Project overview

The Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE) is part of the 116-mile voter-approved light rail system expansion that extends regional light rail approximately 9.7 miles from the Federal Way Transit Center to the Tacoma Dome Station area. The project travels through the cities of Federal Way, Milton, Fife and Tacoma, and the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Reservation. The project also includes an operations and maintenance facility (OMF) in either South King County or Pierce County.

Planning phase

Alternatives development

Benefits

- 9.7 miles of fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers throughout the region.
- Parking garages at the South Federal Way and Fife stations, each with approximately 500 stalls.
- Average projected TDLE daily riders by 2040: 27,000-37,000.
- Open for service in 2030.

Definition of a representative project

For projects in the voter-approved system expansion, Sound Transit produced “representative projects” identifying the mode, station locations and related features, such as an OMF. The TDLE representative project formed the basis for the project’s scope, schedule and budget.

Fast and frequent service to destinations

- Federal Way to CenturyLink Field in 45 minutes.
- South Federal Way to Tacoma Dome Station in 20 minutes.
- Fife to Tacoma Dome Station in six minutes.
- Tacoma Dome Station to Sea-Tac Airport in 35 minutes.
Project background

Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE) will expand the Link light rail system from the Federal Way Transit Center to connect the South Sound to the regional light rail system. Roadway congestion is increasing on the major highways in the South Sound, and existing transit capacity does not meet the current and future demand. South Sound residents and communities need better access to the rest of the region, and TDLE is part of the solution. In addition to connecting communities to the regional network, TDLE will also help the state and the region reach environmental and sustainability goals.

Two new Tacoma projects: What’s the difference?

**Tacoma Dome Link Extension**
- Connects to stations **throughout the region**, like the Sea-Tac Airport, downtown Seattle and University of Washington.
- Operates in its own right of **way**, offering fast and reliable travel times 20 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Open for service in 2030.

**Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension**
- Connects more Tacoma neighborhoods to the existing 1.6-mile light rail line between the Theater District and the Tacoma Dome.
- Operates at the street-level for approximately 8-16 hours a day, seven days a week.
- New extension to Hilltop District open for service in 2022.

**Regional light rail 101**
- Service is available from 5 a.m.-1 a.m.
- Link trains run every 6, 10 or 15 minutes depending on the time of day and location.
- Adult fares currently range from $2.25 to $3.25 depending on how far you travel.

**Each Link car can hold…**
- 2-4 bicycles
- 4 wheelchairs
- 200 riders
- Multiple suitcases
**Operations and Maintenance Facility**

An operations and maintenance facility (OMF) will be built in either South King County or Pierce County to serve the south corridor and support overall system expansion. The regional system will need additional capacity to efficiently operate the long-term light rail vehicle fleet needed to serve South King and Pierce counties.

**FUN FACT:**
The light rail system is serviced between 1 a.m.-9 a.m.

To guarantee a safe, clean and comfortable ride for passengers, Link vehicles must be cleaned every night and regularly pulled out of service to perform routine maintenance.

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**TDLE schedule**

TDLE is currently in the planning phase, expected to last until 2022. As a part of the planning phase, the Sound Transit Board will select a preferred route and stations based on technical analysis and engagement with tribal governments, elected officials, stakeholders and the community, expected by mid-2019. Following that planning, the team will begin designing the project using the preferred route and stations. In 2025, construction is expected to begin, with service expected to start in 2030.
Tacoma Dome Link Extension

How to stay engaged

**CONTACT US**

CALL the project line to speak with an Outreach Specialist

**GO ONLINE**

EMAIL with questions, concerns or comments
tdlink@soundtransit.org

**GET INVOLVED**

Respond to online SURVEYS

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SCHEDULE A BRIEFING

Sign up your community group for a briefing to hear more about the project and how you can stay involved.

Email or call us!

ATTEND FUTURE OPEN HOUSES

Come to open houses later this year to learn about how the community’s input has helped shape the project. Provide your feedback and comment on current plans.

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Stay informed

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