About the project

Sound Transit is working to improve access to Sumner Station for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and bus riders. This includes a garage with up to 4.5 levels and new surface parking adding approximately 500 new parking spaces, along with sidewalk and lighting enhancements.

Sounder South runs 13 round trips between Tacoma Dome and King Street Station in Seattle, eight of which serve South Tacoma and Lakewood. Sounder also runs special service to select Seahawks, Sounders and Mariners games. Although ridership fell during the COVID-19 pandemic, it rebounded in 2022 and the parking lot now fills to capacity early every weekday.

Benefits

› Allows hundreds more people to take the Sounder train and enjoy a fast and reliable commute.
› Improves access to special events like Seahawks, Sounders and Mariners games, through Sound Transit’s special event service.
› Improves pedestrian, bicycle and transit access and safety at the station.

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Better pedestrian and bicycle access
We also contributed funds to the city of Sumner to make walking and bicycling to the station safer:
- $5 million for a new sidewalk and pedestrian/bicycle path on Traffic Avenue at SR 410.

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Project timeline

2014: Sound Transit Board identified preferred package of improvements
Feb 2016: Issued State Environmental Policy Act Checklist for public review
Spring 2016: Sound Transit Board selected project to be built

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