



Sumner Sounder Station

Access Improvements Project



Project overview

Sound Transit is working to improve access to the Sumner Sounder station for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and bus riders, including construction of a garage adding approximately 500 new parking spaces, along with sidewalk and lighting enhancements.

The Sounder South commuter rail line 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, Sounder and Mariners games. Ridership has grown nearly 30 percent since 2014, with peak period trains now carrying an average of more than 875 people. The growing popularity of Sounder means parking at the current Sumner lot fills up early every weekday and riders need more options to access Sounder.

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.

Highlights

- › New garage adding approximately 500 parking spaces
- › Sidewalk and lighting improvements

Map on back →



Access improvements

More parking

Sound Transit will build a new 4.5-story parking garage with approximately 630 stalls at the current station parking lot, for a net increase of about 500 stalls.

Better pedestrian and bicycle access

Sound Transit is contributing 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.
- › \$2.5 million for sidewalk and lighting improvements in the station area.

Minimizing cut-through traffic

Traffic improvements, such as signage and traffic signals, will help manage the flow of vehicles entering and exiting the garage and deter traffic cutting through neighborhoods.

Current activities

In 2017 Sound Transit asked the community about how the new Sumner Station garage should look. The feedback included a desire for the garage to match the character of Sumner and fit in with the look and feel of downtown. This could include using brick/masonry materials and a natural color palette, along with covered awnings to encourage a comfortable pedestrian experience. This feedback will inform the garage design.

Sound Transit will continue to work with the city of Sumner on designing utilities, stormwater facilities and street improvements. Next, Sound Transit will hire a firm to design and build the garage.

Learn more about the project:

soundtransit.org/sumner-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 line continues to grow, Sound Transit is working to expand capacity, including lengthening trains and platforms from seven cars to 10, to serve 40 percent more passengers. In addition, 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, and improvements will be complete by 2036.

Stay informed

Sign up for project updates: soundtransit.org/subscribe.

For more information about Sound Transit projects or services, visit soundtransit.org or call 1-800-201-4900/ TTY Relay: 711.

For information in alternative formats, call 1-800-201-4900/ TTY Relay: 711 or email accessibility@soundtransit.org.

Information in other languages

Si desea conocer mayores detalles sobre el proyecto de mejoras del acceso a la estación Sumner por favor llame al telefono 1-800-823-9230 durante las horas normales de oficina.

Follow us:   

