Sounder
South Tacoma-Lakewood Station Access Improvements

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Project Purpose

**Goal:**

Provide access improvements to South Tacoma and Lakewood Sounder Stations for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders to increase ridership at the station
Project Description

**Complete PE/NEPA to increase access:**

- Pedestrian/bicycle improvements around the station area such as expanded bike lanes and new sidewalks
- Additional bus/transfer facilities
- Transit speed and reliability improvement on routes connected to the stations
- Expanded kiss & ride areas and/or other parking lot improvements
- Both stations’ work under single contract
Purpose and Need

Accommodate growing ridership – from 1,277 to 2,700 daily for both stations

Improve flow in/around stations and designated centers

Improve connections between employment and residential centers
Benefits to Centers

Project Serves Two Regional Growth Centers:
Lakewood, South Tacoma

Sounder South Links to six other Centers:
Downtown Tacoma, Puyallup, Auburn, Kent, Tukwila, and Seattle CBD

Links to MICs:
Port of Tacoma, Sumner Pacific, Kent, Duwamish
Transportation Benefits:

Improving access allows more people to benefit:

• Improves access to two Growth Centers
• Benefits new riders, accommodates growing ridership
• Reduces 18,625 VMT each weekday
Other Benefits

- 4.8 million VMT reduced annually
- Access to major employers – 94% riders commuters, most traveling to Centers
- Critical services like St Claire’s Hospital in Lakewood
- Access to new development, like Lakewood Landing on former WSDOT maintenance site
Demographics Served

Incomes 20%-40% below average

Poverty: 6%-20% higher

Minority populations: 12%-44% higher
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Funding Request

- $5 million FTA 5307 request to complete PE/Environmental
- Matching funds available
Questions?
Thank you.