

# **Project overview**

Sound Transit is working to improve access to the Kent Sounder station for drivers, pedestrians, transit riders and bicyclists.

The Sounder commuter train travels between Lakewood and downtown Seattle with 13 roundtrips each weekday, providing reliable and convenient connections to Kent and eight other stations along the route. Currently, the Kent parking garage fills up early every weekday.

In November of 2017 the Sound Transit Board identified a preferred package of access improvements for Kent Station, including a new parking garage at East James Street and Railroad Avenue North that will hold approximately 530 parking stalls, along with pedestrian, bicycle and transit improvements.

#### **Benefits**

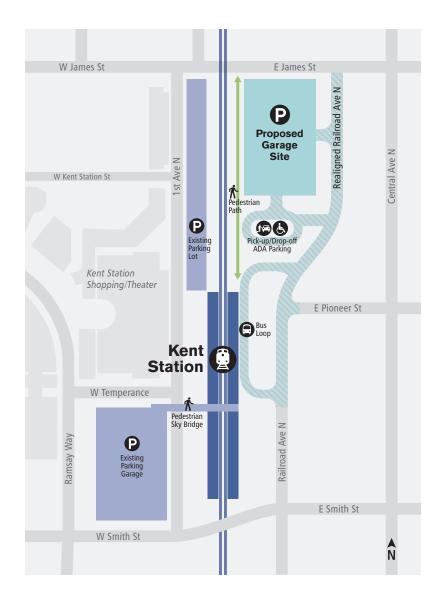
- Allows hundreds more people to conveniently access the Sounder train and enjoy a fast and reliable commute.
- Improves access to special events like Seahawks, Sounders and Mariners games, through Sound Transit's special event service.
- Improves pedestrian, bicycle and transit access and safety at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

## **Highlights**

- New garage with approximately 530 parking spaces
- > Improvements for:
  - bicyclists
  - pedestrians
  - transit riders

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#### **Current activities**

Sound Transit is working with the City of Kent to refine the garage layout, a realignment of Railroad Avenue North, and other potential projects, such as pedestrian crossings, upgraded bicycle parking and bus shelters. An open house in October 2018 will show early concepts. Sound Transit is also evaluating potential environmental impacts and possible mitigation measures. We will issue the results of this evaluation for public review and comment in spring 2019.

### **Learn more about the project:**

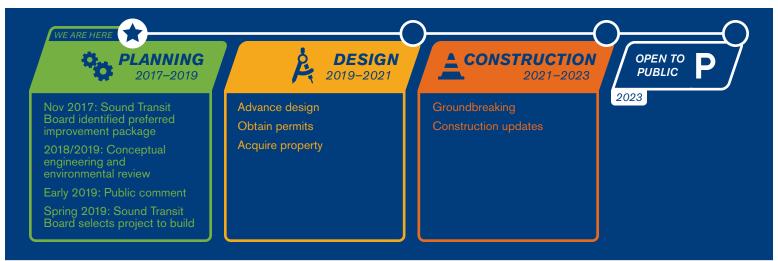
soundtransit.org/kent-access-improvements.

### Have specific questions?

Contact Community Outreach Specialist Melanie Mayock, 206-689-4877 or Melanie.Mayock@soundtransit.org.

### Sounder south capacity expansion

As ridership on the Sounder South continues to grow, Sound Transit is working to increase train and platform capacity from seven cars to 10, accommodating 40 percent more passengers. Sound Transit will also negotiate with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway (the railway owns the tracks used by Sounder) to run more daily trips. Planning for Sounder South capacity expansion will get under way in late 2018, with improvements completed by 2036.



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