come home after dinner or happy hour is a definite pain point.

### **Events comments**

I am fortunate enough to work from home, so using the Sounder for me would be outside regular working hours - evenings, weekends, and holidays. I would love to be able to go into Seattle or Tacoma on the weekends to meet friends, go to events, or just visit the city without worrying about driving and paying for parking. Its especially important as someone who lives no where near the Light Rail expansions - east of I-5 Sounder is really the best option, if it was running on weekends.

Later than 10pm south from Seattle would be massively helpful for attending special events like concerts and sport events that end after 10pm. Midnight would be ideal.

The lack of schedule spread is my most common reason for not using Sounder. If I want to go to an event, or even out to dinner after work, I have to drive both ways because I can't count on an evening return train.

Sounder should have trains that run for every single event at tacoma dome and the stadiums in Seattle.

Would really love to be able to take the train to Seattle during the week and weekends for events, such as concerts.

Ideally the train would run deeper into the evening on weekdays as well as weekends. So many people go to Seattle for events on the weekend and are forced to drive or take the light rail (which requires tons of driving). I dig the bus but my wife doesn't and I'm sure lots of people are in the same boat.

I live by Wilkeson and enjoy going to Seahawks games in Seattle but only if the train is running. I would love to spend a Saturday in Seattle doing whatever else activities without the hassle of driving. I do go to SeaTac for airport or to visit family and would be nice to train there too

Increased trips on the weekends for UW football, Seahawks, Mariners games for Fri. and Sat. People from the South Sound will use the Sounder to get to King St. Station and transfer to wherever they would like to go by the light rail.

I love riding the train up to Seattle. It not only beats traffic, but also is cheaper and far more convenient than driving. Although I have taken the bus from Tacoma to Seattle, it is not as comfortable or convenient. I would love to ride the train even more than I currently do, but because so many events in Seattle take place in the late evenings on weekdays or on weekends, I unfortunately consistently miss out on them. I would love to be able to ride it one a week, if not even more often.
I would greatly appreciate the expansion of Sounder service on nights and weekends. My whole family would love to be able to take the Sounder train to and from all Mariners home games, for example.
It would be wonderful if Sounder could provide event service for major concerts in SoDo - especially for travelling home after the end - like they do for Seahawks games. Later evening trains would also be useful for patrons dining or attending events in downtown Seattle (such as the symphony) or at the Seattle Center (sports, concerts, etc). Unfortunately a 10pm departure wouldn't be late enough for many things as the events run until then and time is needed to transit to King Street Station.
I used to ride the train 3-4x /week pre-covid. I love the train. I'd like to be able to take the train for concerts and Seattle visits, but it never seems to be an option and I have to take the 594 or drive.
Not having evening options really deters me from taking advantage of the trains especially for traveling to and from concerts and events.
We really need trains to Tacoma Dome events and late night trains northbound after the events
Would love regular sounder trains on the weekends for trips to Seattle for events and to see friends/family.
Only having one ride to and from seattle on event days feels like a gamble for folks who rely on public transit. The possibility of there not being space on the way back makes the sounder an unreliable option.
Evening and weekend Sounder service would make a huge difference for me. I frequently go to Seattle to dine, see shows, and go out with friends. Sometimes I work my plans around special event service even though I'm not going to the event - say, having lunch with a friend instead of going to a Seahawks game. I wish I could do so more regularly and without having to pay attention to sports events so I know what time I have to be at King St station. :)
Evening trains following sporting events / later than 6:30 would be very helpful for those coming back to the office that want to attend a sporting event or concert with their team or even go to happy hour but not have to drive into Seattle / find a bus route.
Being able to reliably use the Sounder for concerts and sporting events especially would be a total game changer and would absolutely lead to me using the Sounder to travel to Seattle significantly more frequently.
I think there need to be a late night train so that I can eat, drink, or see a concert in Seattle and take the sounder home. This survey does not consider the very important role this could play in getting drunk drivers off the road.
I would love to regularly take the Sounder train to Sounders FC matches, but the timing this year and last rarely lined up. I would love more weekend trips (Saturdays and Sundays) to facilitate shopping trips or other outings in Seattle for the day.

The South Sound needs more weekend trains for events. The Tacoma light rail connection is still years away and we need more trains to make up for our lack of light rail connections to Seattle.
Having a train option to travel north during evenings, weekends would be a great way to be able to attend events with out traffic and paying a giant fortune for parking in Seattle! I would definitely spend more time around the sound with this option!
Event trains are typically the only times that are convenient for the events I want to attend. Id love to be able to take my family up for a day trip somewhere but we wouldn't want to come home until 8-10pm.
I would love to be able to go to Seattle and come back after a Mariner's game!
So there are times when I have business dinners or other events in Seattle. I have to drive myself, commuting in the morning so I have a ride home. When I don't need to drive in, Sounder South has been fantastic. But the 6:30 cut off in the evening is problematic.
Really need to consider adding trains when the Seahawks play a Monday, Thursday or late Sunday games, it great for Sunday day games, but please add for the games that are not. Also consider major concerts. Thanks
Weekend service, event trains, and more weekday midday service north would be amazing.
Love it as a commute option, having one friend who routinely used it before his work relocated. But it's never available to me as an event option, which is my only use case. I have only been able to use the service on one occasion at a Tacoma Dome concert. I would love to have it available for WSCC Cons, CPA concerts, CHBP/DIDO/Bumbershoot, or sporting events, but I largely avoid looking into it even if the event exists during weekdays in order to maintain travel consistency.
I take the event train and return my bus
Need trains after 6:30. Ideally these can also line up roughly with events such as how Caltrain does for SF giants games
We need trains every 15mins in the peak times and trains going later in the evening so we can actually attend evening events in Seattle. Last train at like 9 or 10 would be much better.
Seriously, this is long overdue. I have a few thoughts: With increasing bike and scooter traffic, one car's lower level should be dedicated to bike storage. It just needs to be on one rush-hour round trip and on weekends. Also, maybe trains can support special events in the new schedule. In Vancouver, they had seminars; in Chicago, a holiday train is decked out. Promotion of community events accessible along the route can't hurt. Beg Metro and Pierce Transit to improve bus connections.
More event trains would be nice.
I live in sumner and use the sounder to commute to work in Kent. I also use it to go to Mariners games and other events in Seattle. I wish I had more access to use the train for entertainment in the Seattle area because we try to avoid driving there as much as we can. We do not have a link nearby so bus or train is our only option unless we also want to drive 30 minutes or more in addition to the public transit.

When special events occur during the normal commute week (Mariners games), why can't trains run more frequently or be lengthened for all the fans that fill the cars? When the trains were shortened last September, the notice indicated that the trains would go back to full size in March. It's now almost October and there have been no indications of the trains going back to full size. Trains are starting to fill up again. why haven't the trains been lengthened?
Sounder needs later service, more midday trips, and a regular weekend schedule. ST should also commit to running Sounder for 100% of Mariners, Sounders, and Seahawks games. It would be very useful for going to/from Seattle for causal weekend trips.
The issue with event trains is that there isn't enough time before or after the event to enjoy other things in the City. If there was weekend service, I would take the train into Seattle and Tacoma on weekends to meet with friends or enjoy events and amenities.
The trains for special events would be helpful, especially for weekends when the Mariners and Sounders are playing at the same time.
The more event trains you can run the better! Even if there were fewer stops. I'd drive up to the Tacoma Dome station to get on an event train if it was possible to do more events trains for shorter distances.
It would be great if there was a late night train heading south every evening at 11pm or so. We would use it most often to attend shows or events in Seattle and return home to Tacoma safely. I haven't actually used the train yet because the current service only caters to the commuters which is not me or my partner. The bus is a pretty good alternative but I would typically prefer to take the train as it's not impacted by traffic. Please add nights and weekends!
The current schedule makes it hard to use when you are in seattle trying get south. Events happen in Kent Auburn and Tacoma that I don't bother with because otherwise the bus options are slow. Eventually I would also like it studied to extend Sounder S to Olympia
We love the Sounder but no longer need to commute. It'd be fantastic to ride it on off peak hours to have dinner/show/events both in Seattle and Tacoma. Traffic is terrible!
Please add more trains during the day and weekends. This is the only public transportation I can take from my area to get to Seattle for my hybrid job. The train schedule now is really inconvenient for hybrid workers, we are essentially stuck in Seattle until the train runs again. I would use the train even more on the weekend during events as this is an ideal and one of the only transportations some of us can take and it is very limited.
Trips that would coincide with sporting events: Seahawks, Kraken, Mariners, Sounders
Regular all day service especially for those trying to attend concerts and events that run late would be a great improvement to service and is really the bare minimum that our regional rail service should be providing.
Please please please run for Mariners and Kraken game. The Sounder train is the best and it would make getting season tickets so much easier
The Seahawks game trains are over capacity and unsafe to ride. If there's an emergency on one of the trains the conductor has no way to access other cars to deal with the emergency!

It would be nice to work something out with BNSF to allow for more event trains, especially during bigtime weekend events that are large scale, like Lumen Field concerts or large conventions at Seattle Convention Center. It is much more convenient for me to depart from Kent Station and connect to the Link at King Street, then to drive to Tukwila, and ride the link from there to downtown.
It would be nice if you guys offer later trains north for concert goers
More service throughout the day, every day has helped San Francisco Bay Ferry bounce back from COVID, and I strongly suspect that it will help you as well. It would certainly be a nice alternative to taking I-5. That being said, I would recommend extending the conclusion of evening service, which you currently have slated for 10pm, to 1am due to the number of nighttime events (sports, theater, & concerts) in Seattle and the potential for strong ridership demand that they will produce.
I would LOVE to utilize the south sounder more often, but the lack of scheduling makes it nearly impossible - especially for evening classes and events.
My friends and I would love to go to Seattle more often for shopping and other events, but the drive and parking is too stressful.
I would love this option - night service. I dislike driving at night and feel so left out of concerts and sporting events and cultural activities in Seattle. The light rail is great and I use it during the day but that only goes from Angle Lake. And at night, the train feels safer than the bus.
Have more trains to Sounders and Reign matches.
I love taking the train to Sounders games when it's an option. I would take the train to Seattle on weekends often if it was an option!
I would ride sound to Seattle if more options were or more up north for events etc if it was offered! Plus I would even know schedules etc! It's confusing me!
Since Sound Transit Busses don't run to the Puyallup Fair anymore, it would be nice for people to get acquainted to Sounder if they were free trips there next year!
Since we've seen a significant increase of Mariner baseball attendance due to the team playing better, I would highly recommend adding the 35-minute departure after the last out after each night game. I'm a season ticket holder and I've seen the train at 90% capacity on Sunday event trains. More riders would utilize the Sounder if it offered the night train to return home.
Getting to/from Seattle for Climate Pledge, T-Mobile, Lumen for all events would increase south sound riders if Trains were actually available for events. Right now, we all go and hope to find parking and ride the link - and hope our cars are safe. Or sit in hours of traffic.
Event trains are awesome but poorly publicized! I don't know how to check if there will be an event train for the stadium event I am going to. I usually see ST's Instagram story about the service after the event is over and I'm bummed!
More event trains, especially for Mariners games, we would use often.
Loved taking the Sounder up to the Home Run Derby and the All Star Game! The new Puyallup station is amazing! Wish you would run the trains for the M's games!
A train coming home from mariners night games would be great. It would do really well too.
Would like later trips northbound on concert days
It's not easy to find out when special event trains are running.

Would like to see sounder trains run on weekends. To be able to go to Seahawks games or other events. Without having to pay outrageous parking prices.
Love the event trains would love to explore Seattle and Puyallup more on the weekends. The parking garages are so helpful
I don't generally feel safe walking around Seattle, so I tend to just go in and out of the city for big events. I eat in a different city before going up there, etc. The other reason I don't use mass transit in the area is that it doesn't go directly to places I need to go, it takes a whole lot longer to use it, and there's no parking garages once I get there. For example, if I want to go to Auburn Outlets from Tacoma and I ride the sounder then what do I do when I get off in Auburn? Walk?
More schedules northbound from Tacoma would be good for all sporting events
Driving to Seattle is a pain and I would love to be able to regularly take the train on the weekends to visit Seattle for various reasons. Even it was limited time options, having even one morning northbound and one evening southbound would be such a wonderful option. I wish also that the train ran for more events/games/concerts.
Would love to ride from Seattle to Lakewood after evening events, like Symphony concerts and shows!
We love the sounder! And would absolutely use it for all Seattle events if off-hours trains were offered more often
Having more options throughout the day would make taking the train for activities or events far more appealing. Evening trains returning to Tacoma are a critical element of this. Weekends are a must, especially evening. I think there should be a southbound Sounder train that allows Amtrak passengers on the evening train from Vancouver to Seattle get to the South suburbs. This is an obvious transit gap that would make all rail service more appealing and make King Street less of a transit wall.
Need to provide more trains in evenings after mariners games. Not just on Sundays or weekends. One train 35 minutes after games end might attract many more fans during the week.
I would love to use the train to get to sporting events as I live very close to the Kent station and the light rail will clearly never be over here. It is not clear to me which events the sounder runs for and I'm always afraid of missing the train if an event goes long because there is only one train available on special event days
If more sporting and large events were covered by the Sounder I would use it more often, I don't go to more Mariner Games, or other large events in Seattle or Tacoma because I don't want to deal with traffic or parking.
I think it it ran on weekends and for all games it be better
The Sounder provides a cleaner more comfortable route from Seattle's suburbs. When leaving from events the light rail is packed along with the 594 buses. The demand is there for the Sounder to be more event focused to make attending events all across the sound more accessible. Being able to use the park and ride at Tacoma and Lakewood vs driving to Angle Lake is a huge benefit and cuts down on the congestion on the roads. I would use the sounder more often if there were trains running everyday.
Need more Sounder trains for weekend Mariners games
I use the train to go to hockey games. It would be nice to be able to ride it home afterwards

I have frequently wished the train were running for commuting into and back out of Seattle for major sporting events (Mariners, Seahawks, Kraken, etc).
Round trip options not possible when going north in the afternoon for events.
I would like to see more chances to use the Sounder train to go to Sounder and Reign soccer games.
When I had to, I loved taking the train. I was more relaxed when I came into work, as I was not getting frustrated by being stuck in traffic. However, since there was no southbound day runs, I needed to start driving once my daughter was back in school in case any emergency arose. That was the only reason I stopped riding the train. I would love to be able to ride the train to a Mariners game. I am sick and tired of the people on the LINK thinking they can just openly smoke and do drugs.
Need more time from the end of the game to get to the trains.
I would use event trains for Sounders games but when the train was a good option it wasn't running.
I love the sounder and I wish I had more evening and weekend availability. My partner and I only have one car and we have friends all over the I5 corridor, so it would be so nice to have more opportunities to use the sounder to visit them. I also would love the expanded availability for things like concerts and other special events.
Limiting the final departure from Seattle to 10pm is useless. Not all events happen at the stadiums. The city is full of culture and art in other neighborhoods and losing access to those because of a 10pm cutoff time makes almost useless. Please consider people without families and the night owls whose events don't start until 10. Even just Saturday would be amazing! Please consider it!
With so many events in Seattle being able to take the sounder up and then back down south would be so beneficial. Parking is honestly so hard to come by and with traffic it makes going to events almost impossible at times. Having a form of public transit for events at night would be helpful.
It would be great if the sounder ran like one train at 7:00 PM or so southbound from king street station so that people could get dinner or drinks with co-workers at the end of the day. Now if there is an event, I have to drive and pay for parking.
Having a consistent all day weekday and weekend service for the cities along the Sounder South is a great option for our communities especially since we won't get light rail and traffic on 167 isn't getting any better. It doesn't just need to be for the 9-5 workers but can expand to everyone. Event trains are the only way to travel and expanding that will make this service even more popular for the south end cities.
Please consider event trips for festivals and conventions, like Emerald City Comic Con, PAX West, Bumpershoot, and similar weekend festivities. Currently, the ends of Sounder are not serviced by light rail, making taking transit to these events an ordeal, especially for families taking strollers, as the busses provided (such as 594) do not always easily accommodate strollers for families, whereas Link Light Rail and Sounder do.
Regular service 7-days a week would likely improve ridership, giving people living between Lakewood and Seattle more options for getting to events along the route. I would attend more events in Tacoma and the surrounding area if I could use Sounder on the weekends or at night.



More transit to support special events like Seahawks games and concerts would help reduce traffic during those events and the impact it has on the light rail and city
Reliability is of the utmost importance. It would be nice to be able to use it for more events on weekends.
PLEASE bring back and make more frequent the WA state fair train! I desperately love going to the fair but don't have a car.
I would love to be able to visit friends and go to concerts/events in Tacoma, but all the transit stops running too early from Tacoma Dome.
I really miss riding the Sounder more often. We often wish we could ride Sounder for evening events in Seattle, like concerts, etc. Even with the hours you're suggesting, we'd never be able to get back home because they go pretty late into the evening - you'd have to run through 11:00pm or midnight.
More options during the week would allow for more job opportunities and easier commute to get to my Dr. appointments in First Hill. Weekends and later times at night would help getting to events less stressful and I could attend more often as well as free up traffic on busy event nights and weekends.
Having more trains (or even more buses!) departing from Sumner would make me much more likely to use transit when going into Seattle! I loved having the train available for the Taylor Swift concert. I would absolutely take the train for any Seattle event if that were an option.
Would be awesome to have it run during games on the weekends and during games on the weekdays not just for working people
I would love to see you in expanded sounder. It would change my life to be able to travel to Seattle, more often for concerts and theater and shopping.
Market the Sounder S Line a bit more in tandem with events/festivals/seasonal activities. Leverage social media's reach.
Need more available to and from all sporting events in Seattle weekends and evenings.
Access to ride to Mariners games would be huge. There is limited parking at the link stations and I would definitely take the sounder if it ran for games.
Must add train support for concerts and sporting events across the board.
In addition to the Seahawk Event trains, add trains for Mariners and Kraken. If you have more trains during the mid day during the week, our family would go to Seattle for a fun day trip.
I specifically booked a Sunday Mariner game for using the Sounder. You took it away and gave it to the Swifties. Bad form
I mostly use trains for Events - SEAHAWKS games, but I would use it on the weekends to travel up to Seattle on the weekends if it was available. Especially in the Summer.
More Mariner trains please. Especially if it's possible for weekday evening games.
BRING BACK SOUNDER TO THE STATE FAIR!!!
Mainly would love to use it for Mariners games. Or other evening events in Seattle. Also would love if it came all the way to Olympia.
The only time I use the sounder is to go to sporting events because it doesn't go to the Boeing Renton plant
Please run trains at night for the High school state basketball games at the Tacoma Dome.

I think the trains are an excellent idea. For concerts and shopping trips or special events like the Mariners or the Seahawks. I work from home so I don't drive very much at all.
Extend route to Dupont. Add more event trains.
Would love more event trains for concerts - ie the Taylor Swift Eras Tour only had extra Light Rail trains.
I think I might use it to go north to Seattle more if it went later into the evening. But while we can go up using the train, it never runs late enough for leaving an event from up north.
Even if you don't expand for regular ridership please expand for all of the sports games and larger events that are clogging up the lightrail. I like to take that or the bus into the city but it's miserable when there is a game or event going on.
I wish that the Sounder could help support the Link train during events at Stadium or the Sounder could help transport people to and from the Tacoma dome for massive events. The UW Tacoma graduation, EDM concerts, etc at the Tacoma Dome are congested with traffic, but the Sounder isn't helpful (or communicating that it's available)
It's hard to give fruitful feedback since the pandemic, as my employer still allows remote work. Prior, I commuted every weekday from Auburn-Seattle. I attend some of the Seahawks games and appreciate when the Sounder is available. Wish it were an option for every game.
Please add trains for MARINER GAMES! I'm a season ticket holder and many of us would love to use the train 50-80 times/season!
Working weekends , weekdays there is no wonder service for concert or events of an evening. Only crowded light rail trains available needing 2+ train just yo get yo Anhle Lake Srstion. I could ride sounder, get on board first train strtivingand off in Sunmrr saving driving time and fuel.
I would love to ride the sounder to Seattle for events, but there are no return times that work or weekend travel currently
I would like to be able to take the Sounder train to events on the weekends.
I would personally love to see expansion in these areas: 1. A station further north past king street station. Some examples would be south lake union, UW Campus, etc. 2. Services that align with major sporting events on the S line to lakewood/south tacoma 3. Expanded bike storage on train cars
At a husky game need to have greater capacity
More departure options or longer trains during Mariners and Seahawks games on the weekdays would be ideal, if possible.
Me and my neighbors are finding it too difficult and dangerous to travel to Seattle as we age, due to heavy traffic, driving at night, driving in bad weather, etc. This prevents us from enjoying what Seattle has to offer. We would love the ability to attend an afternoon event, and a dinner out. We would do this regularly, if we could access reliable light rail. We did this regularly when we lived in Beaverton, and traveled easily to downtown Portland by the Max light rail. Bring it here!
Schedules supporting Seahawks or Mariners games would be awesome!
As a senior citizen, I would like to use the train to get to events in Seattle rather than trying to drive & find parking. The current schedule is strictly for commuters. We older adults should have options, too, even if it's one weekday a week that would allow us to use public transportation to Seattle.

I would like to take the train to *and from* distant events south of Seattle (particularly Thunderbirds games, Seawolves games and concerts at the White River Amphitheatre), but the train doesn't run late enough for me to get back to Seattle. The main reasons I prefer the train are: It is MUCH faster than taking a bus or car; parking and traffic near these events is always horrible; Sounder stations are usually within walking distance of event locations, so no last-mile bus is necessary.
Please add Sounder Service to OL Reign games - there is a very strong Tacoma OL Reign fan base - and I'm very disappointed to see the lack of support for women's sports from ST.
I would love to see event trains for evening sporting events. I'd likely ride the train more if there were evening southbound trains after Sounders and Mariners games.
I would love to use it round trip. We go to hockey, soccer and football games and being able to travel back to Sumner Station after the game would be amazing!
It would be nice to have a service for more Mariner games on the weekends.
To early for seahawks game. Maybe one a little later. Also sometimes we get let off on opposite side of cars in puyallup.
There are not enough event trains if you are taking sounder to an event at Tacoma dome from Seattle you are stranded in Tacoma after the event ends. More frequent late night trains would reduce traffic on i5
Every weekend mariners game.
Having an event train that leaves King Street an hour or two after the event would be great.
There should be more event trains on the weekends to and from Seattle. As it is right now, the schedule is so limited, that going to an event causes us to miss parts of the event because we have to use the train for transportation. My husband is a quadriplegic so it's necessary to use sounder to get to events and come home. We need earlier trains and later trains to better meet our needs for extra time
I have come to avoid driving on the freeway unless I absolutely have to. I would not mind being able to go to Seattle for an event or for shopping if I could take the train. That could be true for Auburn or Kent, too. I do need to get back, too, though, so trains have to run South into the evening to accomplish that.
I am a sports fan and would attend many more games if a train was available to get me there and back. I also would like to attend concerts/plays/other social events but there are no evening trains often enough or late enough to accommodate most events.
Add a reliable train to go from Puyallup to Seattle Seahawk games
More options outside of commute hours would be great. I go to Seattle for events and to meet with friends. A later southbound run on weekdays would be nice as well, as on the rare occasions I'm in Seattle for work it would be nice to be able to spend some time before heading back south.
At the very least I'd like more trains for a variety of special events, like bigs concerts. For example, after the Beyonce concert there was zero southbound public transit (we thought there would be) and we were basically stranded in Seattle. Plus I would just love to take public transit more to Seattle! As it is, I avoid going at all cost to avoid traffic and parking.
Run for Tacoma Dome events please!

There should be trains for things like Pride and Ol Reign games too. It's a little short-sighted to only do Seahawks and Mariners. We'd utilize it SO much more often if this was the case. We currently drive up to Kent and park at the Angle Lake station to take the train into Seattle. Knowing that there's no fear of being stranded without a vehicle is so nice. We'd like to be able to do that from home, and not drive at all.
I think there should be longer trains AND more trips during the weekdays. I would rather than catering to sporting event attendees. If they can afford to attend the event, they can afford to drive to Seattle and pay for parking. Just one commuter's opinion.
Use hotel near Lumen area due to limited Sounder schedule. Driving to Seattle with parking is next to impossible. We would have the ability to attend so many events and/or socialize in Seattle if crime was reduced and transportation schedules were available using the Sounder South!
Need to run special Sounder trips for super busy evening events at Lumen Field/T-Mobile Park (like Monday/Thursday/Sunday Night football). ST seems to only operate special event trains for weekend DAYTIME only events, rarely evening trains. If you are trying to buy a slot to operate scheduled trips during off peaks from BNSF, run some trips after a scheduled Amtrak trip. Also, need to operate all peak trips to/from Lakewood (South Tacoma riders has no transit alternative to get back).
The 7:50am train from TDome is nice but 8:30am would also be nice. Now that I don't commute to Seattle for work, I mostly use Sounder for Mariners games and other events. Slightly later southbound would be nice but the bus typically works ok with less traffic after peak
Would use much more for evening/weekend special events
Evening and weekend trains would allow attending a Mariners game, comedy show, a new restaurant in Seattle so much easier!!! Please run the train more often — take a look at the northeast corridor (NJ Transit)! Run the trains, people will ride!!
Weekend train service and full event coverage i.e. night football games.
Would love to see more event trains for Sounder games.
I hope the train would run for all Sounders games. The cost of parking around the stadium adds up I would rather give that money to the train. I would also like trains to run on the weekend so we can go to Seattle or people could come south to experience our area. Safety needs to be a huge priority so the train does not end up like the light rail or the bus system in Seattle.
We would really like the sounder to run for more events at Lumen field. We are season ticket holders for the sounders and live in puyallup and were disappointed this year with the limited games on the train schedule. We also attended Coldplay at Lumen and the train didn't run for that either. I think that considering most people that attend events like concerts and games tend to drink running the train is a no brainer to reduce the number of intoxicated people on the road.
A few times a year, I'd love to be able to ride to the Airport from Tacoma and not take my car. Mostly I would use Sounder South to get to Downtown Seattle cultural events or arts-related
It would be absolutely amazing if the Sounder started to run on weekends, even in a limited capacity. My husband and I frequently travel from Tacoma to Seattle over weekends (Friday evening - Sunday) to visit family and go to events and we would love to be able to take the Sounder. Friday and Sunday traffic is a mess between Seattle and Tacoma so we would definitely use it!

Seahawks Monday Night games
I wish you would provide transportation, event trains to Seahawk games on Mondays and Thursdays.
The event train for Lumen field is so easy and enjoyable but longer train it a 3rd time would be great for over crowding
Being able to reach seattle for special events would be great. Saturday UW games and/or Sunday Seahawk games.
I want to say thank you for the work you guys do. Also reiterate, I'm in a young demographic and we appreciate being able to get up to Seattle from the south in an eco friendly way. We want to ride more especially on the weekends and attend more Mariners, Seahawks and social activities. Currently the biggest hurdle is no access on weekends and trains leaving before events end back south.
More options for sporting events
I would like to go up to Seattle more often without driving. It won't be great to go north in the afternoon and back south in the evening. Having to rush to cram into the last train South at 6:30 doesn't make it possible to go up for a show, dinner, an event or just to shop. Also, on game days, a Southbound train a couple hours after the end of the game allows for time to go out to dinner, drinks, celebration, etc. I think if it was easier to go up to Seattle on the train more people would go
I want to take the train to Seattle for concerts and weekend entertainment, but I can't because it rarely runs on weekends. Just one trip up at 5 and one trip back at midnight would be a game changer. Or one daytime trip up in the morning and back in the afternoon, and one trip up early evening and back at midnight would be a game changer.
We are able to ride a regular (non event) Sounder train northbound for weekday & Saturday Mariners games, however we would like to be able to have a southbound train that departs evenings after Mariners games. Currently, the only late option southbound is a bus.
I would love the opportunity to use the Sounder to get to and from Seattle for fun events and other opportunities, but those I attend are usually in the evenings or on weekends. I find driving in Seattle stressful and parking expensive or nonexistent. I feel I would travel to Seattle more if the Sounder ran outside just commuter hours, especially into the later evening. Additional stations would help also, as the closest one to my house is not that close.
I think having a weekend option would be nice for folks who want to go to Seattle for touristy stuff or shopping but don't want to drive. Often times the only other time I rode was to Mariners Sunday games. It was really nice to have that option, but if it was expanded for other events I believe ridership would go up.
The event train schedule was great years ago. Now it's hit or miss, and it was something we used for all Mariners/Seahawks/Concerts.
Sounder options for OL Reign games would be great.
one time I got stuck in Seattle after a Mariner Game. I did not realize there was no return trip.
More event train on weekends.
Daytime Mariners games are a must. Light rail has no parking, is totally filled up and sounder does not accommodate solo out daytime mariners games.

Again< I would like to use the Sounder South Trains to go to the Sounders FC games for both Weekdays and Weekends.
I would use the Sounder regularly to attend sporting events in Seattle during the week if trains ran at convenient times for them (arriving around 5 pm and leaving around 10 pm for Mariners games, for example). I would similarly use it on weekends to attend sporting events or to go shopping in Seattle or Tacoma. The Sounder would be much more useful to me if it was less focused on commuters and more focused on just being able to get around the region throughout the day, every day.
I would love to see service from Seattle for Tacoma Dome events like Big concerts, Sporting events, Monster Jam, Holiday shows, Trade shows, etc. Just look at the Tacomadome schedule and if it's something Seattle people would like, which is most anything, run trains around that schedule. That being said, my ideal Sounder is run like the S-Bahn in Germany where you get trains every 15-30 minutes. That would change the way people live and work on the Puget Sound.
On event days, you have to leave the event early just to get a seat/even catch the train. We End up taking the bus back to Tacoma Done.
Add another event train. Very crowded now

#### ***More regular service comments***

We no longer live a stiff 9-5 lifestyle as a society, so the current schedule seems archaic. I previously lived in the province of Ontario in Canada and their GO Transit bus and trains ran regularly and connected communities across the province. Washington should absolutely do the same and expanding the sounder schedule will allow people to get around on weekends and honestly that will help with weekend traffic! Nobody wants to be stuck on i5 on Sunday :) but we have no choice!
I would definitely use the Sounder more if weekends were added and if there were later southbound return times on weekdays. More travel options would be great so the trips could be longer. Love the Sounder, we just need more of it available.
Hour headways throughout the day would be ideal, with 30 minute peak hour services.
I would value more options mid-day so I have flexibility to handle issues with kid's school schedules or events and medical appointments that might come up. My son's classes end at 2:00 pm and it's an hour train ride between King Street and Tacoma Dome. There is really no train option to do anything after school related. Also- the trains are getting increasingly crowded. So longer trains (which certainly existed pre-pandemic) would be appreciated.
The lack of schedule spread is my most common reason for not using Sounder. If I want to go to an event, or even out to dinner after work, I have to drive both ways because I can't count on an evening return train.
PLEASE add later evening trains as 6:30 is way too early for the latest train. Any weekend additions would be appreciated and utilized as a faster option to link, especially to Tacoma where it does not exist yet. I would much rather have trains every 30 minutes if it meant access to more of an all day service. Longer trains isn't the answer here, it is frequency in both directions.

Frequency is by far the most important thing. It is difficult to make a schedule work using the sounder- I have to start work at 7 and end at 4 to make it happen, but even then, the first afternoon northbound train from Tukwila doesn't arrive until 4:47. Train frequency should be every 20-30 minutes, both directions, all day, to facilitate all the trips that people may want to use it for.
If the sounder train expanded times, I would use it as my main mode of transportation over the 590/594 buses on my daily commute.
For mornings, having a train running north from 5AM through 10 AM every 30 minutes would be nice. A train heading north at 9AM might help. For evenings, I think 2:30-6:30 trains works, although wondering if adjusting to allow for the last train out of Seattle to head south at 6:45 would be better for those that work until 6:00 -6:15 to provide a little more time.
Please make this more than a commuter train. It would be do nice to have access outside of 9-5
1) There also needs to be more morning times for the train departing South Tacoma. 6:50 a.m. is very early and makes the train inaccessible to many. We need a 7:20 and 7: 50 am train as well. 2) There needs to be better biking and walking connections to the Sounder, especially from the transit center on 48th that connects to 54th. There are no curb cuts in the sidewalks on 54th, no crosswalks, and it is dangerous to walk there. Biking is better because of the painted lines and Washington St.
The last morning train departure time from Tacoma was always very challenging as a one-car household with a child who needed to be dropped off at daycare. Later time options would make it much easier.
Please add more to the sounder schedule, regular weekend runs would be great. It would get me to use the train. Can you buy the rails from BNSF? Look into that so you may have more control of the rails.
Weekend and all-day service (to move Sounder from Commuter Rail to a Regional Rail) would be very valuable to me
There is a large gap between 6:45 and 10:15am trains departing from lakewood. Having the trains that start only in Tacoma, come to Lakewood would be nice.
Please consider originating the S-Line in DuPont so it is a true end to end service and can provide transportation options to military and south Pierce families. Suggested improvements would be trains with more cars and hourly trains all day outside of peak commuting windows. Commute hours should be 5-10 am; 3-8 pm. A pedestrian bridge is desperately needed over Weller Street (King St. Station) to connect to light rail.
More options during the day times spread out, and weekend options would be great! Thanks!
Best outcome in my opinion would be to keep the current schedule and add frequencies mid-day and on weekends. I wish Sound Transit had more leverage over BNSF in terms of negotiating train slots.
The current arrangement with the Sounder means that it is almost completely limited to early workday and leaving office transit. Opening the schedule throughout the day gives people like me - without access to cars - the ability to move up and down from Tacoma to Seattle and back.

We have a potentially great commuter service and I believe a large part of low ridership stems from sometimes inconvenient scheduling. A more frequent schedule at all times especially weekends would encourage adoption as opposed to cars. I personally would visit Seattle on the weekends far more often if I could ride the train there and back at convenient times.
Sounder would be such a great option for other trips if it was a frequent all day all week service! Please work on making it at least every hour during the whole week.
I love the Sounder train, but it is largely unusable to me because of my schedule, so I only use it on odd days. I live in Seattle, and work in Kent from 2pm - 10pm most days, including Sundays. If there were trains around my normal commute times, I would bike to the train, and save about 30 minutes compared to commuting by bus.
The more trips the better. I am often stuck taking the 594 as the Sounder doesn't run very often or frequently, especially south of Tacoma for when I'm traveling to Lakewood and Thurston County.
Trying to run both directions for most of the day would provide a lot of regional connectivity even if just hourly frequency reverse peak direction at first!
It's a great alignment for serving an area that Link Light Rail and metro buses insufficiently serve, but all-day service is a must to make it a viable component of the transit system for ALL, not exclusively commuters.
As a Bremerton resident, Sounder is completely unusable without bidirectional 7-day service. Adding that service without adding an express bus from Bremerton to Tacoma makes Sounder only marginally more useful. We deserve good connections to King & Pierce Counties, & right now neither Sounder nor ST Express Buses provide that, in part bc Kitsap Transit & Sound Transit seem from a rider's perspective to not work together at all.
I used to take the train daily to Seattle for several years. As a stay at home mom I don't have the daily need but would love more time options throughout the day. In a few years I'll be returning back to work and if there is enough train service may consider going back to Downtown Seattle to work.
Buy the BNSF right of way and run regular train service
I loved riding the sounder train the ONE time I rode it. If the train ran more often at more times I would be able to take it every time I go to Seattle
I think the best option in the long term is to increase the length of the trains and the number of services per day. But If I had to pick one, I would prioritize more services per day.
More trips throughout the entirety of the day including the evening and trips on the weekend would increase my interest and utilizing the Sounder.
I think that Sound Transit is too focused on Sounders use as a commuter train to and from Seattle when it also provides an extremely valuable transit service between several major cities in the Puget sound that don't have any other connection that is remotely as direct. There are ALOT of people travelling to and from destinations within biking distance of South Tacoma, Tacoma Dome, Puyallup, Sumner, Auburn, and Kent stations that sounder largely fails to capture because it's scheduled for Seattle
Would love more frequent trains -- and more trains for events at the stadiums and on weekends in general. I take it for work, but often the bus is more convenient. My family loves taking the Sounder too on weekends but it's hard with the schedule.



If it were available 24 hours a day, you would have roofers using it 24 hours a day. I've had to miss out on multiple job opportunities this year alone because there wasn't an affordable way to commute to afternoon and evening shifts in Seattle.
I love it and wish I could take it on weekends and more times throughout the day
Please add more later times during the week and add times during the week
I think Sounder South is an absolutely amazing resource for the Seattle Metro area and I really hope the frequency and regularity of the service increase. The major downside for me is that there are only 3 trains for me to use (for each direction) which makes it difficult to plan my travels. I believe if there were more trains, more riders would use Sounder, which in turn would reduce traffic, and our collective carbon emissions.
There should be more trips closer together! For commuter traffic
I would like to have more Frequent times stops about 3pm
I appreciate the frequency during peak times very much, especially during rainy and winter months when we see more delays and cancellations. I rely on the text notifications and that frequency to get to work timely, regardless of my regular train delays. Please don't decrease frequency of peak trains.
The last train being at 6:30 has always made it difficult to manage extended hours for deadlines and after-hour business events. Focus should remain, however, on providing frequency during the peak commuting hours.
Need more trips at commute time. Need to add a train time for 8:48 and for 9:18. This allows for those late workers to take advantage of using the train or if an earlier train is cancelled, you can take a later one. Currently if the 8:18 is cancelled you have to drive in or take the bus which is awful. minimize the cancellation of trains, it disrupts commuters work schedule. Have a standby train for trains with mechanical issues. Because when you cancel a train it has an impact on commuters
More frequent trains in the afternoon would be appreciated, whereas longer trains in the morning works best. Afternoons are usually more chaotic for when I can make it to the station and catch a train whereas the morning is more consistent. Also, train seats should be oriented all facing the same direction rather than facing one another. It's really awkward sitting face to face with strangers
More service times would be nice considering I have to bus back to Seattle because of the lack of trains
We need trains every 15mins in the peak times and trains going later in the evening so we can actually attend evening events in Seattle. Last train at like 9 or 10 would be much better.
The biggest thing would be more trains! A lot of people are commuting now to save money and reduce stress so it would benefit everyone
Given the woeful imbalance between Sounder projects being completed in the South Sound vs City of Seattle North, I find it frustrating that we have to choose between frequency and timing of trips. Please increase total trips. Because we are years behind on the promised light rail to the South Sound and the Governor's insistence on gas tax increases, we should have more options from the Lakewood >King line. The pressure is on for the working class, please make it easier for us to get to work.
More frequency in time or adjust times. Instead of 4:55 pm depart King st depart at 5:00 or 5:05.

Train frequency part the Tacoma dome is too limited.
I notice capacity as more of an issue departing southbound from Seattle. The morning trains to Seattle might also be full, but I'm usually on the midday train. For that reason, I would not recommend lessening the frequency of trains. Also, I would specifically love another train or two departing northbound to Seattle that arrives at 9:30-10:30am.
Please add additional times and days. This will significantly help with Seattle traffic and parking!
It's not usually a round trip because there isn't a late train to take me back to Tacoma Dome. In my opinion, more frequent trains would give me more reasons to ride the train. And a late night return home is kind of necessary. I think expanding the sounder schedule is important for the next 10 years as the light rail slowly, slowly, ever so very slowly creeps south towards Tacoma dome. I don't want to drive, guys. I want to sell my car forever. But I can't.
More frequent peak travel trains could mitigate delays due to mechanical issues
It would be lovely to be able to use the Sounder more! Please make more trip availability and run on the weekends!
Spreading out departures while using longer trainsets would be optimal. Most Sounder riders consider it a full train when only half the seats are taken. I hope you do as well, as it allows room for a surge in riders, or a cancelled train.
Regular all day service especially for those trying to attend concerts and events that run late would be a great improvement to service and is really the bare minimum that our regional rail service should be providing.
I really enjoy riding the Sounder train. While I don't need to go from Tacoma to up north like Seattle very often, when I do Sounder is a great option. I wish the Sounder ran all day. Going from Lakewood to Puyallup, there is a significant travel time difference between the Sounder train and Pierce Transit bus. I would really appreciate having the option of taking the Sounder train rather than relying on the bus most of the time like I do now. Running Sounder every 2-3 hours would be great.
More service throughout the day, every day has helped San Francisco Bay Ferry bounce back from COVID, and I strongly suspect that it will help you as well. It would certainly be a nice alternative to taking I-5. That being said, I would recommend extending the conclusion of evening service, which you currently have slated for 10pm, to 1am due to the number of nighttime events (sports, theater, & concerts) in Seattle and the potential for strong ridership demand that they will produce.
More trips
Between more cars per trip and more service times, I would absolutely pick more service times. Until the light rail is extended to Puyallup area, the Sounder is by far my preferred public transit from Puyallup to Seattle. The Sounder is clean, safe, and comfortable.
because of the limited trains midday it makes me use it far less because if I want to go up for a simple day trip it becomes a whole day affair. I think many more people would use it if they could have more flexible times to go to Seattle instead of having to plan out a whole day in advance.
more trains leaving King St more often
30 minute headway service all day would be nice. 10-minute headways all day even better. But it should be about distributing trips for all-day service.

<p>Sounder South should become an All Day Monday-Saturday service like the UTA Utah Frontrunner. please see the schedule here: <a href="https://www.rideuta.com/Rider-Tools/Schedules-and-Maps/750-FrontRunner">https://www.rideuta.com/Rider-Tools/Schedules-and-Maps/750-FrontRunner</a> Off Peak should be every hour while Peak service is every 30.</p>
<p>I would love to see Sounder adopt a regional rail model with frequent all-day service. The North line deserves love too!</p>
<p>I would love to be able to rely on the sounder as regional rail and replace/eliminate my car for longer range journeys. Increasing travel times is super valuable to the region and a necessary step in convincing more people to ride transit.</p>
<p>My entire household would take sounder extremely frequently if it had reliable morning &amp; evening (6-9pm) service to &amp; from Seattle on the weekdays and weekends</p>
<p>Prioritizing all-day and weekend service is significantly more important than adding peak-period capacity</p>
<p>Adding 3-4 more trips to and from Seattle from a south sound station would encourage more riders to travel for leisure on the weekends!!</p>
<p>The train is great, it just need more trip throughout the day. Having to use the bus is very inconvenient, as it take almost double the time of the train.</p>
<p>I am really glad you are considering spreading trips out. With the congestion on I-5, making Sounder available on evenings and weekends on a regular basis would make it a viable option for more riders, including myself, since I live in Olympia.</p>
<p>There needs more times to Seattle. I'd ride it a lot more often.</p>
<p>Adding more trains, esp. on the weekend, incentives me to go out to Seattle and elsewhere on the S-Line more frequently. Then I will be able to economics support the businesses there, many of which do not have an equivalent in Puyallup. I would definitely ride the Sounder more if these opportunities presented themselves, and I am in full support of expanding the Sounder schedule.</p>
<p>This service is really valuable, but there are not enough trains in my opinion. Sounder should have more frequent trains and run like the Link does. I want to see a commuter rail on the scale of the Long Island Railway in New York, and it breaks my heart that BNSF is holding passenger rail back. It could be worth exploring what it would take to buy the tracks back from BNSF. And in the far far future, it would be really great to electrify the tracks and run quieter trains with pantographs.</p>
<p>Having more options throughout the day would make taking the train for activities or events far more appealing. Evening trains returning to Tacoma are a critical element of this. Weekends are a must, especially evening. I think there should be a southbound Sounder train that allows Amtrak passengers on the evening train from Vancouver to Seattle get to the South suburbs. This is an obvious transit gap that would make all rail service more appealing and make King Street less of a transit wall.</p>
<p>Commuting trains seem to be fine as far as cars, but more frequent during commutes that can help commuters time light rail and busses would be great.</p>
<p>It would be nice to have a train every 20-30min until 10am as parents still dropping off their kids at school at 9am. Also, add rides in midday at least one every hour. And have rides on weekends from like 9am until like 10pm or so. Also, please add a security on the train especially in non pick hours when less people travel.</p>

Seattle traffic would reduce by a LOT if we were to add more sounder trains. There are so many people coming in and out of Seattle because there are no trains and buses are not that quick!
Even midday southbound trips from King St every 90 minutes (rather than a gap from 9-230) would be incredible helpful.
The biggest blockers are the lack of consistent coverage of Sounder service throughout the day/night, and availability of parking near the station. If you can't park, it makes it nearly impossible to take advantage of the station. Fortunately, Auburn is getting another parking structure in the future. Yay! Would totally use the Sounder all the time if I could set out midday and get home at night.
The train needs more trips and something to stop fare skippers as they are frequent and are mostly people that can afford the ride in the first place.
Frequency is key, along with location. The current system doesn't run at times that would support any use outside of normal commuters. It doesn't go to enough locations. Having spent time in Chicago and benefiting from the "L" system, it would be nice to see our system expanded (both in scale and train frequency) to support more diverse use cases.
I know they are the most expensive to fix, but anything to improve the speed of the train and increase frequency of the schedule is crucial. Bottom line those 2 reasons are the biggest blockers for me and others from riding the train.
Would like the train to run south later in the evening. We would mainly use it for transportation to Seattle if we could get back home. More frequent trips would be beneficial.
Having a consistent all day weekday and weekend service for the cities along the Sounder South is a great option for our communities especially since we won't get light rail and traffic on 167 isn't getting any better. It doesn't just need to be for the 9-5 workers but can expand to everyone. Event trains are the only way to travel and expanding that will make this service even more popular for the south end cities.
With RTO I try to go into the office in the middle of the day and leave before peak times. There is never an option to use the Sounder, which I would prefer, so I end up using the Link because the travel times are more regular and they have midday options.
Have train run on just like the bus
Every dollar you have should be put towards either buying ROW or building new ROW. The train should run all day, every day.
Regular service 7-days a week would likely improve ridership, giving people living between Lakewood and Seattle more options for getting to events along the route. I would attend more events in Tacoma and the surrounding area if I could use Sounder on the weekends or at night.
Having weekend as well as service in both directions at any given time provides more reliability than just frequent peak hour service.
Trains are a great, inexpensive way to connect communities. They should go late and start early. 24/7 service, even if it's once every two hours, would make the great Sounder even better.
I want to see Sounder become a proper regional rail system and to not just focus on peak periods. More frequency will be what brings in more riders, not longer trains.

More options during the week would allow for more job opportunities and easier commute to get to my Dr. appointments in First Hill. Weekends and later times at night would help getting to events less stressful and I could attend more often as well as free up traffic on busy event nights and weekends.
Having more trains (or even more buses!) departing from sumner would make me much more likely to use transit when going into Seattle! I loved having the train available for the Taylor swift concert. I would absolutely take the train for any Seattle event if that were an option.
I love having the sounder. I just wish the hours for expanded, and that it ran on the weekends!
More trips would tip the scales toward choosing the train over the bus. Also the train would have to be more dependable. I constantly get alerts of the train being delayed or canceled. The train has to be more frequent and dependable to choose it over the bus, since the trip takes longer regardless.
The lack of easy public transportation is keeping us held back as a whole. In travels to other cities, it upsets me to see how great public transportation can be but seeing the Puget Sound options is a huge set back to our area. Expanding times to better serve the community, later at night options to assist those who would otherwise have to pay ridiculous prices for Uber. We need to figure out potential ways to better serve as a community
Please please PLEASE make the trains run more frequently. Driving around here is a nightmare and I would LOVE to become a more frequent rider.
Trains should run hourly further into the evening.
Having only 3 options after 5 pm is fairly limiting. Also, going from 20 minutes apart to 30 minutes apart would drastically lower my comfort with using this service. Showing up 2 minutes late and having to wait 28 for the next train is a huge burden compared to driving.
Work had changed a ton the past couple years more hybrid work from home and office is happening. The traditional peak times aren't the norm for everyone I can literally go on the office any time I want and wfh the rest of the day. It's too hard for me to do this with a small child and being available for dropping him off/ picking up from school but a wider range of day/afternoon trips would make it possible. Plus I would love to travel to the city on weekends without driving/parking
more regular service throughout the day would enable further reverse commutes and provide more car free trips to destinations outside of the seattle/tacoma core areas
please add trips through the day, the sounder express bus is not a good replacement as it gets stuck in traffic, contract it to amtrak who has more legal leverage over bnsf.
I would ride the train all the time to work. I would also actually visit Seattle, if the train actually ran regularly.
having all-day service on Sounder would make it a much more viable option than the current peak only (and peak direction only!) service that only caters to seattle commuters
Sounder S is one of the most important lines in the ST network. Moving the S line to frequent all day service, while a very difficult task, would provide far greater benefit to Pierce County and the region as a whole than extending Link to Tacoma.

<p>The Sounder could be an incredible community asset uniting Seattle and Tacoma. Unfortunately the way Sound Transit uses it now makes it an outdated relic. I would love a reliable, frequent way to get to downtown Tacoma and participate in its economy. I don't need a commuter rail, I need real inter-community rail service both north and south on the train. Stop waiting, Sound Transit, and do it.</p>
<p>Run this train like a European or Japanese train three times an hour in both directions all day everyday</p>
<p>I would try to ride the sounder as much as possible (both north and south) if the schedule was expanded and there were easier connections to final destinations. As is it's great for point to point in certain situations, but it's hard for me (as a seattle resident) to get to my final destination after riding the train because of a lack of connecting options.</p>
<p>i often use the 594 because it is much more frequent. however the traffic delays and ride experience on the bus are worse than the predictable and comfortable train. i wish it ran both directions all day so i could enjoy our rail infrastructure to the peak of its capacity</p>
<p>I want all week frequent (at least every 10 min) service on this corridor, and frankly this plan is weak tea.</p>
<p>If we can have a truly regional rail service that runs 15-30 minute frequency, all day, 7 days a week, from Lakewood to Everett, this would make the entire system truly useful and world class. This would entail N Line to be expanded as well. But expanding the entire system and making each line's service robust and reliable as opposed to just focusing on S Line, would go a long way in making the entirety of Sounder service useful for the entire region..</p>
<p>The sound S line should run Monday -Sunday 6am -7pm.</p>
<p>Just need a lot more frequency especially in the afternoon/evening and we would ride it a whole lot more...</p>
<p>More train North and South midday</p>
<p>More frequent trains would be very helpful. Making multiple connections makes a missed connection extremely painful when sounder trains are 30+ minutes apart and has reduced my reliance in it. In a perfect world there'd be a light rail line from the south sound to the Eastside. Sumner to Redmond would be great. Could you build the lines right down the free way right of way, or even on it like a street car? That would be awesome. SR167 to I405 is the worst drive in the state on weekdays.</p>
<p>Sounder South schedule should be more spread out with some evening options</p>
<p>If it ran every 30 minutes morning, noon, and evening, I would be using the Sounder to get to other places, too. Driving is a nightmare around here with the cramped roads and so on. Plus, I like walking and I'm chubby so I need it! Get me to downtown Auburn for a lunch date and then let me head up to Seattle for an afternoon at the museum, then take me home to Sumner after dinner out with friends. BUT! We need parking near the stations! Sumner is just silly.</p>
<p>I love the Sounder. I first discovered it back in the early 2000s; it gave me a fun and easy way to come south to stay with family on weekends when I was working in Seattle. I'd love a schedule with more north and south trains. Weekend trips, with later trains southbound, would mean I ride much more. And not just me, but my wife and folks, too. And on weekday event nights, later trains that let me hang out longer with friends would be also make me a more frequent rider.</p>

As someone who lives in Renton sounder is great for avoiding I-5 and sr167 traffic for when I want to visit downtown Seattle and downtown Kent. I would travel to Tacoma much more often if sounder ran all day even if was only once an hour midday. Having to take a bus to downtown Seattle to get to Tacoma is very inconvenient. Just a short trip over to tukwila station makes a trip to Tacoma a lot easier. Sounder has potential and I love it but I want to see it grow to more trips per day.
More trains outside of the typical rush hour would be great to see, and also more trains that support a commute to Tacoma rather than Seattle would be neat as well
More trains, less bus! Weekend/off-peak N line trains please.
The Sounder is a fantastic tool in the region and needs to expand to include more weekday daytime runs and weekend runs, especially on Saturdays.
An all-day every day service would open up lots of possibilities. Sounder is great is just doesn't run when I need it. Imagine shopping at south center, dinner in Tacoma and so much more.
I think Sounder South is such a great resource for the South Sound region. I would love for this to be expanded on as much as possible. Please just expand the amount of trips as much as possible. As someone who frequents between Tacoma and Seattle it would be such a lifesaver. And would benefit both communities so much as well as those in between.
Definitely would want more trips during the week and weekend trips to take advantage of shopping, events in Seattle.
This service potential is SO good for this line with expanded service times. It's the fastest, most reliable, and most enjoyable ride to Downtown. I would seek out opportunities to travel north and south to enjoy what towns have to offer around their stations.
Upgrading the service frequency is absolutely the best way to help with increasing ridership and getting more people off of i5. With the current service pattern, it is completely unreliable for replacing car travel due to how strict the service windows are. Plans need to stick to a straight work commute and do not offer any flexibility for after work or recreational weekend activities. Making service frequent and reliable everyday would make it an important form of regional transit.
I *do* wish that it ran on a more regular schedule, and that the (bus) connections between the Tukwila Link light rail station and the Tukwila Sounder station were better.
I think that ridership on the sounder south line will increase if there was hourly service Monday thru Sunday. From 8AM-10AM. Or hourly service Monday thru Saturday.
Has anyone considered the possibility that they current trains are only full because there are no other time options? Perhaps if you offered more times, people would spread themselves out more, thus alleviating the need for higher capacity trains
Hourly trains during non peak times until 1am like Toronto & Chicago
Adding more trains not only during the day but at night would offer people more of a chance to get to work on a better schedule and make it more convenient
I only have time to go to work and come home. If the times were extended, I could stay and go to the gym, attend professional networking events and connect with friends.
I have a pretty variable work schedule. More trains would mean more flexibility.

I ride the Sounder for work 3 days a week, both ways. The schedule you guys have right now works great. Weekend trains would be cool, but I don't know if I would give up weekday routes for it. Love taking the sounder!
It would be nice to still have schedule times throughout the day. South bound stops at 7:55 and. Doesn't start again til 2:35. Even a few times would be ideal for when half days occur at Puyallup schools.
<b>RUN MORE OFTEN RUN LATER</b>
There should be more event trains on the weekends to and from Seattle. As it is right now, the schedule is so limited, that going to an event causes us to miss parts of the event because we have to use the train for transportation. My husband is a quadriplegic so it's necessary to use sounder to get to events and come home. We need earlier trains and later trains to better meet our needs for extra time
More trains are better! Fabulous way to commute and get in and out of the city, so I'd love more options to get to use it to get into downtown.
More options outside of commute hours would be great. I go to Seattle for events and to meet with friends. A later southbound run on weekdays would be nice as well, as on the rare occasions I'm in Seattle for work it would be nice to be able to spend some time before heading back south.
I am a fan of public transportation and when I travel outside the U.S. I always take the train because they run 24/7 in most places around the world. Which make them very reliable for any of your daily needs. I have always said the Sounder needs to run 24/7 and the people will start riding the train more because then it could meet all there needs. People want there independence like driving there car to be able to go to a doctor appointment or if there kids get sick leave work! Sounder 24/7
This would dramatically increase my use of the train. I can also say that many friends and family share my sentiment. This would also help to increase the business activity in Seattle which was lost from the pandemic and continues to struggle due to the increase in people working from home. It would also increase my ability to employ people from King county.
I think I'd use the train much more often if the train left every 60 minutes but continued to run later. I would also like to be able to take my bike with me but I think there are already decent options for that.
My family and I would absolutely use the Sounder more if there were more routes available throughout the day. The main reason we don't use it is for fear of getting stranded far from home. The last time I used the Sounder, I could not find the station and narrowly avoided missing the last train home. The Sounder route is beautiful and we would use it for reasons other than commuting! Great for a family outing.
I love riding the Sounder to and from work, and I wish it ran as often as the light rail.
Trains should be spaced out further every 20 minutes is to soon and trains arnt always filling up so if spaced out gives people more time to get to the trains and fill the current trains up also with trains being every 20 minutes slows down freight traffic because passenger trains are priority and then freight trains just sit on the main line and rot while sounders are running
More service is an easy win to get more ridership. Introducing more people to be familiar with transit will compound over time as well.



Evening and weekend trains would allow attending a Mariners game, comedy show, a new restaurant in Seattle so much easier!!! Please run the train more often — take a look at the northeast corridor (NJ Transit)! Run the trains, people will ride!!
I understand that BNSF owning the track presents a significant challenge, but the region desperately needs viable intercity rail. Seven days a week. Both directions--morning, day, and night. I'm in favor of anything that moves the region closer to that goal, even if it includes bringing the track and rolling stock under public ownership. Our regional transit needs are much more important than BNSF's profit margins.
Additional train service would be useful for tourism, to be able to see the region in an easier way. But then no-peak trains would be necessary.
It would be great for Sounder to operate all day and on weekends instead of being exclusively for commuters and events.
More options for the sounder would be nice. I think for us to be able to help with traffic congestion here we need more public transportation and need it to run more often like other big cities. With a limited schedule using the trains is less of an option. Longer trains with more cars will also be a must if more people start riding.
sadly, the bottom line is we need trains to run more often, more days, and to more areas. It's sad that we are so many decades behind other communities.
It's a shame the latest train is at 7:50, then again at 10:20 or so. That's a huge gap! You could probably shift everything to the right a bit and start later, but just my 2 cents.
More trains would open up more riders.
My ridership would generally be the same (commuting a couple days a week) but increase slightly with more flexibility and opportunities outside peak hours, which would be great when needed.
Love the Sounder. Trains more often and on weekends would be great.
The sounder should be available at all hours throughout the day in order to help people commute to and from work. Not just at peak hours. How is it that we are expanding the distance but not times??? Lots of missed revenue out there.
I'd live more options for the Sounder. Parking in Seattle is a nightmare and if I could take the train to meet a friend for dinner or visit the city, I'd love that.
I believe the sounder train would benefit from having weekend service, a larger capacity, and departures at even times.
Need late night trains, need weekend trains, need regularity of service across the board!
The Sounder should not only service work commuters in peak times, especially with the very large shift to remote/hybrid work. There are many other types of trips that could be taken, which would improve access for people who don't or can't drive, and also reduce car trips which has so many benefits for our communities.
Look to metro north in NYC. All day trains travel times, everyday.
Increase frequency, every hour or 30 min at same time for each station. Electrify the track make it more frequent. Integrate bus time and arrivals to Sounder stations. Help Metro operators wait for trains to arrive before departing. Less money spent on parking. Charge for parking, encourage using bus. Improve walking areas near station.

Having access to public transportation at all hours would be a tremendous advantage for the region. I have spent a lot of time in Washington, DC and New York and would be delighted if the Puget Sound area had public transit that was anywhere near as good as theirs.
More service hours and weekend service will open up Sounder usage for many non-commuters, which will increase funds for Sounder making it easier to increase frequency later on
I love using Sounder to commute to work and would love expanded opportunities to use it to commute to socialize in Seattle.
Trains running more throughout the day would be great, but more important for me and my family would be the ability to use the train on weekends.
Please make Seattle actually have a reliable train option that runs everyday, I would much rather train into Seattle and then light rail around instead of driving and parking. I've only used the sounder for sporting events in the past, having a train with regular trips north/south consistently would open up so many possibilities to save on driving.
Can the train schedule adjust to every 10-15 minutes during peak times?
Including more train service, increasing capacity, and increaing the speed a which the trains run to get to your destination faster, would greatly increase the number of riders and the frequency at which people will choose trains over car travel.
For commuting purposes it would be great to have another train between the 1523 and the 1525 (getting to the 1523 is totally DT traffic dependent), and possibly another after the 1525.

### **Capacity comments**

I think it would be helpful to add one more car as I see the southbound train is getting crowded. I wouldn't necessarily have to ride the train on the weekends but would appreciate having at least one more midday southbound route during the weekdays.
I would value more options mid-day so I have flexibility to handle issues with kid's school schedules or events and medical appointments that might come up. My son's classes end at 2:00 pm and it's an hour train ride between King Street and Tacoma Dome. There is really no train option to do anything after school related. Also- the trains are getting increasingly crowded. So longer trains (which certainly existed pre-pandemic) would be appreciated.
I would appreciate the longer trains coming back and at the same time more options than one late train heading north. It is very hard coming from Sumner on any train after 7 am though, I know its coming. But with the way it is now, I have to find someone to drop my son off at school if my wife is not available due to the lack of parking.
Longer trains please
Trains are already too crowded during peak, reducing frequency would make it worse and standing room only on many trips. Please add more cars to existing trips. When I commute outside of peak, driving myself is always most convenient, fastest, and comfortable.
The morning trains have been 3 and 4 to a top with standing room only. I have a shorter commute so I dont mind standing but the longer trains are noticeable.

Please consider originating the S-Line in DuPont so it is a true end to end service and can provide transportation options to military and south Pierce families. Suggested improvements would be trains with more cars and hourly trains all day outside of peak commuting windows. Commute hours should be 5-10 am; 3-8 pm. A pedestrian bridge is desperately needed over Weller Street (King St. Station) to connect to light rail.
The first time we tried riding the train for a Seahawk game, it completely skipped the Auburn station because it was too full. I am tired of public transit being pushed on everyone, but not being provided ample seating on trains - I can not stand for 1 hour and sometimes they're so crowded you don't have options other than to not ride. Train station is only a few miles from our house, and it's a shame we can't ride into the city on weekends when we want to as well.
WHY aren't there more cars on the existing trains? Especially in the morning.
When I rode the Sounder, you got rid of the latest morning trip and it really sucked because the earlier trains were super full. My work tends to start late, so I also didn't need to take it earlier.
I think the best option in the long term is to increase the length of the trains and the number of services per day. But If I had to pick one, I would prioritize more services per day.
The trains, especially in the afternoon are getting increasingly crowded. When will trains be returned to 7 cars, rather than the current 5 cars? We could use the extra capacity. I recall when this was first done, it was supposed to just be until March 2023.
Realistically it would benefit the community greatly to add more cars for peak commuters, and keep a few trains going during evening hours for those in the community that work hours outside of the typical banker schedule.
Even an additional car added would be nice.
Need to go back to seven cars. They are way too packed now
Trains getting so busy anymore am or pm and so many people now using e-bikes. Especially on way home s in afternoons/evening s. They are bigger and some people barley for through the train door with them. It's crazy. Have to stand. Arms are hot due to so many bodies and the warm batteries now from the bikes. And the e-scooters. People sit in regular seating with them. I work and have to put up with them and the dang druggies that use the train to go back and forth between cities.
Add more cars back and build a parking garage in Sumner
We need our cars back. I have been riding thru out the pandemic and people are back to work. The trains are getting very crowded now.
We need more cars on the train when sporting events end during the weekday afternoon commute.
Pls return the trains back to 7 cars. The south line train is so full now, even with hybrid work. Thank you.
Please add more cars to trains during week day commute to and from Seattle
Bring back longer trains
The trains are becoming overcrowded again with people returning back to the office. Please add more cars to the existing trainsets, especially the ones that are only 5 cars right now.
The trains are PACKED. I wish there were handholds on the ceiling like light rail. It is almost always standing room only, and it's very difficult to stand, as there is nothing to hold on to.

I notice capacity as more of an issue departing southbound from Seattle. The morning trains to Seattle might also be full, but I'm usually on the midday train. For that reason, I would not recommend lessening the frequency of trains. Also, I would specifically love another train or two departing northbound to Seattle that arrives at 9:30-10:30am.
From seattle to tukwila, there is standing room only going southbound. it's frustrating. most of the time have to stand until at least auburn station
When special events occur during the normal commute week (Mariners games), why can't trains run more frequently or be lengthened for all the fans that fill the cars? When the trains were shortened last September, the notice indicated that the trains would go back to full size in March. It's now almost October and there have been no indications of the trains going back to full size. Trains are starting to fill up again. why haven't the trains been lengthened?
Especially Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday there needs to be more carts. The volume of passengers is extremely larger. As someone who commutes to Seattle would like to see 1 train leaving Seattle southbound between 9am-12pm.
Please add more trains during the day and weekends. This is the only public transportation I can take from my area to get to Seattle for my hybrid job. The train schedule now is really inconvenient for hybrid workers, we are essentially stuck in Seattle until the train runs again. I would use the train even more on the weekend during events as this is an ideal and one of the only transportations some of us can take and it is very limited.
It would be so nice to have more trains added for evening commute.
Spreading out departures while using longer trainsets would be optimal. Most Sounder riders consider it a full train when only half the seats are taken. I hope you do as well, as it allows room for a surge in riders, or a cancelled train.
Can we go back to 7 car trains at least? I've been riding the Sounder since 2005 and bicycling since 2008. The increase of ebikes and scooters necessitates more cars.
The morning trains to King St. Station are often delayed due to mechanical or track "signal" issues. And with more businesses returning to work, the cars are generally full/over loaded.
Longer trains please. It's getting very crowded
Its ridiculous that the amount of train cars went from 7 to 5. It has been getting crowded again but all you do is take our money. For what? Less cars and mechanical problems? What a joke. Oh but you can conveniently have more cars for sporting events and concerts.
It would be fantastic if we could avoid losing any trips during weekday commutes as the train can be very packed. But it would be really nice to be able to us Sounder during the weekends so we can visit other cities until the light rail is finished in more than ten years.
Train schedule is inconvenient and undesirable for anything other than peak commuter. And even then it's overcrowded and cramped
Please bring back the 7 car trains. Even with people working hybrid schedules, the 5 car trains are very full. Thank you!
There are move riders on Tuesday through Thursday because some people only work 3 days a week. Making the cars very full on those days.
I'm more interested in more seating than I am additional trains. Please bring back 7 cars.

Although I would not be riding it, I think maximizing the capacity during commuter times has the most value for the tax dollars. It permits people to earn Seattle wages without the Seattle housing costs.
They should have longer trains during the commute times and during the off times such as the 4 and 5 pm trains from Tacoma they should shorten it down as not as many catch the train
There is increased number of commuters with bikes and scooters. Often during peak hours these spots on the cars are full especially during summer/good weather days.
Me paresen buenos los horario pero varias veces por la tarde viene muy llenos los trenes seria mejor poner mas bagones ..
Morning trips are busy and should extend to 7 car lengths. Would also appreciate one extra train later in the evening, something like 7:30.
Due to the amount of people that ride the train Monday-Friday when there are only 5 cars, the train is full to capacity. Standing room only. We have more bike/scooters that take up a lot of room on the train. Now there are four people to a seat, we can't spread out. Then there are times when we get 7 cars, only because there was a game and that's the only time we can get an extra 2 cars. I feel that we pay to ride the train M-F, . There are days when we don't know if we're getting 5 or 7 cars.
Experience has been good so far. Trains are mostly reliable (mechanical issues sometimes cancel my Southbound train in the afternoon). But, I know that I can wait for the next Southbound train as long as I am not getting on the 6:30pm. In general, there are plenty of seats Northbound and Southbound but there are times when the Mariners end or other special event ends and Southbound trains on workday evenings can be congested. Station guides are always nice.
An evening train south from King Street to Lakewood would be incredibly handy. An evening train from King Street to Tacoma Dome also would be convenient for those of us who work late. As well, returning to seven-car trains during all peak periods could be justified. Ridership is way up in the past couple of months!
Fix the bike storage areas and bring back 7 cars consistently
More cars for peak travel times, add weekend trips would be nice
In the past few months the trains have been getting more packed. It's time to finally add the cars back that were removed during covid
Add the cars back to peak time!
Two random thoughts to share: Trains are getting more crowded and less comfortable with the smaller train sets. The new Puyallup garage is terrific.
Add more cars, so people have space to sit.
Thank you for listening to riders! Longer trains will make for a more comfortable ride. Additionally, with many people taking up biking since COVID, we NEED more bicycle space. Sometimes all cars are full and could be dangerous in an emergency with how many bikes are crammed in there. I believe longer trains at peak hours would solve this. I do not believe we will see people modifying their travel habits to work from 10-2 in Seattle!
As Amazon and other companies are enforcing that employees return to the office, the weekday commuter trains are getting more and more packed. We need longer trains and increased capacity at those high-demand times.

Need to add more cars. Half the riders are not scanning or paying for ride so number of riders per day appear lower than what is actually on train. Cars are very crowded and with COVID on rise space is needed.
The trains are becoming too full and it is time to bring back the 7 cars for at least the first train out of Lakewood and the first back from Seattle. I would love to use the train to Seattle on the weekends but I am not a sports fan and would not ride a crowded fan packed train to their games. Put other trains on weekends to the city for people who want to shop or go to festivals or travel with family to visit the city not just cater to the sports fans.
We desperately need to go back to 7 train cars. This was supposed to be only for 6 months. It has been 1 years with no explanation.
Has anyone considered the possibility that they current trains are only full because there are no other time options? Perhaps if you offered more times, people would spread themselves out more, thus alleviating the need for higher capacity trains
Add more cars
Speakers are too loud. Trains are fuller than they were a few months ago, I'm thinking your meter can tell you which trains need another cab or two added.
when trains were every 30 minutes during peak time they were PACKED. People sitting on stairs and standing from auburn to seattle.
Not enough train carts
Adding capacity on current routes makes sense, as many times now, leaving King Street, it gets pretty crowded.
Need to bring back the cars that were taken away.
I think there should be longer trains AND more trips during the weekdays. I would rather that than catering to sporting event attendees. If they can afford to attend the event, they can afford to drive to Seattle and pay for parking. Just one commuter's opinion.
Need longer trains in afternoon. There times where it's hard to find a seat
Bring back 7 car trains!
use more cars
Added train cars would be nice. More options for bicycles on board.
More options for the sounder would be nice. I think for us to be able to help with traffic congestion here we need more public transportation and need it to run more often like other big cities. With a limited schedule using the trains is less of an option. Longer trains with more cars will also be a must if more people start riding.
It's gotten pretty full in the mornings and afternoons. I depart Tacoma Dome at 6am and from Kent typically 3:55PM or 4:15PM. Barely any seats
If spreading frequency, will need to balance trains to not become overcrowded. The ridership has picked up at peak times.
I believe the sounder train would benefit from having weekend service, a larger capacity, and departures at even times.
We need wifi on the train. We need more places to seat. We are being forced back to the office, so need more train carts. Also, if the train can be expanded all the way to Lacey it would help with traffic. A lot of people drive from Lacey to a Sound Train Station. At least that's what the people that I have talked to have told me.

Trains are packed but it is likely number of riders looks down because no one pays and there is no ticket checking or barrier to stop people from boarding without paying.
More cars and more mid day trains plus since parking is so bad in summer please add more busses from bonney lake park and ride to match train schedule.
More cars in the morning as trains are crowded.
Including more train service, increasing capacity, and increaing the speed a which the trains run to get to your destination faster, would greatly increase the number of riders and the frequency at which people will choose trains over car travel.

### ***Schedule barrier comments***

1) There also needs to be more morning times for the train departing South Tacoma. 6:50 a.m. is very early and makes the train inaccessible to many. We need a 7:20 and 7: 50 am train as well. 2) There needs to be better biking and walking connections to the Sounder, especially from the transit center on 48th that connects to 54th. There are no curb cuts in the sidewalks on 54th, no crosswalks, and it is dangerous to walk there. Biking is better because of the painted lines and Washington St.
The last morning train departure time from Tacoma was always very challenging as a one-car household with a child who needed to be dropped off at daycare. Later time options would make it much easier.
I work up by Lake union Seattle along Westlake Ave N and I can't catch a sounder to get back to. Lakewood Station. So I run from Virginia & 3rd to Stewart and 4th catch the 592. If we had more trains South bound I would ride back. 6:30 pm I can never make due to metro schedule along Westlake Ave N.
I used to ride the train 3-4x /week pre-covid. I love the train. I'd like to be able to take the train for concerts and Seattle visits, but it never seems to be an option and I have to take the 594 or drive.
Not having evening options really deters me from taking advantage of the trains especially for traveling to and from concerts and events.
I love the Sounder train, but it is largely unusable to me because of my schedule, so I only use it on odd days. I live in Seattle, and work in Kent from 2pm - 10pm most days, including Sundays. If there were trains around my normal commute times, I would bike to the train, and save about 30 minutes compared to commuting by bus.
I live in Bellevue, partner lives in Tacoma, Sounder would be useful for visiting them or traveling between the cities but current schedule really limits its potential. Also the fact I have to go into Seattle instead of traveling directly into Bellevue. More broadly beyond just Sounder, we need more ST service between north (Everett) and south (Tacoma) cities and the Eastside.
When I rode the Sounder, you got rid of the latest morning trip and it really sucked because the earlier trains were super full. My work tends to start late, so I also didn't need to take it earlier.
It is often impossible to get to the last train after work ends in one direction and I would often like to do a round trip.
It's unfortunate that the Puget Sound Region doesn't have a rail system like Chicago, Washington DC and other large cities. You want us to ride trains but they need to be available!

I would normally have to use express bus 594 or 574 instead of Sounder for the northbound trip from Lakewood to Tacoma or Seattle because of the limited times when Sounder runs, and because I don't usually want travel during peak commute periods.
So there are times when I have business dinners or other events in Seattle. I have to drive myself, commuting in the morning so I have a ride home. When I don't need to drive in, Sounder South has been fantastic. But the 6:30 cut off in the evening is problematic.
Earlier start time! I start work in Seattle at 6 and cannot take the earliest sounder which is extremely disappointing! I love the afternoon sounder trip home and would love to take more Sounders
My husband works in Olympia, but we live in Renton. The times for the service are not convenient for him to use. We have looked into it before, and would love to be able to use the service!
I can't rely on it for work because the last train leaving Seattle is too early. If I miss it I can't get back to Auburn station outside of a ridiculously long bus ride
Sounder should be true intercity rail, not commuter rail. I've never ridden sounder due to trains not running southbound enough and only during commute times. Instead I have to drive to places on the evenings/weekends
I live in Tacoma and the drive to Seattle is, frankly, awful. I would love to be able to ride the train for every possible reason I go to Seattle - medical appointments is a big one, but social activities and special events are others. Many social activities and special events end late, and thus are not served by the current schedule.
I think Sounder South is an absolutely amazing resource for the Seattle Metro area and I really hope the frequency and regularity of the service increase. The major downside for me is that there are only 3 trains for me to use (for each direction) which makes it difficult to plan my travels. I believe if there were more trains, more riders would use Sounder, which in turn would reduce traffic, and our collective carbon emissions.
I've ridden the sounder a few times to Seattle from Tacoma and it's an absolute gem, but the times are not convenient for evening and weekend events or daily commute. I really wish it ran more.
Tacoma could be a better hub for commuters working in Seattle, but the train schedule makes it impractical for many workers. For instance, if someone in Tacoma misses the 7:50 AM train from Tacoma Dome, they are stranded for hours. Likewise, if that Tacoma commuter works in South Lake Union or someplace further away from King Street Station, a return trip time of 6:30 is not practical since many workers get off of work at 6.
There have been a lot of times I would have taken the S line instead of a bus or car. The train has always been my preferred method of transit but it hasn't worked for my needs in a few years since I stopped working regular hours in Seattle. I would love to be able to use it to get to my usual activities, especially on weekends.
The morning options out of Lakewood are too early!
The hours the train runs lock me into a schedule where if I want to get to work before meetings, I need to catch the 6 or 620am train, and I can't wait until after meetings to come in on my lunch break. At the same time, I can't leave early to work the morning and come home on my lunch break, because the train stops running until 230pm. Meaning, it's a 10-11hr day. If there were more midday and evening options, I could shift my schedule to better times.



Since the pandemic we relocated to Tacoma and this is the first city I've lived in where I don't regularly use public transit. One of those reasons is access to schedules that support getting into Seattle on the weekend or evenings. I'd value being able to use it for recreation and entertainment purposes. I'm a remote worker and rarely need to travel to the city during peak hours.
An earlier train would be beneficial. I am in construction, so change jobsites frequently. The earliest northbound train usually arrives too late for me to reach work on time, so I must bus instead (King County Metro)
I want to use sounder to commute from Seattle to Kent round trip. My work schedule ends early and I find that waiting what can often be an extra 40 minutes for the first northbound train at 4:40 PM back to Seattle is discouraging to me continuing to use the Sounder South. I would love to see the sounder arrive into Kent earlier (around the 4 pm to 4:20 Range) for its first trip. Stretch Ask: It would improve access for me greatly for the sounder to have a station in Belltown (near pier 66)
I typically commute by bike; available southbound trains from king station in the morning are too early and scattered to be useful. if I miss the 1503; 6:30AM train, the wait is a full 1.5 hours until the 1505; 8AM train. At which point I typically bike to my destination faster.
It would be great if there was a late night train heading south every evening at 11pm or so. We would use it most often to attend shows or events in Seattle and return home to Tacoma safely. I haven't actually used the train yet because the current service only caters to the commuters which is not me or my partner. The bus is a pretty good alternative but I would typically prefer to take the train as it's not impacted by traffic. Please add nights and weekends!
The current schedule makes it hard to use when you are in seattle trying get south. Events happen in Kent Auburn and Tacoma that I don't bother with because otherwise the bus options are slow. Eventually I would also like it studied to extend Sounder S to Olympia
The times make it barely useful when it's arguably the most ideal route into Seattle from Tacoma, the highway at peak hours is unreliable.
I work in Kent and live in Bellevue, but we are planning to move to Seattle. The Sounder would be very useful in my commute but there is not a single time that it runs that would work for me, since it operates backwards from my needs.
I would LOVE to utilize the south sounder more often, but the lack of scheduling makes it nearly impossible - especially for evening classes and events.
because of the limited trains midday it makes me use it far less because if I want to go up for a simple day trip it becomes a whole day affair. I think many more people would use it if they could have more flexible times to go to Seattle instead of having to plan out a whole day in advance.
Train schedule is inconvenient and undesirable for anything other than peak commuter. And even then it's overcrowded and cramped
I usually take the express bus coming back to Seattle because the sounder doesn't run that late.
Southbound to Lakewood would be wonderful for work in the morning and return in the evening. I cannot bike+train with the current schedule while working a full day.
I commute from Seattle to UW Tacoma. The Sounder options currently available for this commute are fairly limited and run earlier than I usually commute. Late morning/early evening options would work much better for me. Currently I either drive or take the bus, but I would love to take the train more frequently.

<p>Weekday: have to take Amtrak north from tacoma dome in the afternoon/ evenings</p> <p>Weekend: have to take amtrak both ways now. Sounder on the weekend would be amazing. especially southbound evening options so people could spend the days in Seattle then come back home after</p>
<p>I like the idea of taking the train but it does go so infrequently that it scares me a bit. I want to leave when I want to leave. It's an anxiety thing.</p>
<p>I usually have to take 590 or 594 express buses because sounder does not have many southbound departure options in the evening</p>
<p>I most frequently use the express bus because of the limited departure times of the Sounder. Were it available, I would take it every time. This would mean I would take the train 4-5x a month. Now I pretty much only ride it when it's possible for special event service.</p>
<p>The biggest blockers are the lack of consistent coverage of Sounder service throughout the day/night, and availability of parking near the station. If you can't park, it makes it nearly impossible to take advantage of the station. Fortunately, Auburn is getting another parking structure in the future. Yay! Would totally use the Sounder all the time if I could set out midday and get home at night.</p>
<p>Only because Sounders stops running, so I have to find another way home.</p>
<p>Sometimes is round trip, usually have to find some other way to get home though since it's often a Friday evening when I use the train</p>
<p>I often use it to visit my brother in Pierce County, go to Kent Station for dinner or hockey games or Tacoma for date night and shows. When there is not a good transit return trip I'll drive instead of taking transit. Later return trips northbound (such as 8pm - 11pm) would help me use the train more and drive less.</p>
<p>Aside from Seahawks trains, no other sounder route makes round trip possible due to departure times</p>
<p>I work in puyallup and live in seattle, but I am unable to take the train home (to seattle) because there are limited to no evening rides northbound, so I drive a single occupancy vehicle every day. Make evening northbound times and that would change.</p>
<p>I know they are the most expensive to fix, but anything to improve the speed of the train and increase frequency of the schedule is crucial. Bottom line those 2 reasons are the biggest blockers for me and others from riding the train.</p>
<p>The only reason that my trips on the sounder are not usually round trips are simply because there is such a large gap between trains going into Seattle and trains going south again. I usually end up taking the light rail as close to home as I can get instead.</p>
<p>I live in SEA and am often excited about plans in Tacoma, look up the sounder schedule and find that there are zero options for trains to my destination due to the timing of it and then don't even go. We need a regular, reliable, and useful way to travel at a regional scale and I'm thrilled Sounder is exploring ways to be that connection.</p>
<p>I don't go to Seattle that often, but when I do, the Sounder usually is not running, which is inconvenient as I'd have to go all the way to Angle Lake to take the train downtown. This is a long shot, but I think the best way to bring the most improvements to Sounder is to buy the tracks from BNSF and electrify the line. This would speed up trains, remove the need to negotiate with BNSF for service changes, and could allow for a world-class train line.</p>

In the past, the lack of northbound evening trips has deterred me from using Sounder to attend things like conferences in Tacoma. I would've otherwise preferred to use Sounder over driving.
With RTO I try to go into the office in the middle of the day and leave before peak times. There is never an option to use the Sounder, which I would prefer, so I end up using the Link because the travel times are more regular and they have midday options.
Adding a pread of trips on weekends, and on weekday afternoons/evenings would make Sounder an incredibly useful mode of transit. As-is, since I don't commute to Seattle and don't attend sports games it's almost completely useless to me. I would love to ride it several times a month, maybe more.
I sometimes take an Express Bus north in the morning versus Sounder because I would prefer a later morning departure; then same in the southbound evening, I switch to Express Bus if I have a late meeting or met up with someone after work. But I prefer the train and would take it more if those times were offered.
I don't get into the office until 9:30am, so I rarely take it since the latest train is before 8am
I live in Tacoma and work at the hospital. Most shifts start at 7am and 7pm, shifts end at 7:30am and 7:30pm when finishing shifts. I would take the train from Tacoma to Puyallup 3 times a week if I can make the train after I get out. Assuming 20 minutes after shift end would be enough to walk there if needed. Currently mornings works going there but have to take a bus which takes longer to get home
It's very rare the current schedule works for me
I depart from Seattle in the evening after work. Sounder does not run back to Seattle so I have to take the bus home.
Later weekday options on Tuesdays, wednesdays or Thursday's would be extremely helpful and allow me to take the train to work even on days where I have social or work events after 4pm. Right now I'm forced to different because the last train leaves at 6:30, even though I'd rather take the train, especially if it's a social event involving dinner/drinks.
Disappointed I can't select weekday afternoon north and southbound trips. I most often have to come from 6-12a and return 1-5p, mainly for medical care. 100% of the time I want to take a train rather than a bus or my car, but I can rarely commit to an entire day in Seattle and typically my appointments aren't for hours after I would arrive taking the train from with current timeslots. I would also LOVE to take the train roundtrip on weekends or days off to do some shopping or see friends.
My preference is to ride the train early to arrive in Seattle King station at 6AM and head South to arrive in Sumner by 3PM. The schedule I see for South from the King Street station doesn't begin until 4:30PM which is too late for me to arrive home for the kids when school is released.
Recently I was invited to a Mariners. Thought there would be more service especially on a saturday but it was so limited I ended up driving. Gotta have more service if you want people to use the service, ya know?
During the holiday season for example I would like to take the Sounder to and from Tacoma to Seattle but it is impossible due to the lack of availability. The Puget Sound needs to be environmentally sound and deal with the horrible traffic congestion between Tacoma and Seattle. I love our area but it has become so difficult to enjoy on many occasions due to the traffic and hassles of parking in Seattle.

We would like to be able to take the Sounder to Seattle for fun and entertainment instead of driving and the hassle of parking on weekends. Unfortunately, the schedule doesn't work for us. An early afternoon train from Tacoma and a late evening train from Seattle to Tacoma would work best. Trains that leave Tacoma no later than 9am and which leave Seattle no later than 6:30pm have always been a show stopper for us.
I normally only ride one way because when I need to return there is no train available, so I take buses instead.
I would love to be able to utilize the Sounder South, but the times that I would usually be traveling aren't available via this service. There is too much time between the morning and afternoon trains, and the fact that I can't ride it on the weekends always forces me to have to book a ride through Amtrak.
I ride to Seattle but have to resort bus home in the 9-11a time frame
I would like to drive my car to the Puyallup park & ride and take the sounder to Seattle but the times the train runs simply don't make sense for any medical appointments made in the afternoon, nor for having dinner with friends.
I would like to be able to go to Seattle more, but want to use the sounder and it just doesn't run at times it's good for shoppers. It is set up for commuters, but what about those of us who would use public transit to decrease congestion, but cannot because the service times don't work?
I live in Seattle but occasionally go to Olympia for will - I drive most of the time, but have used transit to get between the two. There is a bus from Olympia to Lakewood and I would love to use the sounder to get from Lakewood back to Seattle but it usually doesn't run at the times of the day I need it. There is a bus from Lakewood but significantly slower
I usually am able to take the train one way (Southbound) and then an ST Express bus the other way. The bus is much less convenient due to the lack of restroom facilities. The restrooms onboard Sounder are an important amenity - please make sure these stay in any future service plan.
The lack of all-day bidirectional trips is a dealbreaker for me. I don't want to take a train to a south city like Tacoma or Kent only to find out that if I don't hurry up and finish what I'm doing, I'll be stranded in the city because the last train leaves at 3pm or some such.
Commute only hours mean that we can't use the train.
I understand that most people use the sounder to commute to Seattle, but it is really frustrating that there aren't a few more reverse commute options. I commute from Seattle to Kent, at least five times a month and end up taking the bus far more than the train because of lack of options.
Living in Kent, I've used the Sounder to commute both to school (UW) and work. Having more evening return options would allow me to participate in more activities on campus or spend time with friends after work. Commuting is exhausting, and with the current Sounder schedule, I'm forced to commute to Seattle for social events on days when I'm not already in the office. Having evening return service would be transformative and allow me to continue living more comfortably and affordably in Kent.
The last train is way too early on weekday mornings (minus the 1030 one) so I take the bus in, and take the train home. More friends would come visit me in Tacoma if there was a train to take on weekends since the train is much more enjoyable than the bus. Also, I'm very concerned about the limit on bikes on the trains "until further notice." I use my bike to connect for the final mile and it would be a huge inconvenience to show up for the train and not be able to ride with my bike!

I rarely use sounder service currently because the limited trip times are not convenient for me.
It would be great to have a northbound to Seattle train that leaves about 9:30. 10:30 gets you there quite late in the day, but leaving before 8 is unworkable if you have kids to get to school. I would take it almost every day if there was a train about this time.
For the longest time, a lack of weekend trains and or late evening trains makes me avoid using trains to use cars instead. This would change if I could take the train to get where I need when I need.
Never round trip because I leave earlier than first train leaves Seattle in afternoon going southbound
Sometimes I have to take Amtrak because the sounder doesn't run at a time that works for me
I live across the street from Kent station but take the light rail Monday and Friday because there's such a large gap in the south bound train in the afternoon that I end up on campus for hours with little to do because my classes are early in the day. I would take the sounder every day of the week if there was a south train earlier then 2:35, which would also save me a car trip from my place to angle lake.
Can't round trip since no evening schedules. PLEASE please please create evening and weekend schedules!!! We would ride so often from Tacoma to Seattle!!
If times were added that allowed me to take sound south from Seattle to Kent, Tacoma, and Tukwila I would go to those places more often because I would not have to drive. I hate driving but the current sounder south times don't work for these kinds of trips.
I used to ride Sounder to downtown for work. Now that I'm retired the peak hour schedule doesn't meet my needs.
I wanted to ride the sounder from Lakewood to SeaTac for work, but work hours are 1800L to 0230L and no trains available during these times-so i am spending \$400 in gas monthly because of the non-service provided
I frequently cannot take the sounder train round trip given the limited schedule. When it's not running I have to take the light rail which takes a lot longer and is much less convenient.
When I was looking for work it was easy/great to hop on the train but as much as I would love to use it for family outings or errands into Seattle it's currently not practical. (Before moving south I used to be an avid bus commuter leaving Mercer Island/Eastgate area almost daily) I honestly didn't even know about event trains until recently. The current setup/communication doesn't promote new ridership or retention unless you are a work commuter (which is an important need as well)
Currently, the latest northbound train comes before I get off work, so it doesn't work for me. Better frequency in the morning for the southbound route would also allow me to ride. I would really prefer that to the bus, as the station is actually closer to my work, and I love taking the train. It just isn't feasible for me currently, so I rely on the 150 bus line, which gets stuck in highway traffic.
I usually have to catch the 574 from 188th because the sounder runs at 6:15 and then 06:50 from Kent Station which leaves a large gap.
I don't normally take a round trip because there are no trains when I need to leave. So I take a bus instead.

I would LOVE for this to be a round trip but there is no late train heading back! If a group of people are brought to work between 11 and Noon, it makes sense to offer them a ride home between 8 and 9. Legally, passenger trains have priority over BNSF's freight; enforce this law.
I work 12 hour shifts 7a to 730p. The current train schedule does not support this
It's not round trip because of how little hours the sounder runs. The last train is like 730-815am going north but business opening at 10am is normal. It would be convenient for a 9am sounder / and another for a later night shift worker like around 12pm.
Live in Tacoma now and work in the boonies, but used to live in Auburn and work in Tukwila, and the Sounder was largely useless to a retail employee who worked weekends and had midshifts. I know you have a budget, but it felt like the train couldn't be used by some of the people who would benefit the most: low paid shift workers who have crap hours. Hugely support evening service; I would take more Seattle/Tukwila trips for sure.
I live in Seattle and my partner lives in Tacoma, so I travel to Tacoma often. I work in Seattle but I often work until 9 or 10 p.m., so this prevents me from moving to Tacoma to live with my partner, since I couldn't commute after 6 p.m. As well, I would love to take the Sounder to see him on the weekends rather than the bus. He often wants to come see me in Seattle as well, but he greatly prefers the train to the bus, so his options are limited.
I would travel round trip if there were a way to get back but the commute times are too limited. I would love to be able to go up on the weekend on the train.
Riding the Sounder has always been limiting due to the schedule. When I was commuting into an office right at King Street Station every day, I was unable to stay in Seattle to do shopping or after-work events with my coworkers, as the Sounder stopped running too early without any reasonable replacements to get home. I now live very close to the Puyallup Sounder station, but am forced to drive all the way to Angle Lake to take the Link Rail any time I want to get into Seattle for events/social.
I currently have to ride ST 594 express bus home from work because Sounder does not run late enough. The 594 is very inconsistent in the late evenings southbound from Seattle
It's not a round trip because Southbound doesn't currently run later. Expanded schedule would dramatically increase my use of the train. I can also say that many friends and family share my sentiment. This would also help to increase the business activity in Seattle which was lost from the pandemic and continues to struggle due to the increase in people working from home. It would also increase my ability to employ people from King county
I don't use the roundtrip...you didn't offer an option to say I have to use the bus to get home.
Use hotel near Lumen area due to limited Sounder schedule. Driving to Seattle with parking is next to impossible. We would have the ability to attend so many events and/or socialize in Seattle if crime was reduced and transportation schedules were available using the Sounder South!
No evening trains mean I need to take a Metro bus home, adding nearly an hour to my trip
We would love to use the train more often as we prefer has fast it is and that it's much cleaner and feels safer than the light rail. However, we can't use it often as it barely runs. We would do more city things if we could take it back later in the evening.
I'd like it be a round trip, but the train stops too early in the evening for me to take it round trip.

I would use Sounder for trips to and from Seattle if it had a later return in the evening. As it is it would require leaving work or other meetings too early to catch the last one southbound. If it ran on weekends I would use it to access social activities in Tacoma and Seattle. If you could coordinate a good express bus from Olympia to Lakewood that would be a huge help to using Sounder even if you kept the existing schedule. I want to use Sounder! Schedule just too Limited.
I often travel to Tacoma from Seattle for work, and would like to take the sounder. However, with the limited frequency, it does not accommodate my schedule and I would end up in Tacoma longer than necessary, so I often opt for driving.
I used to ride every workday, pre-Covid. I typically caught the last AM train to Seattle and the last PM train from Seattle to Sumner. But I've watched the light rail delays/cancellations and the train delays/cancellations post Covid, and it seems obvious I would regularly miss the last train home unless I allow an absurd amount of time to get from UW to King Street. So, I'm driving all the time now.
Would like it to be round trip but not an option currently (trains don't run southbound late enough or on weekends)
I live in the Browns Point area and would love to have an alternative to driving into Seattle. I know that Light Rail will be opening in Federal Way soon, but the Tacoma Dome is just as convenient. Sounder does not run when I need it.
I would like to take the train southbound in the evening more but end up missing it due to early cut off. So I take it in the morning but often can't in the evening.
Currently when I go to Tacoma I take 594 down and the 5:15 Sounder up to Seattle. This is a barrier and means I go to Tacoma less than I would like. I was also looking at jobs recently and an all-day Sounder would have allowed me to work in Auburn, Tukwila, and Kent. I envision a future where Sounder S improves regional connectivity like CalTrain. LINK to Tacoma will be great, but Sounder has the ability to offer express service with baby bullete as well as better serve a densifying right of way.
It would be convenient if there is another train that departs from King station at 7:00 and 7:30pm southbound. Most of the healthcare worker like I do does not schedule on business hours, we work 10-12 hours daily. the 6:30pm last trip from king station must be extended to 7pm and 7:30pm accommodate us. We pay more for RTA taxes and fully support public transportations but unfortunately the current schedule does not work for me.
My return trips happen by bus, because they are later than Sounder service.
Because your train does not run at The Times when I need to get back home I have to take the 150 bus which takes literally a hour and 40 minutes to get to near my home.
Your current schedule makes the Sounder train essentially inaccessible to me. More eventing and weekend trains would be a game changer for me.
I love trains and would love to take the Sounder to explore other parts of the Seattle metro, especially for recreation, meet ups, events, etc. but I'm not a morning person and the 2-something service with a return trip at 5:30 isn't really enough to justify a trip down to Tacoma to go to a museum, especially on a weekday. I'd love to take it on the weekends, though, especially if you offered late morning/early afternoon S trips and evening return trips.
I work late a lot and because the train stops at 6:30 pm, I then need to drive in.

When I take LINK most of the time it is to the downtown area. Sounder is much faster to the downtown area than LINK but unfortunately does not run during the times where I would use the service (nights/weekends)
The Sounder is absolutely fantastic! The biggest problem is that it doesn't run when I need it most.
I would ride more for other activities outside of work, but there are very limited options. Would be so usefull to be able to ride the train in the evenings and weekends outside of morning and evening peak hours.
I often am unable to take Sounder south when I'm done with my school in Seattle. It begins after 2pm and I get out around 11:30 to noon. It's difficult and takes much much longer to get home without the Sounder. Service needs to be for everyone and not just stereotypical commuters (which are the minority of the people who would benefit from better Sounder)
It never could be a round trip because my client has appointments in the afternoon and sometimes on weekends. I'd like for it to be a round trip in the future, because my client's wheelchair actually fits on the train and DOES NOT FIT ON THE TACOMA-SEATTLE BUS. Caps because that is a crucial discrimination against disabled riders that needs to be addressed. If my client needs to be in Seattle at 3pm, we should not have to get there at 8am. We'd like to go very often if it were accessible.
I want to use the Sounder more but I can't without more round trips during the day, plain and simple. For example, I have a medical appointment that I would love to take the sounder for, but without midday return trips it simply won't work. I dream of a system kind of like what you find in Paris or Salt Lake, with trains connecting the suburbs at regular intervals, not just during commutes.
My son could go to the University of Washington in Seattle if there were more time options. I could go as well, but the schedule is so limited that I have to drive.
It's nice to have the train station so close to my house in Auburn. It makes it very convenient if I wanted to go out to Seattle, however the trains don't run late enough in the southbound direction and I'm stuck having to take expensive Uber rides home or hours-long bus routes.
Used it once in 2017. Found the limited hours of operation inconvenient. Would use light link for closer locations like Tacoma and federal way if I could use sounder to get to Seattle faster.
The expansion of the Sounder train is an incredible opportunity to increase transit options and honor Sound Transit's desire to fight climate change and advance equity in our region. I live by Kent station and would prefer to take transit but too often the schedule means driving or missing things entirely. I urge you to increase weekend travel. My fianc�e is blind and this expansion would transform her life, giving her independence and increased access to work opportunities and social events.
The Sounder Train makes my travel time less. Takes only 20 minutes from Kent to King Street Station. Round trips are not possible if I travel for medical appointment when the train is not scheduled.
I have always wanted to ride the Sounder, however, I have never been able to find my schedule align with times the Sounder runs. Having expanded options for Sounder times would greatly benefit me, my family, and my friends, as we live in Graham, where there is little to do, but the Puyallup station is relatively close, and the Sounder runs to multiple locations with recreational opporotunites, and are too much of a hassle to drive to.



This is not a round trip because there is no sounder train on the weekends. If I use the train, I must depart from Seattle southbound on Friday afternoon to reach Tacoma and return to Seattle via Bremerton ferry on Sunday. I often choose to drive, despite the high cost of gas and traffic, because I cannot use the Sounder train in both directions for a weekend visit.
The timing sucks for meetings. I commonly try to figure out a non-transit solution for one of the legs.
I came from Chicago, I lived an hour south of the city where I worked. Day shifts or night shifts I could always take our train. Rush hours, morn and eves, they ran every 20-30 minutes. The rest of the day and night they ran hourly to and fro. They were full because they were reliable and offered schedules for all workers, all shifts. Your present schedule is embarrassing for a city that claims to be green and wants to eliminate single drivers and congested freeways. Workers can't work overtime.
I used to live in Seattle and work in Auburn. I rode the Sounder daily. Due to route changes in the pandemic I had to find a new job because the train schedule did not work with my required hours. I loved riding the sounder to work!
It's really frustrating that you stop south Tacoma trains even before 7am and there's never a train after 6:30pm. Many days I drive to Seattle because of this. Even having a 7:10am train would significantly help.

#### ***Parking, connections, reliability and safety comments***

I would use the Sumner Station, but there is no parking available.
It would be helpful to coordinate Sounder North with Sounder South. I start my Sounder commute in Mukilteo & switch trains at King Street
Although service is already replicated on many Sound Transit express bus services, the train is much more comfortable, spacious, and has amenities that makes riding more pleasant (bathrooms, wifi, charging spots). Additional coordination with local transit agencies -- especially Pierce Transit -- to ensure bus connections with Sounder service is essential.
1) There also needs to be more morning times for the train departing South Tacoma. 6:50 a.m. is very early and makes the train inaccessible to many. We need a 7:20 and 7: 50 am train as well. 2) There needs to be better biking and walking connections to the Sounder, especially from the transit center on 48th that connects to 54th. There are no curb cuts in the sidewalks on 54th, no crosswalks, and it is dangerous to walk there. Biking is better because of the painted lines and Washington St.
The first time we tried riding the train for a Seahawk game, it completely skipped the Auburn station because it was too full. I am tired of public transit being pushed on everyone, but not being provided ample seating on trains - I can not stand for 1 hour and sometimes they're so crowded you don't have options other than to not ride. Train station is only a few miles from our house, and it's a shame we can't ride into the city on weekends when we want to as well.
I really want to use it more. I need more confidence.
Only having one ride to and from seattle on event days feels like a gamble for folks who rely on public transit. The possibility of there not being space on the way back makes the sounder an unreliable option.

As a Bremerton resident, Sounder is completely unusable without bidirectional 7-day service. Adding that service without adding an express bus from Bremerton to Tacoma makes Sounder only marginally more useful. We deserve good connections to King & Pierce Counties, & right now neither Sounder nor ST Express Buses provide that, in part bc Kitsap Transit & Sound Transit seem from a rider's perspective to not work together at all.
Sounder service is poorly aligned with other sound and pierce transit services. Example The track crossing arm at Tacoma dome station is lowered for approximately two minutes after the train has entered the station. This frequently prevents me from catching the link to commerce and therefore missing busses I could have easily caught. This costs me 30-60 minutes of my life every afternoon. Same for getting to Tdome station in the morning. My options are the 595 and pierce transit one
More thought to parking in Summer during the garage parking.
More direct connections between south and east king county would be appreciated. Most of the connections go through Seattle, so the best option for me is to drive.
more parking for tukwila station!
The recent lack of reliability has made me question if I can commute with the sounder at all. It's currently too unreliable (so many cancelled and significantly delayed trains) so I've been driving more instead.
Add more cars back and build a parking garage in Sumner
Before expanding or making changes trains need to be more dependable. Lots of cancellations due to trains breaking down. That is why a lot of coworkers stopped riding the train.
Increase reliability of trains
Sometimes the trains are unreliable because they are canceled for maintenance issues. This makes it hard to plan trips and can leave riders stranded. I think another focus should be train maintenance as well as additional services.
Worry daily about dependability due to many recent delays and cancellations, due to mechanical and breakdowns and other train traffic.
We need the second promised garage in Auburn to reduce parking issues. Add more people return to work and UW resumes classes the parking is getting more filled up. Please build the second garage and fix the 3 year + problem that has closed two levels of the Auburn garage.
Expanding locations outside of the Tacoma dome (easier access) and better parking options would increase my ridership.
Auburn garage needs more spaces. Please open the upper levels.
Look up Puyallup parking predicament Facebook group page to read years worth of frustration and feedback about the lack of parking at Puyallup station.
When I moved to Kent 2 years ago, I was very excited that the sounder could take me straight into Seattle. Unfortunately, I quickly realized that it was completely useless to me because it only works for commuters, and I was already closer to my job than the sounder could take me. This resulted in me never riding the sounder despite living less than a mile from the station. Expanding service times to evenings and weekends should be a top priority.
I'd love to take public transit to Lakewood for work, but nothing runs from Tacoma to the Western State Hospital area. 3,000 employees commute here every day. A public transit option would be awesome :)

The issue with event trains is that there isn't enough time before or after the event to enjoy other things in the City. If there was weekend service, I would take the train into Seattle and Tacoma on weekends to meet with friends or enjoy events and amenities.
King County Metro needs to improve the timing of some buses to have less wait time at the station.
The current schedule makes catching a bus uptown in order to get to work by 6am extremely tight. I have to run up the stairs and around the corner. If I miss the bus, there isn't another one for 10 minutes. An earlier train would give me much more options if I miss the first bus instead of being late.
Please consider parking issues in conjunction with the schedule. A lot of us have to take an earlier train just to find a parking spot. If those trains change, you will have riders give up on transit because they cant find parking.
The biggest issues I've encountered have been random freight delays throughout the work week, poor timing with connections on busses and light rail, and the atrocious smell inside train cars during the summer. It would be nice if the light rail were offset by four minutes so that it could be caught directly after walking off the Sounder and into the station. It would also be better to have a crossing at King St to CID station that did not require going up to the surface.
The lack of evening train options has unintended safety consequences. I ride the Sounder into Seattle for work, which makes it difficult to meet friends for drinks after, due to lack of evening or weekend service. If I know I will stay for drinks after work, I will drive into the city (less safe after alcohol) instead of using the train. It would also help if 36 hour parking were allowed at stations instead of 24, in case one needs to stay in the city overnight after missing the last train.
Increase bus service to Tukwila Sounder Station. There is currently no way to travel north or south of the station, which makes it difficult to use as a commute point.
My use of Sounder has gone way down because the Link has become unreliable and I need to be able to connect to work. Also I now have a disability that makes longer walks difficult for me, and recent road work eliminated a crucial bus stop for me to connect from the Link to work. Viable connections are crucial for the system to work.
Parking is needed
Please open parking in Auburn station up to 5th floor and add more train back from Seattle
Please have later than 6:30pm option and open top two floors of auburn station parking
Bedroom communities need RapidRide options to get to rail transportation. Redmond and Bellevue get full light rail. Places like Fairwood don't only have semi-reliable bus service to get to the train/light rail stations in the first place.
I would like more weekday trains, however, more trains would not be useful until the Sumner parking garage is complete. Many days, you can't find parking there if you are not riding the earliest trains. Also, it's frustrating to use the train to commute to Seattle but be stuck there and unable to return home southbound in the event if an emergency due to lack of trains running 8:30-2:30.

As a resident of Sumner, adding longer trains or changing the schedule to add more trains are both pointless because there is never anywhere to park to use the train unless you get there very early in the morning. If you aren't parked by 6:45am most days you're done for the day. Everything around Sumner station is residential and marked 3-hour max parking. There's talk about a new parking structure, but that is years away and the parking situation will get much worse before it ever gets better.
Very difficult to get to from Orting where I live as parking is terrible and no public transportation and bike path stops before the station
Parking: Need more 3-hour spaces, some 4 hour spaces. Is there a way to reserve a space online. Plan for ways to get people to the station, like express busses leaving from park/ride lots, partner with business that has excess parking spaces; example Surprise lake shopping center, Milton/Edgewood. New T-line in Tacoma great. Need more low income pass options.
Parking in Puyallup is awe full and there's no way to get to the other platform if you end up on the wrong one. It's really annoying.
El horario nunca ha sido un problema, pero la limpieza y aveces la seguridad si (The schedule has never been a problem, but cleanliness and sometimes security has.)
I don't generally feel safe walking around Seattle, so I tend to just go in and out of the city for big events. I eat in a different city before going up there, etc. The other reason I don't use mass transit in the area is that it doesn't go directly to places I need to go, it takes a whole lot longer to use it, and there's no parking garages once I get there. For example, if I want to go to Auburn Outlets from Tacoma and I ride the sounder then what do I do when I get off in Auburn? Walk?
I live in White Center and commute to Tacoma. Right now, the best commute for me to get to work is to take the H Line north into downtown Seattle and catch the 594 south to Commerce Street. What I would prefer is a way to get to the Tukwila station and catch the Sounder to Tacoma Dome Station and then the T Line to work. It seems silly that I have to travel so far North just to go South, and that the latest train out of Tukwila is at 8:08. There should be an easier, more direct way for me to go.
Need better parking options and safety for riders
For people who have to work later (team building, happy hour, client dinner, etc) , having a northbound train closer to 10am and a southbound train around 8pm would be extremely helpful! It's one of the biggest reasons I don't ride more.
It's hard to get from Tacoma to the east side and back using Sounder
The biggest blockers are the lack of consistent coverage of Sounder service throughout the day/night, and availability of parking near the station. If you can't park, it makes it nearly impossible to take advantage of the station. Fortunately, Auburn is getting another parking structure in the future. Yay! Would totally use the Sounder all the time if I could set out midday and get home at night.
I moved to Kent East Hill/Meridian 1 year ago and have been required to return to office. However my office is in Georgetown near the 1st avenue bridge so there aren't any reliable connections from King Street Station to consider the train and no transit near my home to get to the Kent Station. Trip planner suggests a 2 hour bus ride when my commute is 35-45min.
I know they are the most expensive to fix, but anything to improve the speed of the train and increase frequency of the schedule is crucial. Bottom line those 2 reasons are the biggest blockers for me and others from riding the train.

The train needs more security
The Sounder is an excellent resource and I would prefer using it over other options for travel. I hope that an increased schedule would also translate into looking for ways to increase ridership, such as looking at how to make transit stations more accessible for those without a personal vehicle. To use the Sounder I either need to take a one-hour long bus ride to Lakewood, or be dropped off at the station by personal vehicle. This severely limits my ability to use the Sounder
Stations stops are still very far away from final destination.... requiring A ride share needed and then after appointments the Sounder usually is not operating
Please consider event trips for festivals and conventions, like Emerald City Comic Con, PAX West, Bumpershoot, and similar weekend festivities. Currently, the ends of Sounder are not serviced by light rail, making taking transit to these events an ordeal, especially for families taking strollers, as the busses provided (such as 594) do not always easily accommodate strollers for families, whereas Link Light Rail and Sounder do.
I would like to see additional morning southbound trips implemented because sometimes I miss the last southbound morning train due to a late link light rail train which disrupts my transfer to Sounder.
I'd probably use the Sounder more often in it's current form if the station nearest to me was more accessible. Expanding the schedule is great but there needs to be better transit options to and from the stations that also match the expanded schedule. A midnight train will matter little if the only bus line to/from the station ends at 9 pm. The nearest station to me is ~4 miles away, the only bus to that station is ~2 miles away. Having to drive to transit really dissuades people from using it.
I would use it if it were a feasible mode of transport for my needs. My commute, when I go into the office, would take less time than taking the train.
Ability to connect sounder to light rail in the Kent or south area would be a bonus. To actually get to The airport without a car would be something that would be very helpful for people in the south end. So many services in King County, so much \$\$ from us in Pierce County (not Tacoma)
More parking at auburn Station
I need parking. There is no public transportation for me to get to Auburn
Nesesitan poner más seguridad por la tarde se pone peligroso (They need to put more security in the afternoon it gets dangerous)
I would try to ride the sounder as much as possible (both north and south) if the schedule was expanded and there were easier connections to final destinations. As is it's great for point to point in certain situations, but it's hard for me (as a seattle resident) to get to my final destination after riding the train because of a lack of connecting options.
More security is needed. I was harassed by a man on my way back home from the Taylor Swift concert. I knew to wear baggy clothes to avoid any issues, but it still happened and there were no employees to help me. The ride up there was great, and I started to consider using the Link more. However after my ride back, I don't think I'd feel safe going alone again with the lack of employees/security.

Why is the top floor of the Kent Station Garage still closed? Ridership has been gradually increasing, especially Tue-Thur and the additional space in garage will be needed sooner than later. Also please clean/sanitize the elevators on a regular basis, especially while the stairs are closed. Nothing like having to take a trip in warm elevator that smells like urine and mystery substances smeared on the walls.
Auburn parking garage floor closures are becoming more and more of an issue, the garage and external parking lot are frequently full. Security at the Auburn station is lacking, many break ins and vehicle thefts are occurring
As a Sounder commuter from Sumner, it would make little sense to negotiate with BNSF to add more trains during the week. The tracks are already congested, and trains are often delayed or cancelled. There is nowhere to park in Sumner to use the trains that are already in use. Parking is completely full most days by 6:50am. The proposed parking garage might help some day, but that is years away. Additional trains would just cause more delays.
Making the trains safe to ride for paying customers. Kick off the passengers hassling, stabbing, destroying train property, and abusing passengers. Ridership will continue to decline with your current setup. What is sound transit doing to make rides more comfortable for paying passengers?
I travel for medical reasons and when I travel the parking at Sumner is FULL AND INCONVENIENT . I can't walk long distance and the handicap parking spots are taken and there are no free parking spots nearby. All are reserved. I end up taking a car service instead.
The sync with local busses is harsh. The walk wait dilemma occurs daily and the runner service doesn't have kent dshs included which is where i work. I would love late day or weekend trains so i can stay late or visit friends.
Please increase parking at sumner station and increase more trains northbound and sounthbound with fewer stops
1. Keep each station clean and free from litter and graffiti. 2. Sounder trains need more security staff. This is a must. Passengers need to be safe at all times. Please have more security staff in the Sounder trains. 3. Make all trips for the Sounder train to arrive on time. There are too many mechanical problems that the train gets cancelled. Please keep the Sounder train to arrive on time. 4. Please remind all passengers to hold their own bags so other passengers can sit down.
Need reliable transit from Tacoma Dome to my office. Need trains that accommodate 12 hr hospital shifts at TG for my wife. Need weekend trains for any trips to Seattle. Our live in nanny would appreciate reliable transit on weekends
I would worry about my leaving my car
I am concerned about safety. I have heard that there are some sketchy people riding the train who are not really traveling, but just camping on the seats. I would like to have a Sound Transit employee available on the train to address any problems.
The parking lots need to be more secure. Our car has been broken into 8 times in the last year and a half. Our neighbors car has been broken into 5. In that span of time. We always have to pay for damage, plate replacement or deductibles. Do better. Or lose riders
The problem is getting from home to the Sounder; no good option there.
Need secure motorcycle parking at stations
Connect at Tukwila and Tacoma dome.

Parking at Auburn is very limited and I have no alternatives. I park in the street hoping I do not get a ticket. This has caused me to miss a few trains trying to find parking. When will the upper levels of the parking garage finish? It has been months and see no progress or work being done.
I *do* wish that it ran on a more regular schedule, and that the (bus) connections between the Tukwila Link light rail station and the Tukwila Sounder station were better.
Parking lot security is pathetic. My truck's (and another) gas tank was drilled yesterday. This is the third incident in the South Tacoma Parking lot in a year. Previously, windows were smashed to pilfer through the truck even though I don't keep anything in it anymore. Broken glass in the parking lot has been very common and I have never seen security monitor the lot. I've taken Sounder since 2010 and parked at South Tacoma since 2016.
The public transportation is no longer safe. Nothing has been done to prevent it from getting worse. If paying for travel was mandatory rather than an option I feel it would be a good start on the behalf of those who would regularly use public transportation for legitimate uses rather than just a warm dry place to use as housing.
Coordinate train arrival times with bus departures from King Street would be nice.
Having a station attendant comforts me, knowing someone is watching the area and keeping it safe.
I take the Bonney Lake Park and Ride to the Sumner station because there isn't enough parking in Sumner. However, the bus doesn't run for every train in the morning (it misses one train that departs at 7:30) and that is really frustrating. K wish the bus lined up with the train better, or I wish there were more parking options. I would like weekend options, but I want the commute schedule to be prioritized.
Any new midday options would attract additional traffic from retired individuals. Better advertised connection from the Tukwila station and the airport would be very convenient for travelers. Many countries boost their transit connections for travelers actively illustrating connectiveness of multiple methods including private cars upon departing trains (in australia).
i want more times on weekends and safety. sometimes, it is questionable safety
Could the Sounder be coordinated with the Amtrak Cascade service to provide a more comprehensive service eg for a Rob trip ride Amtrak one direction Sounder the other.
would love 1 earlier train than the current earliest as well. that said, more trains past the last 6pm train would be great and encourage me to stay later during work functions.
I work in Interbay and would ride the Sounder much more often if there was an easy way to get from the train to Interbay. I'm guessing I'm not the only one who has this issue. If there was a way the Sounder could continue north to Interbay/Ballard, I would imagine ridership would greatly increase!
No parking available unless you are on the first 3 trains during the week. Once I get to Seattle the station is too far from my work. Riding buses in Seattle is dangerous due to homeless and drug users on buses. Bus stops are dangerous.
Just finish the parking garage at Sumner already!
I hope the train would run for all Sounders games. The cost of parking around the stadium adds up I would rather give that money to the train. I would also like trains to run on the weekend so we can go to Seattle or people could come south to experience our area. Safety needs to be a huge priority so the train does not end up like the light rail or the bus system in Seattle.

I would like better connections to the WA State Ferry at Pt. Defiance from the Tacoma Dome station.
I would like to use transit more often but it is unsafe to do so. Our property tax has increased by \$200 per month in the past few years mostly to pay for Sound Transit. Please make public transit safe for everyone.
Have morning trains have schedules that coordinate with morning buses better.
Parking is very limited at the station's closest to my house and getting to the Tacoma station on time is a challenge at times
Can you please open the roof floor at the auburn station to get more access and space available for our vehicle or add more parking space, bcoz we don't have enough space at the parking lot, thank you!
Fix the parking in Auburn. Until you do this any changes to sounder are useless
Through-service/timed connections between the N- and S-Lines would simplify regional commutes. Station cafes/restaurants or coffee machines aboard the train (like Amtrak Piedmont in NC) would make Sounder more attractive. New stations in Seattle could improve convenience. DuPont extension project should be accelerated with phasing, starting by building siding track + platform. I would use Sounder to travel to Thurston and Skagit Counties if available and have family/friends who would do so too.
Get the homeless and the drugs off of public transit. Add more security guards.
I heard Sound Transit may be considering charging for parking. That would be terrible and drive me away from the Sounder.
I'd rather take the mid morning nb train, but can't because there isn't bus service from the BL park and ride and no parking at Sumner Station
Increase frequency, every hour or 30 min at same time for each station. Electrify the track make it more frequent. Integrate bus time and arrivals to Sounder stations. Help Metro operators wait for trains to arrive before departing. Less money spent on parking. Charge for parking, encourage using bus. Improve walking areas near station.
Lack of parking and safety at sounder stations are my biggest concerns
I recently used sounder south for my commuting needs for nine months straight. During that time the main challenges were the 45 min layover in the evening in Puyallup waiting for the 402 to get home to Edgewood. Sometimes the train would sync up with a late bus and cut my commute time down to 55 from a normal 90+ mins. The other challenge was staying safe during the 45 min layover. Would rarely see security at Puyallup station and feel more safe at the Kent Station with a single security guard.
More cars and more mid day trains plus since parking is so bad in sumner please add more busses from bonney lake park and ride to match train schedule.
Sounder Trains need more security staff on the trains as there are a lot of disruptive passengers.

### **Other comments**

Sounder fares and ST Express fares should be the same. No reason to create a financial incentive to ride the bus instead of the train.
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why was there no overhead passenger walkway (Main 1 to Main 2) put in with the new puyallup garage?? Prior to building the new garage, and now still, anyone that has mobility issues when there is a last minute track change may not make it before train has to leave (ive seen them leave people before), everyone has to walk about 1/4mile or so to change tracks.
Would love to see the possibility of an 'express' that makes a faster trip with fewer stops (Lakewood, Dome, Kent, King St)
I live in Olympia and currently it is easier and less of a hassle to drive to Portland than it is to drive into Seattle. I would love to visit the city I was born in and not have to worry about my damn car. Programming mass transit for ALL the people should take precedence over commuters. Why in the world has it taken so long for this to be considered seriously?
Could use more trains leaving from the Lakewood station. Some trains stopped at the Tacoma Dome station which is a minor inconvenience as I would have to find a bus that goes to that station.
(No option for ST Express in survey for return trip). Without much detail on proposed schedules, it's hard to really judge whether if the added trains work with people's travel needs. Ultimately, it doesn't matter what mode of transportation as long as it works with when I want to go, and if an ST Express bus better fits my schedule, I will use that instead.
There should be at least one late night. Sounder train even if using a smaller train set to save on fuel or purchasing a DMU set. There also should be consideration of running a few trains to full route length between Everett and Lakewood
Although service is already replicated on many Sound Transit express bus services, the train is much more comfortable, spacious, and has amenities that makes riding more pleasant (bathrooms, wifi, charging spots). Additional coordination with local transit agencies -- especially Pierce Transit -- to ensure bus connections with Sounder service is essential.
It would be nice to have more, or easier to find, information on traveling with kids and best practices/what to expect/advice (babywearing, strollers, wagons, etc.).
Now that the light rail line is running near my home in Tacoma, I intend to use the Tacoma Dome station more frequently to get to Seattle.
Add bus service from bonney lake park and ride for mid morning sounder trips
I just really want to take the train even if it's slightly less convenient for getting to my final location because I love the train much more than the bus
I used to commute on the sounder and loved it. I would love to be able to use it again for other purposes.
There is a large gap between 6:45 and 10:15am trains departing from lakewood. Having the trains that start only in Tacoma, come to Lakewood would be nice.
As a part time commuter from Olympia- Seattle - more sounder trips or a one seat bus from Olympia -Seattle would be a godsend!
Please consider originating the S-Line in DuPont so it is a true end to end service and can provide transportation options to military and south Pierce families. Suggested improvements would be trains with more cars and hourly trains all day outside of peak commuting windows. Commute hours should be 5-10 am; 3-8 pm. A pedestrian bridge is desperately needed over Weller Street (King St. Station) to connect to light rail.

I would really like to be able to utilize the sound train as a transit resource more ! Primarily as a way to travel (for non work related reasons) up and down the puget sound, especially for longer distances that cannot be accommodated as easily by light rail / bus. I have family and friends from north to south, and it would bring me more peace of mind and comfort to travel by train than by car all the time.
I find the frequency of departures southbound from King Street between 5 - 6:30 really odd compared to between 3:00 and 5:00 Also, the availability of restrooms on the train vs the buses is why I depend on the Sounder for my work commute
I usually *drive* to the link from Tacoma to get to Seattle for work. Or when I do take the sounder back to tacoma I catch the bus there. I know it'll be there and I don't have to worry about missing the last one if I get stuck in a meeting or want to go out after work or on a weekend. I do have to work about it being super crowded, interruptions in service, and traffic. It'd be really nice to have more options. Life just can't be about work
It would help all people espiciall people of color and hispanic and asians and indian people!
All trips should extend to Lakewood, and trains should stop at the same platform regardless of time of day.
More trips would be a huge benefit to me and my family.
I also use the ferry from Bremerton to Seattle
I really enjoy the service and believe we could provide increased services by nationalizing the rail lines.
There should be express trains that skip all stops in King County so services would actually be faster than Sound Transit Express services.
I live in Bellevue, partner lives in Tacoma, Sounder would be useful for visiting them or traveling between the cities but current schedule really limits its potential. Also the fact I have to go into Seattle instead of traveling directly into Bellevue. More broadly beyond just Sounder, we need more ST service between north (Everett) and south (Tacoma) cities and the Eastside.
Make my bike is set. I was like to see mask 🤒 in the glass sections.
Buy the BNSF right of way and run regular train service
I would love a midday option around lunchtime for half-days in the office downtown. The first departing afternoon train at 2:35 pm from King Street is too late for the working parents who need to be at our kids' bus stops at 3:15 pm. It currently leaves me with only 5 minutes of wiggle room for a late train, congested getting out of the Auburn garage, or random traffic collisions on the way home. Unrelated, I love the stations ambassadors and the transit security that I see every day. I feel safe
Before the pandemic I would use Sounder every day to commute for work. I have remained WFH since, but I believe Sounder to be a vital regional link, and despite what expansions/reorganizations of the route take place, I will continue to ride and personally promote the service. Thank you.
I was to see earlier trip north bound during the week.
I want the morning trains to stay as is, there are frequent cancellations and it's nice when the next train is only 20 mins away. However, I would also like the option for weekend trains, particularly in the summer.
Love the train, would love the opportunity to use it to go to Seattle more often outside of work.

My disabled son will never drive, but he wants to work. He needs the train. I just want to ride it, but not at rush hour. I want to be able to go to Seattle by train.
Would love to see the Sound better connected and for this area to start to catch up to Europe with train travel.
In addition to rider needs, it is important to consider related consequences of increasing frequency of Sounder train service. For example, whenever the Sounder trains stop at the Kent Station stop during rush hour, it causes a series of traffic jams in the Kent Valley due to the railroad crossing gates being closed.. Certain schedule changes may exacerbate those traffic issues.
I think that Sound Transit is too focused on Sounders use as a commuter train to and from Seattle when it also provides an extremely valuable transit service between several major cities in the Puget sound that don't have any other connection that is remotely as direct. There are ALOT of people travelling to and from destinations within biking distance of South Tacoma, Tacoma Dome, Puyallup, Sumner, Auburn, and Kent stations that sounder largely fails to capture because it's scheduled for Seattle
Express bus between Seattle and Tacoma is highest priority. Local transit within Tacoma city is abysmal. Must take car to Dome, but after that it's great to/from Seattle. Tacoma route distribution is OK, but intervals are way too sparse.
Offer limited service trains to Pierce County. We deserve faster service since we are not getting regional light rail until at least 2035.
I love taking the train. It is so much more pleasant than the bus.
I travel to Seattle to help relatives.
It takes 20 min to go to Seattle from Kent, I think so many people would take sounder if we added more trips and improve the bus connection
It's unfortunate that the Puget Sound Region doesn't have a rail system like Chicago, Washington DC and other large cities. You want us to ride trains but they need to be available!
Would be very beneficial for the sounder to depart earlier than 5am
Earlier start time! I start work in Seattle at 6 and cannot take the earliest sounder which is extremely disappointing! I love the afternoon sounder trip home and would love to take more Sounders
Extension to Olympia would be great!
The train is so convenient and really makes my life a lot less stressful. Please add more trips both ways.
Work harder on high speed rail. It's possible
Sounder should also do services from Seattle to Bellingham 7 days a week to reduce the traffic from Amtrak and Sounder trains.
I really need it extended to Olympia!
We have been experiencing too frequent cancellations of trips. While maintenance is very important for safety, it is causing work travel disruptions where commuters are time sensitive, and gets costly (financially and job security wise) when we need to find alternatives to travel
All afternoon trains should travel to Lakewood. Some stop in Tacoma.

Trains getting so busy anymore am or pm and so many people now using e-bikes. Especially on way home s in afternoons/evening s. They are bigger and some people barley for through the train door with them. It's crazy. Have to stand. Arms are hot due to so many bodies and the warm batteries now from the bikes. And the e-scooters. People sit in regular seating with them. I work and have to put up with them and the dang druggies that use the train to go back and forth between cities.
Please study adding new Sounder stations in Interbay, Magnolia, Ballard, Sunset Hills, Shoreline. It's a better option than waiting until 2040 for Link.
Not so much a suggestion but a thank you to the Sounder Train employees & staff. Great service, nice people, love that bike riders are encouraged to ride, never a problem bringing my e-bike on board. Incredibly the elevator works every day at King St Station and love the access ramps at Tuckwilla Station. Thanks again!
I would love ALL trains to go to Lakewood. It's silly that there's trains that stop at Tacoma Dome and don't continue to Lakewood. I have to wait for the train that goes to Lakewood when I could be on an earlier one. I would be interested in trains heading to/from Seattle on the weekends but not at the expense of reduced commuter trains. Build a station in DuPont for Olympia area residents skips JBLM Would be nice if there was also one later train on weekdays without reducing the current schedule.
Fare enforcement needs to be resumed.
Need better wifi
Sometimes the trains are unreliable because they are canceled for maintenance issues. This makes it hard to plan trips and can leave riders stranded. I think another focus should be train maintenance as well as additional services.
I appreciate the frequency during peak times very much, especially during rainy and winter months when we see more delays and cancellations. I rely on the text notifications and that frequency to get to work timely, regardless of my regular train delays. Please don't decrease frequency of peak trains.
My office recently moved to Bellevue so there is not a good Sounder option.
I love Sounder and it's the biggest reason I moved to Tacoma though go I work in Seattle. It's one of the top reasons I stayed in the region instead of leaving. I detest driving I-5 and so appreciate this train service!
As a shorter person the seats are a challenge as I can't reach the floor comfortably options for a simple foot rest
More frequent trains in the afternoon would be appreciated, whereas longer trains in the morning works best. Afternoons are usually more chaotic for when I can make it to the station and catch a train whereas the morning is more consistent. Also, train seats should be oriented all facing the same direction rather than facing one another. It's really awkward sitting face to face with strangers
At least one am "work schedule" south-bound to Lakewood and one pm "work schedule" north-bound to Seattle would make me a Sounder rider during the week. Weekend runs would be *fantastic.*
Expanding locations outside of the Tacoma dome (easier access) and better parking options would increase my ridership.

Given the woeful imbalance between Sounder projects being completed in the South Sound vs City of Seattle North, I find it frustrating that we have to choose between frequency and timing of trips. Please increase total trips. Because we are years behind on the promised light rail to the South Sound and the Governor's insistence on gas tax increases, we should have more options from the Lakewood >King line. The pressure is on for the working class, please make it easier for us to get to work.
Appreciate! Please keep active drug users off trains and police stations for safety.
Please add a dining car.
Seriously, this is long overdue. I have a few thoughts: With increasing bike and scooter traffic, one car's lower level should be dedicated to bike storage. It just needs to be on one rush-hour round trip and on weekends. Also, maybe trains can support special events in the new schedule. In Vancouver, they had seminars; in Chicago, a holiday train is decked out. Promotion of community events accessible along the route can't hurt. Beg Metro and Pierce Transit to improve bus connections.
Recently there have been lots of mechanical issues. With more workers in the office than a year ago we have more delays now. Is there resources around keeping up on maintenance?
I would appreciate a. Improvement in communication by text when train service is delayed or disrupted to tell us what is happening and to share as much as possible about when resolution can be expected. Have barriers been built near Kent to prevent people from getting on the tracks? If not, I think this would be helpful.
Too many mechanical breakdowns take place. This needs to be remedied.
Wish all the trains went to lakewood
When would you consider bringing the sounder south to Olympia?
Reader boards at station to give real time updates on train times. Accurate text messages. Yesterday 9/26/23 which a complete disaster by ST. for the 1512 northbound
The current sounder schedule is pretty good for me. I take the last train on the morning which connects perfectly with my one bus to work.
I'd love to take public transit to Lakewood for work, but nothing runs from Tacoma to the Western State Hospital area. 3,000 employees commute here every day. A public transit option would be awesome :)
A Train to Snoqualmie pass from Tacoma would be very beneficial. Possibly a train to S.P. That would be seasonal but a train that stops at the city of Snoqualmie and North Bend would be awesome. Look at Hwy. 18 for a route.
I don't ride Sounder South, just the lightrail between Northgate and downtown Seattle
The current schedule makes catching a bus uptown in order to get to work by 6am extremely tight. I have to run up the stairs and around the corner. If I miss the bus, there isn't another one for 10 minutes. An earlier train would give me much more options if I miss the first bus instead of being late.
The biggest issues I've encountered have been random freight delays throughout the work week, poor timing with connections on busses and light rail, and the atrocious smell inside train cars during the summer. It would be nice if the light rail were offset by four minutes so that it could be caught directly after walking off the Sounder and into the station. It would also be better to have a crossing at King St to CID station that did not require going up to the surface.

There should be a train that doesn't stop in all the stations, that just stops in two or three stations to make it much faster. Maybe from Tacoma to King Street Station and make it the last train in the morning. We had that in MEdeLLin, Colombia at some point and it work great. It could also be at the end of the day and have only two cars. Thank you
It would be great if it could be expanded to reach to downtown Olympia. I regularly go to the Olympia famers market and the traffic on I5 between lakewood and Olympia is the worst I regularly experience. (especially on the weekends) Adding train service would help alleviate that without having to add extra lanes and new bridges to I5. This is a reach but just having later evening & weekend trains to seattle would be great. It would allow me to actually drink when I visit friends up there.
Trains are always clean, I feel safer traveling on train than on a bus, fellow passengers are friendly and helpful. Fun way to travel. Enjoy the views out the window. My parents immigrated to this country from Switzerland where trains are used extensively for travel. Riding trains brings back such happy family memories for me.
Currently, only train departing from KSS get to Lakewood is 3:35 or 4:15 and after. We need 3:55 and trip before 3:35 getting to Lakewood as well.
You really should study Japan Railways and Metro ops. I regularly travel to Japan. This is the gold standard
More frequent peak travel trains could mitigate delays due to mechanical issues
Can we please turn down the heaters! Everyone is wearing jackets already!
Love the Sounder Train !
Stop in Bellevue
Seems like ridership is so low compared to before the pandemic that you can't afford additional lines.
Increase bus service to Tukwila Sounder Station. There is currently no way to travel north or south of the station, which makes it difficult to use as a commute point.
My husband commutes on the Sounder and would love more bike and scooter spaces on the train.
Limited stop service for Pierce County that takes advantage of the Point Defiance Bypass, which Sound Transit owns. Rather than leasing new rights of way, work with BNSF and WSDOT to add a new mainline or passing tracks to give dedicated right of way for passenger trains along the I-5 corridor.
Any weekend options would be amazing! The light rail feels so far away! Also, please look into new ways to help cyclists have space to put our (non-e) bikes. We are competing with very large e-bikes, scooters, strollers/grocery carts and other various modes of transportation. Walking from the sounder to my work would almost triple my commute time. Thank you!
Sounder needs to run to Dupont NOW, and extend to Thurston Co. The old survey re 'not enough riders' is outdated. Sounder and Amtrak need to push BNSF/WSDOT to build the Cascades Long Range Plan new 110 mph double-track rail bridge @ Nisqually.
I would like more information boards with real time train arrivals/departure and track assignments at the stations (1517 Southbound/Lakewood departing XX:XX - Track 1)
I'm in Everett. I usually use the 512 and / or light rail, either parking at Everett Station or driving to Lynnwood or Northgate. I do have friends in Tacoma, and would love to be able to take transit to visit them. I'd love to see the North Sounder expanded to evenings and weekends!

Earlier train to match my work schedule
The morning trains to King St. Station are often delayed due to mechanical or track "signal" issues. And with more businesses returning to work, the cars are generally full/over loaded.
I would use and appreciate weekend trains for Seattle recreation occasionally but priority is daily employment commute
I've missed the sounder train a few times because there's no sign that indicates what side of the tracks the train will arrive on. And then having to wait half an hour for the next one, it's really frustrating. There should be more signage about this.
Add morning southbound for those of us working in Tacoma traveling south from seattle
If the first train could adjust the time to depart 15 minutes earlier it would allow the numerous riders who work at the UW Seattle to catch the earlier link and we could go back to working our actual scheduled shift.
The cleanliness inside the train cars is a concern. I hope the cars are sanitize and disinfectant after each trip
More focus on repairing existing trains vs adding new ones would be ideal. Trains during peak morning are often cancelled due to mechanical issues.
Please put boards which platform train goes in which direction.
Awesome!
Sounder train is so much fun!!
I use the Sounder South to commute to my work in Kent 3 days per week. I have used a bicycle previously and am currently using an electric scooter, to solve the last mile problem. I previously used buses but that was adding approx. 1 hr to my total commute time. I would like to see greater accommodation for scooters and bicycles on the train. The small amount of area dedicated to these necessary items is too small, and may lead riders elsewhere.
ST should focus on procuring it's own ROW.
Improvement is always appreciated
Increase bicycle capacity in addition to scooters and other e-mobility devices during warmer weather
Please add afternoon trips to the Lakewood station. The schedule now does not meet people's needs in Lakewood.
Extend the line to Dupont and Olympia and I would be on it a lot.
Usually it's just the Southbound train from Seattle to Auburn in the afternoon, and get to Seattle a different way.
1. Tacoma Dome Station needs an underground walkway to access Track 2. Having to walk around is a delay and an inconvenience. 2. Let's make a long-term plan to electrify the line! 3. One later train in the mornings, like at 8:20, would be *so* helpful.
Normally ride ST express 592/4 bus as I feel like outside of peak hours it's faster but the sounder is more comfortable and offers better amenities. Also like the Tukwila stop option as it's a convenient way to head to south center and other places in the area, otherwise a connection at SeaTac has to be done with more connections or a less frequent bus

Get the line expanded to DuPont ASAP. There are more cars on I-5 now than before the pandemic. Every time I-5 is shut down from a collision, you know who keeps moving past the collision with out delay? People riding Amtrak. We need trains in the south end to help relieve congestion on I-5 where there is a massive pinch point because there are no alternative routes available. Kids attending school at UW Tacoma or Seattle would no longer need a car to come home. They could just take the train.
WiFi is awful. Get a new system
I have work in Bellevue and Everett. I currently can't take rail to Bellevue, but I could to Everett if the trail actual ran morning routes from King St to Everett.
Last train south leaving King St station should be 2am
Earlier morning Train to JBLM
It would be great to have more options to come back from Seattle to Lakewood. If I ride the train up for work, then I have to wait a longer time for it to come back to Lakewood because there are times it only goes to Tacoma.
Please add this. The city of Seattle now has a robust train service all around the city. But anyone outside of Seattle's area can't enjoy this. It restricts jobs, social connections, and reduces tourism from both non-WA folks and locals. Every other modern city in the world seems to have this available, but not us. Parking has gotten out of hand in Seattle, making it even less affordable.
If the 590 buses are truncated at Federal Way to meet Link (a terrible plan), the off-peak travel times will increase considerably. Sounder in the off-peak will become much more useful for trips to Seattle in that scenario.
Gracias por tomar al público en cuenta (Thank you for taking the public into account)
Thansk sounder train
When there are cancelled trains, it is ludicrous to expect riders to shift to buses - they are already overloaded and - especially in the southend - a bus ride will add 30-60 minutes to a trip.
Work with local city to provide more visibility for walkers ie adding additional lighting to streets, underpass, flashing lights buttons for crosswalks during less daylight hours for commuters getting off/on the sounder train who have to walk towards main roads. The underpass of 405 between interurban and southcenter parkway needs illumination and the crosswalk improved visibility of walkers.
In addition to added service outside of weekday commuter service, Sounder service to Olympia would be very useful and should be explored.
Prefer train over transit (bus 590/594) because travel times more predictable. Minimal weather or accident impacts.
Limpieza, los homeless mantienen ciertas areas muy sucias. (Cleanliness, homeless people keep certain areas very dirty.)
Make the Sumner Station restroom available to the public. I understand the safety issues associated with keeping it closed but a combination code provided by the Station Agent might alleviate some of them.
Equipment, maintenance issues need to be resolved to improve existing schedule reliability as well.
Both sounder lines feel like a missed opportunity to connect communities in the Puget Sound region that would be faster than light rail.



I'd love to see it go to Bellingham
Tukwila
This service is really valuable, but there are not enough trains in my opinion. Sounder should have more frequent trains and run like the Link does. I want to see a commuter rail on the scale of the Long Island Railway in New York, and it breaks my heart that BNSF is holding passenger rail back. It could be worth exploring what it would take to buy the tracks back from BNSF. And in the far far future, it would be really great to electrify the tracks and run quieter trains with pantographs.
The current Sounder schedule seems well optimized, as it focuses on frequent headways during peak hours, with some service during mid-day. Prior to the pandemic, I rode the Sounder five days per weeks. Post-pandemic I'm working partially from home, but two to three days per week I'm using the Sounder. I value frequency during peak hours, which will give me more flexibility on when I leave the office, or if the connecting bus encounters traffic en route to the Sounder station.
Unfortunately, Seattle has lost some of its appeal as a "recreation destination" but hopefully better access not requiring a vehicle will help bring it back.
Fin de semana lo necesito para ir a Dupont a trabajar (I need the weekend to go to Dupont to work.)
For southbound service it would be great to have a train between 6:35 AM and 7:55 AM departing from King Street station. Having a train arrive at 7 PM and 9 PM to King Street on northbound services would be great because it would mean I wouldn't have to leave work early and that I could go do recreational activities in the south Puget Sound after work too without worrying about rushing back north to catch the last train
There needs to be a train station at the bottom of Lake Tapps parkway and East Valley highway.
What I'm most interested in is a commute trip to Everett in early morning with the ability to return to Tacoma in the afternoon arriving by the evening. Honestly, this would be once a week as a caregiver.
There are very few options for southbound service which limits my ability to take Sounder to work from Seattle to Auburn regularly. More southbound service in the peaks is needed.
COME TO DUPONT ALREADY!
Gracias por Sounder updates (Thanks for Sounder updates)
el servicio es bueno, limpio y seguro. comparandolo con el de los angeles California (The service is good, clean and safe. comparing it with that of Los Angeles California)
None at this time. Thank you.
Wish it was able to go further south than Lakewood.
How can you define times after 8am as "midday" ?? It is insane that the last train up to Seattle from Tacoma Dome is at 750am. Not everyone wakes up at 4 or 5am.
Would be great to have rapid charging stations at some of the train stations too!
I would likely travel with my young child. So making it easier for parents to travel safely and comfortably with young children would be something I'd like ST to consider.
Go to Federal Way
It's hard to get from Tacoma to the east side and back using Sounder
Concerns about drug presence in the air on public transportation... people have been talking about air samples from king county public transit testing positive for drugs that can impact people who are non-users. Scary.

Riding the train for the first time was amazing compared to riding the bus. I could get from between Auburn and Kent in 10 minutes versus the 30 - 45 minutes it normally takes. And the environment was so much nicer. But the times are so limited.
I'd love for Sounder to be more like a regional rail rather than a commuter rail. It helps those of us who don't work 9-5
As part of reopening discussions with BNSF- how about looking into the feasibility of adding a Sounder station in the Interbay neighborhood in Seattle? The tracks pass near Port of Seattle and other public properties, the distance from Interbay to King Street is on par or greater than the distance between the 2 Tacoma stations and Lakewood, and the area is growing rapidly and currently underserved by rail - light rail is a long way away.
People who work in puyallup and go back to Seattle should be able to take the train
I love Sounder. It makes working in Seattle and supporting my family possible.
As a South Sound resident, we will wait the longest for service to fully come our way, ie the DuPont station...already well beyond its original date, and we know it will get pushed out again... Oh, and how many more years will we pay for all this? I am a transit supporter, I grew up back east and know the value of public transit but let's make this equitable, please!
We need off-peak trips.
I really need more reverse peak trips. For example more trips from Seattle to Lakewood in the morning and more trips from Lakewood to Seattle in the evening. I live in north Seattle and work in Olympia.
It's crazy that people cannot get to and from Seattle/Tacoma via sounder.
a stop added that goes to the seattle center would be great. A stop in University place would be beneficial too
Please consider making it a regional rail line like Caltrain
The Sounder is an excellent resource and I would prefer using it over other options for travel. I hope that an increased schedule would also translate into looking for ways to increase ridership, such as looking at how to make transit stations more accessible for those without a personal vehicle. To use the Sounder I either need to take a one-hour long bus ride to Lakewood, or be dropped off at the station by personal vehicle. This severely limits my ability to use the Sounder
I don't go to Seattle that often, but when I do, the Sounder usually is not running, which is inconvenient as I'd have to go all the way to Angle Lake to take the train downtown. This is a long shot, but I think the best way to bring the most improvements to Sounder is to buy the tracks from BNSF and electrify the line. This would speed up trains, remove the need to negotiate with BNSF for service changes, and could allow for a world-class train line.
I'm a big proponent for public (non-car) transportation options. If the Sounder were reliably connecting Seattle/Tacoma (maybe Everett- the hubs), I could reliably grab a morning coffee and relax on my way to/from work in a way the US doesn't adequately accommodate. Having robust reliable trains (see: rest of world) be a unique PNW identity speaks very loudly to me. I use the Lightrail almost daily. I wish I could say the same for Sounder train. I'd love to 'sub' to it for easy riding (on/off).
Es cómodo y práctico En donde a uno cómo Residente de Washington se nos ase más facil el viaje a diario (It is comfortable and practical where as a resident of Washington our daily travel is easier.)
Need easier way to see schedules

Ojala y terminen pronto tida la crostrucion del las nuevas vias en todo el condado king,especialmente donde hay mucho trafico. (Hopefully the construction of the new roads throughout King County will be completed soon, especially where there is a lot of traffic.)
There is increased number of commuters with bikes and scooters. Often during peak hours these spots on the cars are full especially during summer/good weather days.
I live in Tacoma and work in Capitol Hill. After arriving in King St. I bike to work. Can you please add more carts for bikes?
Es una gran idea tener mas paradas It's a great idea to have more stops.)
I would like to see additional morning southbound trips implemented because sometimes I miss the last southbound morning train due to a late link light rail train which disrupts my transfer to Sounder.
I'm very grateful for the S Line and sounder train! It's a service I have come to rely on and appreciate it very much. A sincere thank you for offering such a great, reliable and safe service for commuters like me
Reliability is of the utmost importance. It would be nice to be able to use it for more events on weekends.
Get the Damn Light Rail to Tacoma complete
Wish it were a faster train.
There is going to be a new class of people (myself included) who live in Seattle and will travel to the Sounders facility at Longacres. Please prioritize access to this new space throughout the day.
Más trenes para no viajar parado(More trains so as not to travel standing still)
Adding a stop at the airport would be very helpful :)
Will Biden's infrastructure bill help build the light rail faster?
I used to ride the Sounder twice daily before I retired. It was the only thing that made my commute to Seattle bearable. Expanding the rail options just makes good sense.
Tener más limpio Have cleaner0
I love having it living in Seattle! I love being able to reduce my carbon footprint and saving money on gas!
Ability to connect sounder to light rai in the Kent or south area would be a bonus. To actually get to The airport without a car would be something that would be very helpful for people in the south end. So many services in King County, so much \$\$ from us in Pierce County (not Tacoma)
Mas trenes para ir mas rapido(More trains to go faster)
More trips would tip the scales toward choosing the train over the bus. Also the train would have to be more dependable. I constantly get alerts of the train being delayed or canceled. The train has to be more frequent and dependable to choose it over the bus, since the trip takes longer regardless.
The train is amazing also I take my granddaughters in the train to understand transportation is trains also it's fun for the kids.
Viajar en el tren es un viaje que se disfruta y relaxation desires de un dia de trabajo (Traveling on the train is a trip that is enjoyed and relaxation desires of a day of work)
Please expand to Olympia!!!
I wish there were more southbound trains in the morning and more northbound trains in the afternoon

Quite frankly, this train should go all the way to Olympia and hours should extend to 2 am across the board. I know this isn't necessarily possible at the moment, but I would love if you would make that a priority as well.
Your entire organization needs to understand that people need to pay to ride. Until that happens I won't be taking the train or light rail. Stop stealing the taxpayers money.
Would love to see new schedules. Thank you.
The lack of easy public transportation is keeping us held back as a whole. In travels to other cities, it upsets me to see how great public transportation can be but seeing the Puget Sound options is a huge set back to our area. Expanding times to better serve the community, later at night options to assist those who would otherwise have to pay ridiculous prices for Uber. We need to figure out potential ways to better serve as a community
You should not receive another penny for this failed venture.
great service
Expanded service out of Lakewood weekday mornings would be ideal.
Me gusta que mis hijas disfruten de un viaje en tren es algo divertido (I like my daughters to enjoy a train trip, it's something fun)
Currently, with all of the issues that are going on in Seattle, it has been a while since I have visited. Hopefully, officials will start to realize that tourists are not coming to Seattle and with companies leaving Seattle, that they will do something about it. Once that happens, I will be doing more travel and the Sounder will be an option. As far as local travel, I will still use my car.
I have also used to go from Sumner to Lakewood to catch the Cascades Amtrak to go to Portland. We have taken Sounder to Seattle for the Art Fair and spent the day in Seattle then came back to Sumner. I am more likely to get friends to go to Seattle with me on the train.
I ride the second level because there is less sound up there.
Que es bueno viajar en tren te ahorras tráfico y ahorra gasolina (It is good to travel by train, you save traffic and save gasoline.)
It would be nice if there were a pedestrian bridge when you exit king street station to go to intl district link station.
BUILD A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE IN SEATTLE!! please create more options for returning trains from seattle to tacoma. please & thank you
More bike storage. Less fare enforcement
I would prefer that all trains run between Seattle and Lakewood. Currently some trains only run between Seattle and Tacoma Dome. At least one additional "reverse" train (afternoon northbound) later in the evening would be a huge benefit. The latest afternoon northbound currently departs Tacoma dome at 5:15pm. I'd love if train #1525 would become a northbound after arriving in Lakewood. Again, having the reverse trips originate in Lakewood vs Tacoma Dome would make a less fragmented system.
Please expand services to Olympia. It us the state capital!!!
Fix the bike storage areas and bring back 7 cars consistently
Please make it a regional line
Need transportation to seatac

<p>Sounder would shorten my commute time to Tukwila by 20 minutes (currently 60 min) and Kent Station by 45 minutes (currently 1 hr 20 min), if it was available, and make it more feasible to see friends and family who live in South King and Pierce County</p>
<p>Please expand all trains to South Tacoma and Lakewood.</p>
<p>I understand BNSF can be a major obstacle in Sounder development, and I'm sure these potential changes will run into roadblocks regarding them. But please keep in mind, people who live in Olympia or further south or west would only be able to realistically access Sounder on weekends (considering transportation to stations), so weekend trips would be a lifesaver.</p>
<p>Maybe use more promotional public information to remind people about the Sounder train. Include locations, pricing, parking, etc. so people can make informed decisions about changing their routine and trying it if they haven't yet. Maybe some sort of incentive?</p>
<p>If the train could be expanded to include Boeing plants that would be amazing. So many Boeing workers would ride IF they could get to the plants from the train stations. So even adding busses specifically for Boeing workers at the stations near the plants would significantly increase ridership.</p>
<p>As a Bonney Lake resident, the Sounder schedule currently only benefits commuters &amp; the shuttle from the park &amp; ride reflects that. Both should be expanded to make riding public transportation more appealing.</p>
<p>Would love to see more times available from the Puyallup Station going both Northbound and South bound from Puyallup to King Street Station weekdays and weekend. Also additional stop at the University District. Thought when the station and parking facilities were built that the sounder schedule would be leaving much more frequently from Puyallup. For those with disabilities, it would be helpful to have a walking bridge that crosses over platforms from side to side at the Puyallup station.</p>
<p>I am hopeful it will expand into my neighborhood so I too can benefit from this form of transportation. I want to be part of the solution.</p>
<p>Really need better signage for what trains are on what track. Often unclear what track to be on with employees unavailable to ask. Tukwila station is a good example of this.</p>
<p>I care more about the frequency of the trains during peak times on weekdays since I use the Sounder for work. Though more options on weekends would be nice, it's not as important.</p>
<p>There are many times I have wished there was a train to get to south king county outside of downtown commute times and patterns, but instead end up renting a car.</p>
<p>Sounder needs to shift towards a suburban/regional rail model like many international systems instead of commuter rail. However, this should absolutely not come at the expense of reducing peak time frequencies for commuters, and Sound Transit needs to work towards finding additional revenue to support more trips.</p>
<p>We need more service on both the N &amp; S lines; weekends needs to be somewhat prioritized IF we can't have more weekday &amp; weekend service. I *cannot* drive; Sounder is one of the better options for traveling farther away from my home. It doesn't matter why people want to travel - drivers never have to choose ; DOTs never ask drivers to distinguish b/t work/fun/community. Most car trips are not even commute trips so why should transit prioritize commute trips over other types of trips? Thank you.</p>

We need to expand service all around not just shift schedules. BNSF should not dictate the transit options for the people of this region just because the US fetishizes the private ownership of infrastructure. I cannot express how nice it would be to have reliable train service to Tacoma and the south metros (as well as Edmonds and the north). It's a shame that King county can't do what the east coast rail networks have been doing for over a century and prioritize something other than cars.
I would love to be able to take convenient mass transit to visit friends in Kent or to go to Tacoma for leisure without needing my car.
I believe strengthening Sounder South, through midday trips, station & station area improvements, bypass tracks, and expanded park & ride facilities would be a far superior use of taxpayer money than the slow, capacity-constrained Tacoma Dome Link Expansion. Tacoma Dome link shouldn't (and won't) be cancelled, but if midday trips on Sounder South are pursued, it would be the quickest transport between Seattle and Tacoma, leaving link's capacity for Airport-Tacoma, Federal Way-Seattle trips.
Frequency, station connections, and transit orientations developed are the most important things to help Sounder and all transit improve!
It's challenging to be environmentally conscious when we are VERY limited on alternative options such as public transportation. Consequently, most of us residing on the outskirts of the Seattle area are forced to drive (bad for the environment) or we are left out altogether.
I usually am able to take the train one way (Southbound) and then an ST Express bus the other way. The bus is much less convenient due to the lack of restroom facilities. The restrooms onboard Sounder are an important amenity - please make sure these stay in any future service plan.
I am recently retired and have always wanted to ride the Sounder to take me to the King Street station so I can do shopping, go to the art museum, walk in the international district and be a presence in the downtown area.
You should eliminate either or both of the 4:36am and 5:01am trains out of Lakewood and run another train out of Lakewood after 7:00am instead of having to go catch it at Tacoma Dome station. Basically, you need one more train after the 6:46am train out of Lakewood.
We need more stations in Seattle too. Broad st, Ballard, Georgetown. A single stop at king st is not enough anymore.
More security is needed. I was harassed by a man on my way back home from the Taylor Swift concert. I knew to wear baggy clothes to avoid any issues, but it still happened and there were no employees to help me. The ride up there was great, and I started to consider using the Link more. However after my ride back, I don't think I'd feel safe going alone again with the lack of employees/security.
I understand that most people use the sounder to commute to Seattle, but it is really frustrating that there aren't a few more reverse commute options. I commute from Seattle to Kent, at least five times a month and end up taking the bus far more than the train because of lack of options.
I know I'm in the minority as a reverse commuter (SB in AM, NB in PM) but I would really appreciate more scheduled trains to give me more options for getting to work.
Bring in lots of European low and mid level employees so we can learn how to get the low costs per mile of European transit systems
I am retired

I usually travel more Southbound than Northbound, so having more options for trains going southbound, especially to South Tacoma, would be so helpful in my everyday life!
I love that sounder allows traffic-free quick transit to places I work at, but unfortunately since I live in Seattle and sometimes have work in Puyallup or Tacoma the lack of trains in the directions I like to travel means I usually am forced to drive. I also would love to take the train to Tacoma to see people or for recreation, but again the lack of trains makes this almost impossible for me. I can't overstate how much I like taking the train as transit, and wish it ran more overall.
Stop the freeloaders that do not pay the fare. Safety is VERY important Safety in Seattle needs to improve before I will jump on a train to go shopping and walk around with shopping bags all day. It would be nice to go to Seattle.
Why is the top floor of the Kent Station Garage still closed? Ridership has been gradually increasing, especially Tue-Thur and the additional space in garage will be needed sooner than later. Also please clean/sanitize the elevators on a regular basis, especially while the stairs are closed. Nothing like having to take a trip in warm elevator that smells like urine and mystery substances smeared on the walls.
Planning trip can get confusing if fares are not included
I like seeing Mt. Rainier on a beautiful day, and I also like seeing the Washington State Fair in the distance when the train is near or has stopped at the Puyallup Station!
Need tv monitor or something for the announcement. Like for example. I did missed a train cuz it moved to other side track. I wasn't aware of it due to my deafness. All other people heard and walked over to other side. I was still on other side , looking at my phone when I look up saw everyone. 2 ladies waved and said come over to here. Train coming I tried to run down and cross the tracks but blocked. So I missed the train. If set up for deaf to read the announcement would be helpful.
The train serves as a great alternative for reaching Southern urban centers from CID where southbound bus service is difficult to access
There is only one NB train from Lakewood after 6:46 am. It would be fantastic to extend the 7:20 or 7:50 train from Tacoma down to Lakewood (7:36 am?). Or event have a 7:56 train from Lakewood. Thanks!
Sounder is a great way to connect with bike trips, a way to reach farther locations for a ride, to see friends, family and just to get out on my bike. Love Sounder!
It's a lovely ride through neighborhoods, forests, fields and rivers. It's so much nicer than looking out at the interstate and freeway sprawl.
offer more free parking when parking garages are under construction increase trash and RECYCLE containers at stations. do not sound main horns when approaching stations when not necessary. I.E. the northbound train from Lakewood when approaching Auburn station usually does not sound it's horns more than necessary UNTIL it leaves and has to cross a traffic street. SOME conductors sound it when coming to a stop. Super annoying if it's not necessary
The population is growing rapidly in the south sound. We need more accessibility to the service and we need more trains.

I would like more northbound departure times for the Lakewood station in the mornings. The Lakewood station should have just as many departures northbound as all the other stations including mid-day. Lakewood station has zero (0) evening northbound departures. Only arrivals. I would like to have at least 1 northbound departure from the Lakewood station for people that might need to go to Seattle in the evening
The last train is way too early on weekday mornings (minus the 1030 one) so I take the bus in, and take the train home. More friends would come visit me in Tacoma if there was a train to take on weekends since the train is much more enjoyable than the bus. Also, I'm very concerned about the limit on bikes on the trains "until further notice." I use my bike to connect for the final mile and it would be a huge inconvenience to show up for the train and not be able to ride with my bike!
Would love to use public transit more often but needs to be conveniently located and with enough frequency to have multiple options
We hope this initiative will actually go through because many people in our area will certainly benefit from this
Extend route to Dupont. Add more event trains.
As a Sounder commuter from Sumner, it would make little sense to negotiate with BNSF to add more trains during the week. The tracks are already congested, and trains are often delayed or cancelled. There is nowhere to park in Sumner to use the trains that are already in use. Parking is completely full most days by 6:50am. The proposed parking garage might help some day, but that is years away. Additional trains would just cause more delays.
The Sounder is an excellent stop-gap measure in lieu of a regional passenger rail networks. It's use is hamstrung by not running SOME amount on the weekends.
More frequent southbound would be great
I live in Tacoma, work in Redmond, and cannot afford to move. It takes 4 hours of my day to commute. Tacoma to King Street, bus across the lake. If I miss the last train in the morning, I'm doomed to drive in. If I get out of work even 5 minutes too late or if the bus is late, I have to bus all the way back to Tacoma. The train doesn't run either for Sounders events, or anything special in Seattle other than the hawks sometimes... It feels massively biased.
Would be nice if the train had an early option like 400-430am
To many bikes on board blocking the aisle and people bags where you cannot seat they don't like to move there bags.
I appreciate that is an option and perhaps when my son is older and I am less worried about needing to leave work to get to him quickly, I'd consider using it to commute to my job in Tacoma. I do really enjoy taking the Sounder to sporting events when that is an option--much easier than driving and I can always find parking at the sounder lot, whereas, it is a long haul to get to the light rail station and I've had trouble finding parking at those for special events.
I usually take the 590 bus north in the morning and the train south at the end of the day
Personally coming from the East Coast, something I had hear a lot about this area was how bad the public transit was. I understand that construction is (hopefully) underway for a train that goes from Tacoma to Seattle and back but I'm quite shocked that it's taken SO long for that to have been an idea. I'm from PA and could easily get to three different states by train so to not have a train that goes from these two cities so close together is absurd.
Fare enforcement would improve much. Please don't lengthen times between trains.



Frequent accidents
could it be possible to have an earlier train or two?? I have to be at work at 5AM I live in Auburn and have to make a connector bus right now in Kent.
More frequent trains would be very helpful. Making multiple connections makes a missed connection extremely painful when sounder trains are 30+ minutes apart and has reduced my reliance in it. In a perfect world there'd be a light rail line from the south sound to the Eastside. Sumner to Redmond would be great. Could you build the lines right down the free way right of way, or even on it like a street car? That would be awesome. SR167 to I405 is the worst drive in the state on weekdays.
I appreciate how clean the trains are. The train station attendants are the best employees you have. They are nice and knowledgeable about traveling in the area.
Worked well when I rode it, but need a 7pm or 7:30 pm train for late night tech workers. Also need a better way to handle it when there is an incident.
I hoping you loose all your subsidies.
The Sounder is much faster than the lightrail.
The bus service between Seattle and Kent is piss-poor (takes 90 minutes each way), so Sounder is a critical link for my commute.
We definitely need more lines of northbound from Lakewood midday of the weekdays and weekend.
Please think about expanding stop areas
There are thousands of new homes out here in Tehaleh/Bonney Lake. We need train transportation to Seattle!!!
Always delayed or canceled
If it ran every 30 minutes morning, noon, and evening, I would be using the Sounder to get to other places, too. Driving is a nightmare around here with the cramped roads and so on. Plus, I like walking and I'm chubby so I need it! Get me to downtown Auburn for a lunch date and then let me head up to Seattle for an afternoon at the museum, then take me home to Sumner after dinner out with friends. BUT! We need parking near the stations! Sumner is just silly.
I leave work at slu after 5, so I only have a few options. It would be nice to have more than 1 train between 5:20 and 6:30.
Public transport isnt as available as id hoped, bus schedules and train schedules are a pain for disabled people who dont operate on a "Normal" schedule.
Would be great to have a train in Bonney lake. Also having access to the train on the weekend to get to sumner, Seattle or Tacoma would be great
100% we need to encourage getting cars off the road. We lived in Milton until earlier this year and were excited about Sounder options in Federal Way and Fife for our retirement years but the schedule did not meet our needs. Now we are in Bonney Lake and would love to pop down to the Sumner station and have access to the cities of Seattle, Tacoma and Bellevue for daytime events and shopping.
Bonney Lake needs buses to get to the Sumner Station.
There is a deficit for all transport near Sumner. I cannot Uber unless it's planned days in advance. I would use the train more if it was active at night after work. I like going to Seattle but I have to drive to get there.

I work at Olympia and I want to be able to take a southbound train to Lakewood in the morning. I'd also like to take a north-bound train from Lakewood. In short, more Lakewood access.
I wish the WiFi would be faster and more reliable.
Having only three trains in the morning and three trains in the afternoon makes it difficult and stressful to plan my commute. It would be great if there were more departure times between 6:30 and 8:00, as well as more northbound trips after 5:15.
GLAD YOU ARE RUNNING THIS SURVEY....JUST MAKE SURE YOU PAY ATTENTION TO THE RESULTS.
Never round trip because I leave earlier than first train leaves Seattle in afternoon going southbound
More trains outside of the typical rush hour would be great to see, and also more trains that support a commute to Tacoma rather than Seattle would be neat as well
Please increase parking at sumner station and increase more trains northbound and southbound with fewer stops
I do use round trip if I am done in time to catch the south bound train, although it is rare.
Im retired so I don't take bus of link.. sounder. I would love to try the Sounder. But cost to much for Sonder or link and bus..... And confusing. Ya need. First time or senior. Cheep..cheep cheep fare for us to use right on the bus. Not to go in office and get it approved. Thanks for reading..... Lets hope some of this will get your ok.... Michael 206 966-0290
More stations. Lacey? DuPont?
It's hard to give fruitful feedback since the pandemic, as my employer still allows remote work. Prior, I commuted every weekday from Auburn-Seattle. I attend some of the Seahawks games and appreciate when the Sounder is available. Wish it were an option for every game.
1. Keep each station clean and free from litter and graffiti. 2. Sounder trains need more security staff. This is a must. Passengers need to be safe at all times. Please have more security staff in the Sounder trains. 3. Make all trips for the Sounder train to arrive on time. There are too many mechanical problems that the train gets cancelled. Please keep the Sounder train to arrive on time. 4. Please remind all passengers to hold their own bags so other passengers can sit down.
Bring the Sounder to DuPont earlier so the people of DuPont can use it and everyone on the south end of JBLM have easier access to it too. We don't have ANY public transportation here, hardly any Uber, & we have major I-5 construction now too. Traffic is awful here. Prioritize us!
Would like the southbound train leaving Seattle in the afternoon to go all the way to the Lakewood station.
As the people in the tech and other related are required to work from office than working from home, there can be a rise in ridership.
I commute on a bike. I ride 5miles to the train station, ride the train from Kent to King street, then ride an additional 6 miles through the city to Wallingford. More recently, there is no place to secure my bike when I get on the train. I was even yelled at by one of the conductors about having too many bikes in the bike area. I have four kids and need to be on the appropriate train to be able to pick my kids up. Can we please add more spaces for bikes and scooters. Thanks
Expand station to Olympia/ Tumwater
Please review the Metra BNSF-line model out of Chicago. Triple track TAC-TUK.

For those living outside Seattle, there are very limited public transit routes to Sea-Tac. The bus takes two hours or more and makes 15 million stops. The S line has very limited availability. Only early mornings and mid afternoons. Nothing on weekends. If you're flying in or out of Sea-Tac you almost always have to take a car. More S-Line availability would help alleviate this. At least until the Federal Way Link expansion finishes in the year 2340.
I can't take this to work as I work in Issaquah. Only time I can take it would be when I'm not working which is on the weekends but it's not operating on the weekends.
Thank you for listening to riders! Longer trains will make for a more comfortable ride. Additionally, with many people taking up biking since COVID, we NEED more bicycle space. Sometimes all cars are full and could be dangerous in an emergency with how many bikes are crammed in there. I believe longer trains at peak hours would solve this. I do not believe we will see people modifying their travel habits to work from 10-2 in Seattle!
I would become a routine Sounder rider if an extension to Olympia-Lacey were added
would love if it came down closer to olympia.
In an metro area with only 1 major freeway (I5), which btw, is shared between commuters and interstate traffic, the lack of viable high speed mass transit options is a failure for everyone. Lost time and productivity in traffic, pollution, accidents. Any reconfiguration work on I5, does not scale, is expensive, outdated by the time it's completed. Aside from massive remote work adoption, it's really just mass high speed transit.
Traffic on the roads is getting significantly worse and that the Sounder and other public transportation is not stepping up to account for this is frustrating. I could remove a car from the road every day of the week if the train ran at more reasonable hours. Additionally, I would more fully contribute to the local economy if I had the ability to go into the city on the Sounder in the evening and during weekends.
I would love to ride the train and take my grandkids on the train to have fun downtown Seattle it would be an amazing trip for them. And a first time ride for all of us
When Link light rail comes to Federal Way I will use the link much more.
I have been a supporter of sounder from the inaugural train to Sept 23. I used to ride more frequently when I lived in Puyallup. Now in Renton split trips between sounder and link
I have short reverse commute.
The sounder south is great
Sakay ko from angle lake to northgate 2X a week uli human sa sa work happy me because I don't have car less expenses
Why are so many people riding for free? I witness people not tapping or paying constantly. Every system I've ridden in multiple countries requires people to pay and uses turnstiles, gates and transit workers to enforce. Why do we encourage this bad behavior?
It would be nice if all the trips could be extended to South Tacoma as there is no express bus service to this station, and it is a walkable neighborhood. Now many terminate at Tacoma Dome.
Need a fast train from Lakewood to Seattle skipping put all up to save time
I used to take Sounder regularly but now I work from home 4 days a week and downtown Seattle only once a week.
an earlier train northbound that arrives KING ST STATION 530A

The Puget Sound deserves a dedicated heavy rail line from Olympia to Everett. Please raise my taxes to acquire the land necessary to build such a dedicated line. Light rail fills a niche, but the Sounder train on a dedicated line would fill another very important niche.
This is only for special work events...mostly use the light rail but getting over there is terrible!!
When I was looking for work it was easy/great to hop on the train but as much as I would love to use it for family outings or errands into Seattle it's currently not practical. (Before moving south I used to be an avid bus commuter leaving Mercer Island/Eastgate area almost daily) I honestly didn't even know about event trains until recently. The current setup/communication doesn't promote new ridership or retention unless you are a work commuter (which is an important need as well)
30 years of playing metro service, how about we grow up and do what is needed? Understand the line is owned by BNSF but this should be 24/7. People can't trust or use the train to skip owning a car as lives operate outside the limited window you provide. Covid saved you on the parking issues, but reality is as life gets back to a new normal current garage and plans for expansion again are too little, rode for 6+ years daily solid it was hard to deviate for fear of getting stuck with no train.
Very early trains help healthcare workers that don't work conventional hours. For example, pre op RNs need to be to work at 5am to set up patients for 7am surgeries.
I would personally love to see expansion in these areas: 1. A station further north past king street station. Some examples would be south lake union, UW Campus, etc. 2. Services that align with major sporting events on the S line to lakewood/south tacoma 3. Expanded bike storage on train cars
I just want all trains to end in lakewood instead of some ending in tacoma. That would be huge!
Something needs to be done about train odor. It can be a real problem... I've seen completely empty cars during peak hours with packed cars due to smells that won't exit due to poor ventilation.
Really happy with service. Trains are clean but don't feel sterile. My trips go against typical commute so the trains don't feel too crowded.
Currently, the latest northbound train comes before I get off work, so it doesn't work for me. Better frequency in the morning for the southbound route would also allow me to ride. I would really prefer that to the bus, as the station is actually closer to my work, and I love taking the train. It just isn't feasible for me currently, so I rely on the 150 bus line, which gets stuck in highway traffic.
The Auburn station is close to a hospital which has people working all times of day, providing transportation for healthcare workers would be really convenient
The only thing that the Sounder Train needs to improve on is to depart on time and arrive on time. That is it! Eliminate ALL delays, mechanical problems, etc. Also, Sounder Trains needs more security staff since there are increasing number of unruly passengers.
I live in Seattle and work in Kent. The early morning trains are pretty impractical for me. I would like more frequent trips south in the morning and north in the evening. Even adding one more train that departs between the 6:35 and 7:55am would be nice.
Adding additional trips from Everett

I used to ride the Sounder 5x a week for work in Tacoma and I worked with students at UWT. I wanted to participate in more on campus events in the evening to build community, but couldn't because of the Sounder's limited reverse commute routes. If I didn't leave my office at exactly 4:30, I'd be stranded, which was problematic if a student dropped in with a serious issue. At that point, many students used transit, too, so they were similarly inhibited by the schedule limitations.
Often a car will be very hot, people will be sweating in their seats. Maybe more thorough checks on the ventilation before each trip.
Have e-charging at more stations. There are two at Kent Station that I use, but would appreciate being able to charge at more stations.
When are the elevators and escalators at University Street Station going to get fixed. They are always down for maintenance or repairs which is very annoying.
More efficient on text messages. It seems the time really needs to be more up to speed on real time. It is slow when it sends out messages. In addition, when it comes to what track they are on, why can't Auburn station send out text messages notifying those people that the train is arriving on track 1 and not track 2? It allows time for everyone to respond by knowing what side it will be on. This allows us time to get across on the bridge or get dropped off by car and not stranded.
I appreciate the Sounder train and wish it had additional availability. I prefer it over Express route busses.
Please work on real time notifications, sometime notifications are late after the time as pass.
Buses Connection of Each Stations Merge South Line & North Line So Take 1 Train from Everett to Tacoma
It's a round trip, but I am stranded, so I have to figure out a new way home. So I don't do it very often.
ACTUALMENTE NO USARE EL TREN POR INSEGURIDAD TENGO 2 HIJOS QUE SACAR ADELANTE (CURRENTLY I WILL NOT USE THE TRAIN DUE TO INSECURITY I HAVE 2 CHILDREN TO RAISE)
If the line went further south to Olympia that would be extremely convenient.
When will the Sounder have a station in Olympia....the capitol city of the state??
It would also be nice if the Sounder went south to Olympia, also.
Consider looking into federal funding to create a sound transit exclusive right-of-way near BNSF. This is not limited to building a deck or trench to grade separate and electrifying for increased energy efficiency long term. High density transit oriented development with street level retail and housing built directly into stations and within walking catchment. Paid for by private developers. Tldr: Increase bidirectional headways to 15-30 including off peak. Leverage PPP for TOD around stations.
I want to use the sounder to travel to and from Seattle to enjoy the city more and would spend more money in the Seattle community if there was better transportation options such as the sounder.
Speakers are too loud. Trains are fuller than they were a few months ago, I'm thinking your meter can tell you which trains need another cab or two added.
To early for seahawks game. Maybe one a little later. Also sometimes we get let off on opposite side of cars in puyallup.
Reliability is horrible got stuck at the Kent station for an incredibly long time and missed out on all planned pregame activities. Communication was horrible and was told multiple different things for how the situation would be resolved. Not worth having to pay I will drive next time.

I'm a king county metro bus driver who lives near Kent station and to commute with the train for us drivers to get to move more people on buses is ideal. We are also in desperate need of safety.
Better on time/ fewer delays
Give us a bit more heads up if a train is canceled or delayed
You guys do a great job keeping it clean and being on time. You have great station attendance.It would be nice to have weekend service all day Saturday to Seattle.
This is an incredibly valuable service and I appreciate it's schedule and wifi ability to allow me to work on the train.
Enforce the fares. Current plans are funded by paying customers, any expansion will force those already paying to shoulder the cost. Be fair, enforce the fares.
It seems that the 6 pm southbound train has a considerable amount of problems.
Please restore the ability to TAP OFF of a trip at the ORCA reader. Many times I have arrived and tapped ON to find out that the train is cancelled which necessitates a drive and call to Customer Service for a refund. I don't understand why that feature was discontinued.
Retrofit cars to add more tables. Many ppl work or watch devices . Tables fill up fast. Some southbound evening trains slow for departing NB afternoon trains. Schedule so they don't have to slow at Tacoma curve.
We need more bike racks. Every public transit train I have ridden in the past ex: Provo -Salt Lake City Frontrunner, has more bike racks on the Lower deck. ~12 total per car and it doesn't take up that much more space. Signage also needs a lot of improvement. In the train car and on the station. No reason the signage (LED moving boards) already in place can't be set up to show next station for hearing impaired. And for the station signs to show the next train time and track and train direction.
Your survey is not very accessible because the next button is small white font on a grey button which sits on a grey background. Please improve contrast and font size when creating your survey. Best practices for web design should improve this accessibility issue for mobile users.
I can't buy a newer, safer and less polluting vehicle because of the RTA tax on cars. The closest Seattle transit (AKA Sounder) service is 10 miles from my home. Bottom line, for me, it is legal theft perpetrated by the rich Seattle political/business elite on struggling working people and retirees.
More than anything I would value consistency, minimizing delays, preventing the trains from stopping randomly to have to restart onboard computer, and knowing exactly when I'll be arriving most days.
It would be nice if the trains (and Sounder buses) had GPS locations I could see on my phone. For example I can see where the King County metro buses are on Google Maps.
I would love to see my family more . I am back up childcare for my grandchildren , I find driving exhausting. The buses are stuck in the same traffic jams as the cars . I feel unsafe on the bus and the bus saves me. No time . A train ride up would make my life easier
It just seems like such a no-brainer to increase service as much as possible to get traffic off of I-5.
I avoid employment opportunities in Seattle because of the train schedule ending so early. This would open up great opportunities for those who live in the south sound.

I think I'd use the train much more often if the train left every 60 minutes but continued to run later. I would also like to be able to take my bike with me but I think there are already decent options for that.
I see the train daily and it is not very full . Also I do not feel safe at the stations as there is too much criminals and vagrants.
Stop honking the horn more than twenty times at each stop.
Retired use to go to Seattle a lot now parking is unreasonable streets not safe and sounder don't run on weekends. It will depend on cost to ride the sounder
I love riding the Sounder to and from work, and I wish it ran as often as the light rail.
No need for parking garages, more need for housing near stations.
Need to run special Sounder trips for super busy evening events at Lumen Field/T-Mobile Park (like Monday/Thursday/Sunday Night football). ST seems to only operate special event trains for weekend DAYTIME only events, rarely evening trains If you are trying to buy a slot to operate scheduled trips during off peaks from BNSF, run some trips after a scheduled Amtrak trip. Also, need to operate all peak trips to/from Lakewood (South Tacoma riders has no transit alternative to get back).
I think you should consider at least one intercity (Tacoma Dome to King Street) non-stop express per weekday.
I take the last train departing South Tacoma in the AM for Tukwila (6:45) but wish there was a later morning one. I also take the 7:52 from Tacoma (because it doesn't reach all the way to South Tacoma)
I had to chose 2-3 time a month for how often I'd use it since you did not include a response for once a month, just less than once a month. Poor survey design.
I am super excited about it coming to Tacoma area. But I live more in university place. So it will depend on the convenience for me. We do go to Seattle Childrens often so getting there would help
During the week: keep the same schedule during peak commuter times, but add trains at least once per hour each direction during the mid day hours.
We live in Seattle. My family lives down south. I can also see myself stopping at Kent Station. I love taking the train.
I don't understand why it has taken so long. If I recall correctly, sounder expansion was mandated by ST3 passed in 2016. Why has it taken 7 years to even have an open house???
We need to close off the platforms to nonpaying people. Security guards are not enough. As a young , single woman I do not feel safe riding the Sounder because of past experiences being harassed and stalked on public transit.
I spend half my time in Lakewood , the other time Eastside King Co
I would use Sounder for trips to and from Seattle if it had a later return in the evening. As it is it would require leaving work or other meetings too early to catch the last one southbound. If it ran on weekends I would use it to access social activities in Tacoma and Seattle. If you could coordinate a good express bus from Olympia to Lakewood that would be a huge help to using Sounder even if you kept the existing schedule. I want to use Sounder! Schedule just too Limited.
Added train cars would be nice. More options for bicycles on board.
I have a need to travel to Mercer Island and east of Redmond once a month on Saturdays, but the length of commute to these somewhat out of the way locations makes those trips more of a challenge.

Get the seattle sounders, involved
Sounder is an excellent option for both commute and personal pleasure. Thank you for hosting this survey.
A few times a year, I'd love to be able to ride to the Airport from Tacoma and not take my car. Mostly I would use Sounder South to get to Downtown Seattle cultural events or arts-related
With other states that have a commuter train, that removes impact of fossil fuels and takes into account the environmental impacts of commuter travel, I want Washington to be at the forefront of making those changes. I would love to use the sounder more often not only for fun but for work opportunities and know that, me making the choice not to drive into Seattle would make an economic and environmental difference. Thank you.
I know it's very focused on commuters right now, but it would be great to have the option to take the Sounder in either direction as an alternative to driving.
The entrance for the Tacoma Dome station is not easy to access from the garage site. In addition, buying tickets ahead of time has been difficult.
we need public restrooms
I have so MANY thoughts! Having weekend service and at least SOME "reverse commute" trains will allow Sounder to be a consistently available option, I think this can help increase ridership. Too many times I've considered, but rejected because no trains ran my schedule. Also, how goofy it is to pay more for the slower Sounder, than the ST Express buses, please homologate the fares. Thanks for listening, even if Tacoma / Pierce always feels like it gets the short end of the stick.
We need to mimic sounder schedule to that of sound transit 590/594 .
Could expand new service towards Maple Valley City
I want to say thank you for the work you guys do. Also reiterate, I'm in a young demographic and we appreciate being able to get up to Seattle from the south in an eco friendly way. We want to ride more especially on the weekends and attend more Mariners, Seahawks and social activities. Currently the biggest hurdle is no access on weekends and trains leaving before events ends back south.
The only thing that the Sounder South trains NEED to do is to get NEW engines for the Sounder trains and new railroad crossing signals so that there are NO delays. I've been using the Sounder South train for over ten years and there are so many delays. Work on fixing these huge issues first. BEING ON TIME IS THE MAIN PRIORITY FOR ALL PASSENGERS!
I have friends that live in Sumner that I don't get to see as often as I would like because the bus service isn't good! Also I really want to go to the shopping center in Tukwila but getting there is also difficult on the weekends with just the bus! (I don't own a car)
what about the north line? when i worked in everett i wouldve gladly taken the sounder to work if it ran more than twice a day. plus its a beautiful ride. Iso fuck bnsf, they should build more railways eastward to bypass seattle entirely and let the people own the railways.
I rode the train most weekdays to work and return home in the pm.. Sometimes I needed a mid-day train to return home. At times there were unpleasant loud vulgar people on the afternoon train. I moved to the car that had a conductor on board and people were much more quiet and polite. There should be an attendant in each car. When waiting for a train at the Sumner station in the a.m. people line up so close to the train and sometimes a BNSF train would come by and nearly blow us off the platform.



Signage at the stations is really bad. If you're not familiar with a particular station, it's easy to end up on the wrong track.
Start with AFA ACCESSIBILTY. Fix the elevators same day, or you violate the Civil Rights Act.
I generally work during the week so a train to Seattle on weekends would be a great option. I would need info on how to navigate Seattle, once disembarking at King Street: I don't know how to get into the core after that. Additionally, an express Bremerton-Tacoma bus route should be a thing. There are people who would like to live across the bridge and use public transit. If we're talking green and commute alternatives, it shouldn't be a question. The Kitsap Transit system is too slow.
Transit must offer convenience and flexibility in order to entice people out of their cars. Look at transit as providing opportunities ahead of needs. Also, funds for highway renovations and expansion could be directed to transit if it offers more convenience and flexibility in order to entice people out of their cars.
I feel it be better transportation for people who live farther from Seattle and work far from there instead of just have bus for transportation
one time I got stuck in Seattle after a Mariner Game. I did not realize there was no return trip.
I live in Olympia and I often need to go to and from Seattle early in the morning or late at night for my work as a stagehand. Normally I drive into Seattle but sometimes I park at Angle Lake and take the light rail when it makes sense.
Child is Uw student who comes back to Puyallup on Sounder
There are no stops at BFI or Everett to support the 60,000 Boeing employees commuting north and South starting as early as 4 am. Why... this could be a huge customer base! I need to be at BFI by 5 am and return home around 2:30 and would totally 100% commute by train from Graham by using the station in Puyallup or Sumner.
I think what future plans that get picked will be good no matter what! What ya'll are doing is good I think thank you and keep up the good work.....jmi.....xoxoxo
I think it would be fun to ride I've never ridden the Sounder train before it be fine for me to to check it out and stuff like that yes I think it would be fine for everybody and my class to take it too so I don't do a class but my class does a DBT class and I think maybe we can ride the ride the train up into Seattle and then back okay
I don't know much about it and live closer to the light rail. I wish there was more info and awareness out about the train.
We need wifi on the train. We need more places to seat. We are being forced back to the office, so need more train carts. Also, if the train can be expanded all the way to Lacey it would help with traffic. A lot of people drive from Lacey to a Sound Train Station. At least that's what the people that I have talked to have told me.
I think adding a train heading southbound from King Street before the 6:35pm train would be really nice. I don't get off early enough to make the train prior, so I have to take the 6:30pm train. It kind of sucks because I still have to commute home from the station parking garage and for safety reasons, I would prefer not having to wait so long when it's dark outside.
I'd use it more if I could bring my cargo e-bike

I live across the street from the Sounder tracks in Puyallup, near the intersection of 15th and Pioneer. I would not want increased frequency without having trackside horns installed rather than the conductors of the afternoon commuter hours because they are SO LOUD and LONG with the duration of their horns. Sounder trains have the most deafening noise pollution of all the trains which pass. Improved livability/noise reduction to consider for the communities impacted by more frequent trips.
Thank you for considering other options. I live in Tacoma and LOVE the Sounder! I love that it's traffic-free, reliable, and connects me to Seattle without needing to use my car. I start and end my workday on the train (because there's wifi) and my only wish is that I could use it to get home late if I go out after work or want to do something fun in Seattle on the weekends.
I'd love a later train from Lakewood to Seattle in the morning. The 6:45 am train is too early, but a 7:30 and/or 8:00 am train would let folks who start work later in the morning to take the train on a round trip basis. Taking a bus from Lakewood to Seattle during rush hour can be a much longer commute in traffic. I'd take the train into Seattle more frequently, if trains were available to get to/from events on weekends. Driving to Lakewood is stressful. Taking the train is relaxing. Thanks
Trains frequently run late or cancel due to freight interference or mechanical failure/issues without a lot of advance notice
Make sure air conditioning and heating is working
I love that Lakewood is the start because I don't have to worry about it being full on Hawks day.
Sounder Trains need Security Staff to tell passengers to move their bags so other passengers can sit down. Passengers will not move their bags so that other passengers can sit. Passengers are very inconsiderate of others in the train. Please do something about this.
We drive to Angle Lake & take the light rail for events and playtime in Seattle. Would love the Sounder option from much closer to home in Puyallup.
I'm a student at University of Washington. I have missed class a couple of times since the train that I take has been cancelled a number of times. Please make Sounder Trains reliable for transportation so that they can run on schedule. College tuition is extremely expensive and I cannot afford to miss class.
More space for bikes. The bike storage areas within the train get pretty crowded.
Would like the trip status reader boards to work again at the station with ETA times/status, and alerts to switch tracks too.
Extend service to Olym!pia/Tumwater!
Make sure your locomotives stays running and not breakdown while going to King Street.
Thank you for working toward expanding this great service! I would also use it if there was a link to transit option for the airport which I frequent monthly
I work from home and pay for Sound Transit via my car tabs. Mass transit is great but the Sounder, as a commuter rail, doesn't work for me. Please expand the times so we can drive less and get out more.
I used to ride it daily to/from work. It was great! Clean, mostly efficient, and 80% on time.
I love using Sounder to commute to work and would love expanded opportunities to use it to commute to socialize in Seattle.
Make the train go to Lakewood much more frequently. Having to bus from TDome sucks. Trains are much better.

My office moved to Bellevue from SLU...Sounder South is so much better than buses, but I need to see if I can take the Sounder to Kent and bus to Bellevue, but the traffic on 405 is awful!

clean up the litter in the rail yards and train station. clean up the graffiti as well. get better engines for the trains as well.

Hopefully it's more useful for us!<sup>9888</sup>

## Appendix D: Amplification plan performance

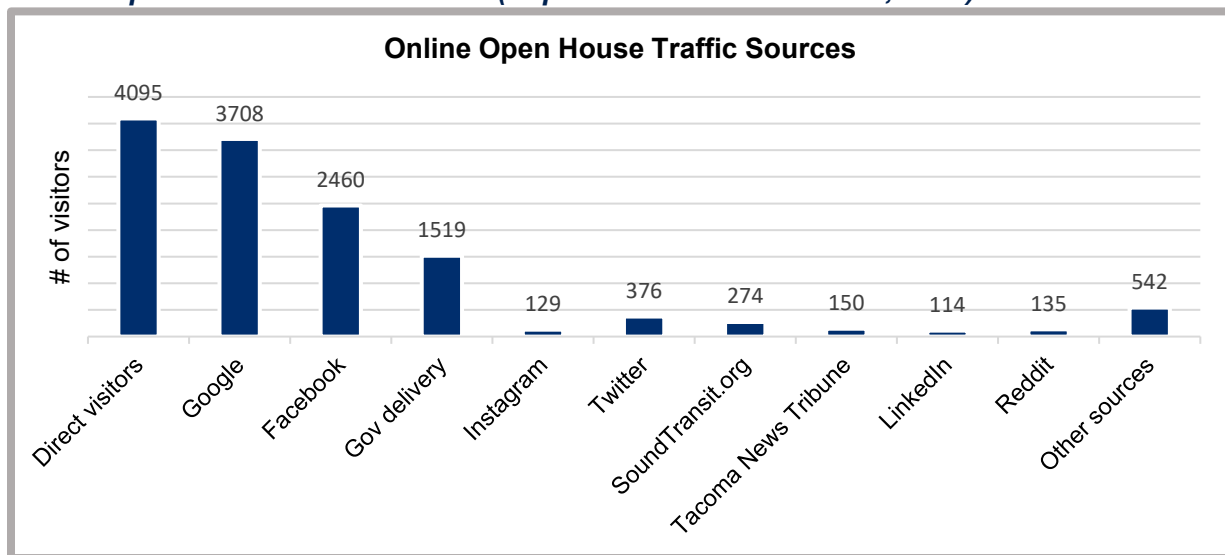
*Online Open House performance (September 27 – October 29, 2023)*

Language	Unique visitors
English	13,034
Spanish	245
Vietnamese	121
Tagalog	86
Korean	7
Simplified Chinese	4
Russian	2
Somali	2
Ukrainian	1

*Totals for all pages*

Unique visitors	Total views	Bounce rate
13,502	28,072	50.78%

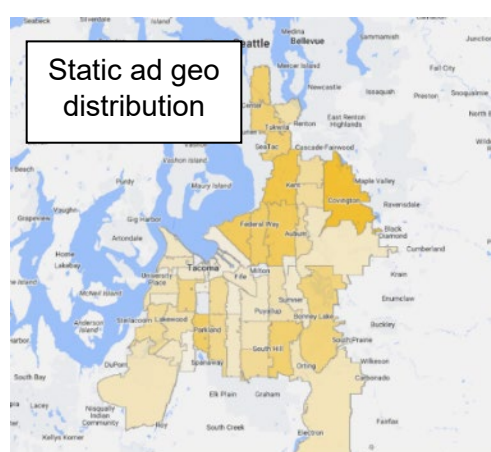
*Online Open House traffic sources (September 27 – October 29, 2023)*



## Google Display Network ad performance

Campaign	Impressions	Total clicks	Click through rate
Video ad	263,276	3,154	4.56%
Static Ad - English	42,145	3,509	8.33%
Static Ad - Korean	94	7	7.45%

Static ads were also placed in Russian and Ukrainian over the last week of the engagement period but did not yield significant interaction due to audience size.



## Social media performance

### Paid static ad

Language	Dates	Impressions	Reach	Clicks
English	9/30-10/8*	21,211	12,138	625
Spanish	9/30-10/8*	21,345	10,000	275
Vietnamese	9/30-10/8*	16,506	5,377	133
Tagalog	9/30-10/8*	14,677	3,966	102

\* Sound Transit lost access to Ads Manager in the beginning of October for several weeks which is why the ads didn't spend the whole budget (ads were turned off)

### Paid video ad

Language	Dates	Impressions	Reach	Clicks
English	10/20-10/29	49,422	25,829	921

### Organic posts

Channel	Dates	Interactions	Reach	Plays/views
Instagram	10/13	307	4,434	7,306
X/Twitter	<u>9/27</u>	91	41,624	42,400
	<u>10/26</u>	20	5,516	4,875
Facebook	9/27	1,137	12,213	13,598
LinkedIn	10/17	54	4,177	102

### ***Tacoma News Tribune ad performance***

We ran three types of paid advertisements with the Tacoma News Tribune: an email distribution, an ad in the print newspaper, and digital ads.

An email was distributed on October 23, 2023 to email addresses geographically tied to Tacoma and surrounding communities. The subject line read: "Tell us how the S line can work better for you!"

Audience size	Opens (views)	View rate	Clicks
50,000	8,994	17.99%	852

Print ads (quarter page) ran on October 22 and October 25, 2023.

Digital ads ran on the Tacoma News Tribune website from October 24 to October 28, 2023.

Impressions	Clicks
99,975	90

### ***Kent and Auburn Reporter ad performance***

Digital ads ran between October 26 and October 29 in an effort to produce more responses from Kent, Auburn and Tukwila communities.

Impressions	Clicks
49,453	2

## Appendix E: Communication materials

### Social media graphics:




### Printed materials

#### Postcard front and back:






Poster (11" x 17")




## A new future for the Sounder train?

Tell us how the S line can work better for you




**Win two tickets to the Nov. 12 Seahawks game!**




We're updating the strategic plan for Sounder South and want to hear from you. Take our survey by October 29 for a chance to win two tickets to the Nov. 12 Seahawks game!

[soundersouth.participate.online](https://soundersouth.participate.online)




我們將更新Sounder South的策略計劃，並希望收到您的反饋。  
在10月29日之前參與我們的問卷調查，即有機會贏得兩張11月12日Seahawks比賽的門票！

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사운드 남부의 전략 계획을 업데이트하고 있으며 여러분의 의견을 듣고 싶습니다.  
10월 29일까지 설문조사에 참여하시면 11월 12일 개최되는 Seahawks 경기 티켓 2장을 받을 수도 있습니다!

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Waxa aan kusoo daraynaa macluumaad cusub qorsaha istaraatiijiga ah ee Sounder South oo waxa aanu doonaynaa in aanu fikirkaaga ogaano.  
Ka jawaab xog uruuriinteeda ugu danbayn Oktoobar 29 ee ugu gudahsan karto bakhayaa nasiibka tidhka ciyaaraha Noofembar 12 ee Seahawks!

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Estamos actualizando el plan estratégico para Sounder South y queremos conocer su opinión.  
Responda nuestra encuesta antes del 29 de octubre para tener la oportunidad de ganar dos boletos para el juego de los Seahawks del 12 de noviembre!

[soundersouth.participate.online/spanish](https://soundersouth.participate.online/spanish)




Ia-update namin ang plano ng estratehiya ng Sounder South at gusto naming malaman ang iyong opinyon.  
Sagutan ang aming survey bago lamipas ang Oktubre 29 para sa pagkakataong manalo ng dalawang ticket sa laro ng Seahawks sa Nob. 12!

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Chúng tôi đang cập nhật dự án chiến lược Sounder South và muốn lắng nghe ý kiến của quý vị.  
Hoàn thành khảo sát muộn nhất vào ngày 29 tháng 10 để có cơ hội giành hai vé xem trận đấu của đội Seahawks ngày 12 tháng 11!

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Мы обновляем стратегический план для Sounder South и хотим получить ваши отзывы.  
Пройдите наше опитування до 29 жовтня, щоб отримати шанс виграти два квитки на гру Seahawks 12 листопада.


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### Current Sounder Schedule

■ Regular service
 ■ Limited service
 ■ No service

	WEEKDAYS			
	Early morning (5-8am)	Mid-day (8am-2:30pm)	Afternoon (2:30-6:30pm)	Evening (6:30-10pm)
Northbound to Seattle	9 trains*	1 train	8 trains**	No service
Southbound to Tacoma/Lakewood	8 trains*	No service	10 trains**	No service

**WEEKENDS**  
 No regular service: Sound Transit currently runs 20-25 weekend Sounder event trains each year to support special events at Lumen Field and T-Mobile Park, typically on Sundays.  
 \*Early morning service to South Tacoma and Lakewood: 7 northbound and 1 southbound  
 \*\*Afternoon service to South Tacoma and Lakewood: 0 northbound and 7 southbound



- Seattle (King Street Station)  
303 S. Jackson St.
- Tukwila  
7301 Longacres Way
- Kent  
301 Railroad Ave. N.
- Auburn  
23 A St. S.W.
- Sumner  
810 Maple St.
- Puyallup  
131 W. Main St.
- Tacoma Dome  
424 E. 25th St.
- South Tacoma  
5650 S. Washington St.
- Lakewood  
11424 Pacific Hwy S.W.



Poster in Orting



Poster in Tacoma window front



**Digital ad examples (Google Display Network and local media):**

**SOUNDTRANSIT** **A new future for the Sounder train?**  
Tells us how the S line can work better for you

Take our survey by Oct 29 for a chance to win  
**2 Seahawks tickets**  
<https://soundersouth.participate.online/>

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## Appendix F: Poster distribution

We used professional distributors to place 246 posters in communities in Pierce and South King County.

### Lakewood

1. Hoagies Sub Deli
2. Vape
3. Nail Salon-T Spa
4. Theraputic Physical Therapy
5. YMCA
6. Starbucks
7. Lakewood Chamber
8. Fred Meyer
9. Lakewood Community Center

### Tacoma

150 locations which is proprietary information for the distributor.

### Orting

1. Post office
2. Senior / community center
3. Library

### Tehaleh

1. Coffee shop

### Auburn

1. Parks and Recreation
2. Senior Center
3. Starbucks on Auburn Way
4. Les Schwab
5. Fred Meyer
6. Library
7. Grocery Outlet
8. Mazatlan
9. Dry cleaners
10. Timberland Bank

### Puyallup

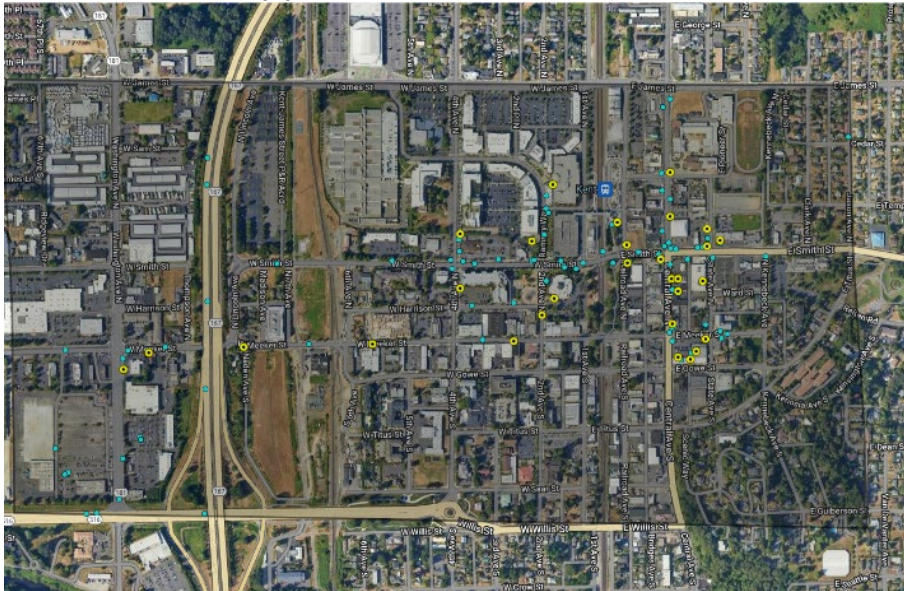
1. The Forum
2. Victoria Sells Antiques
3. Bumpy's
4. Charlies
5. Antique Store
6. Mazatlan Mexican Restaurant
7. Wicked Pie Pizza
8. Library
9. Lashes Downtown
10. Starbucks
11. Revival Hair
12. Fred Meter
13. Anthem Coffee

### Sumner

1. Starbucks
2. Fred Meyer
3. Farelli's Pizza
4. Napa Auto Parts
5. Liquor Store
6. Nichol's Pharmacy
7. Tire Store
8. Dry Cleaners
9. Sunrise Cafe
10. Goodwill
11. Library
12. Sumner Main St Association
13. Eternal Soul

## Kent

The distributor for Kent provided a map of distribution locations. There were 29 locations for Kent, as indicated by yellow dots on the maps below:



## Tukwila

The distributor for Tukwila provided a map of distribution locations. There were 23 locations for Tukwila, as indicated by yellow dots on the maps below:





## **Appendix G: Partners invited to share the survey**

The following jurisdictions, businesses, and community partners were invited to share the survey with their audiences:

- City of Tukwila
- City of Renton
- City of Kent
- City of Auburn
- City of Sumner
- City of Puyallup
- City of Tacoma
- City of Lakewood
- Pierce Transit
- Joint Base Lewis McChord
- Downtown on the Go!
- Commute Seattle
- Transportation Choices Coalition
- Downtown Auburn Cooperative
- Kent Downtown Partnership
- South Tacoma Neighborhood Council
- South Sound Military and Communities Partnership
- MultiCare-Auburn

## Appendix H: Self-reported zip codes from survey<sup>4</sup>

Zip Code	Responses	Zip Code	Responses	Zip Code	Responses	Zip Code	Responses
98405	213	98444	29	98023	13	98296	3
98391	206	98501	29	98106	12	98312	3
98406	142	98055	28	98116	12	98366	3
98407	134	98144	28	98010	10	98007	2
98374	124	98188	28	98155	10	98011	2
98092	118	98104	25	98332	10	98012	2
98002	113	98516	25	98022	9	98020	2
98371	108	98422	24	98108	9	98026	2
98030	99	98103	23	98117	9	98028	2
98390	89	98109	22	98354	9	98034	2
98372	85	98038	21	98047	7	98074	2
98402	84	98101	21	98126	7	98087	2
98404	84	98335	21	98513	7	98136	2
98403	83	98360	21	98146	6	98148	2
98409	82	98443	21	98178	6	98208	2
98466	79	98133	20	98199	6	98328	2
98032	74	98168	20	98512	6	98330	2
98408	74	98321	20	98597	6	98349	2
98499	72	98327	20	98367	5	98376	2
98373	69	98446	20	98004	4	98380	2
98031	67	98003	19	98021	4	98383	2
98498	66	98119	19	98036	4	98385	2
98042	65	98388	19	98166	4	98433	2
98375	63	98502	19	98177	4	98439	2
98122	61	98125	18	98204	4	98448	2
98418	60	98056	17	98329	4	98507	2
98387	46	98338	17	98421	4	98532	2
98001	41	98121	15	98584	4	98580	2
98467	36	98506	15	98005	3	98931	2
98118	35	98057	14	98006	3	99405	2
98445	34	98059	14	98008	3	91825	1
98465	34	98107	14	98037	3	94609	1
98102	33	98112	14	98040	3	95390	1
98058	32	98198	14	98052	3	97371	1
98105	32	98424	14	98082	3	97375	1
98115	29	98503	14	98201	3	97403	1

<sup>4</sup> Entries that do not conform to a zip code were removed

Zip Code	Responses	Zip Code	Responses	Zip Code	Responses	Zip Code	Responses
98024	1	98197	1	98359	1	98576	1
98027	1	98210	1	98362	1	98589	1
98029	1	98225	1	98381	1	98908	1
98033	1	98226	1	98394	1	98942	1
98045	1	98233	1	98396	1	99101	1
98065	1	98236	1	98447	1	99371	1
98072	1	98270	1	98460	1		
98091	1	98272	1	98464	1		
98093	1	98275	1	98472	1		
98094	1	98303	1	98495	1		
98123	1	98310	1	98496	1		
98128	1	98311	1	98497	1		
98135	1	98323	1	98514	1		
98195	1	98333	1	98569	1		