**Tacoma Dome Link Extension** 

Spring 2018

# **Project overview**

The Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE) is part of the 116mile 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.

# **O** Planning phase

#### **Alternatives development**

### **Benefits**

- 9.7 miles of fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers throughout the region.
- 4 new light rail stations: South Federal Way, Fife, East Tacoma and Tacoma Dome.
- 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.**

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# **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...



200 riders



4 wheelchairs

Multiple suitcases

# **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.



### **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

FUN FACT: The light rail system is serviced between 1 a.m.-5 a.m.

system will need additional capacity to efficiently operate the long-term light rail vehicle fleet needed to serve South King and Pierce counties.





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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