Planning better access to South Tacoma Station

Sound Transit will be making improvements near South Tacoma Station to make the Sounder train more convenient for everyone.

In 2021, with support from the City of Tacoma and input from the community, we identified potential improvements such as new sidewalks and bike lanes, improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, upgraded bus stops, and more.

What’s happening now?

We are working with the City of Tacoma to further refine the list of potential improvements through early design and conceptual engineering. We will also conduct an environmental review process to evaluate possible impacts and benefits from the improvements.

Stay involved!

We’ll be reaching out later this year to get your feedback on the potential improvements that could take place in your community.

In the meantime, visit the project website to learn more and sign-up for project updates at: soundtransit.org/south-tacoma-station-access

Email or call us with your questions, comments or to request a project briefing:
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Example improvements

Station area improvements

Station area improvements would include station accessibility improvements for people with disabilities and non-English speakers and other station upgrades, including:

- Improving wayfinding, adding a public address (PA) system, and installing tactile pavement.
- Improving pedestrian safety at the railroad crossing between the station and nearby parking lot with the addition of a crossing bar and other changes
- Adding micromobility parking (e.g., parking for electric scooters or bikes).
- Adding a shelter for ADA train boarding ramp for people with disabilities or mobility devices such as wheelchairs or walkers. This also includes making curb ramp retrofits.

S Adams Street Connections

The South Adams Street connections improvements would improve access for bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users (Pierce Transit Route 53) by:

- Completing the sidewalks on S. Adams St. on both sides of the street from S. 56th St. to S. 66th St. and upgrading curb ramps to meet ADA standards
- Upgrading the bus stops at S. 66th St. and S. Adams St. to include a shelter.
- Providing an enhanced crossing at the intersection S. 66th St. and S. Adams St. for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Bus and bus stop

Would add transit signal priority at critical intersections, relocate a bus stop with new pedestrian crossing, and install shelters and lighting to bus stops near the station.

Bicycle Connections

Would install bicycle lanes and connections around the station area to fill in gaps in the City of Tacoma’s bicycle plan.

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