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SOUNDER COMMUTER RAIL

Tacoma Trestle Track & Signal Project

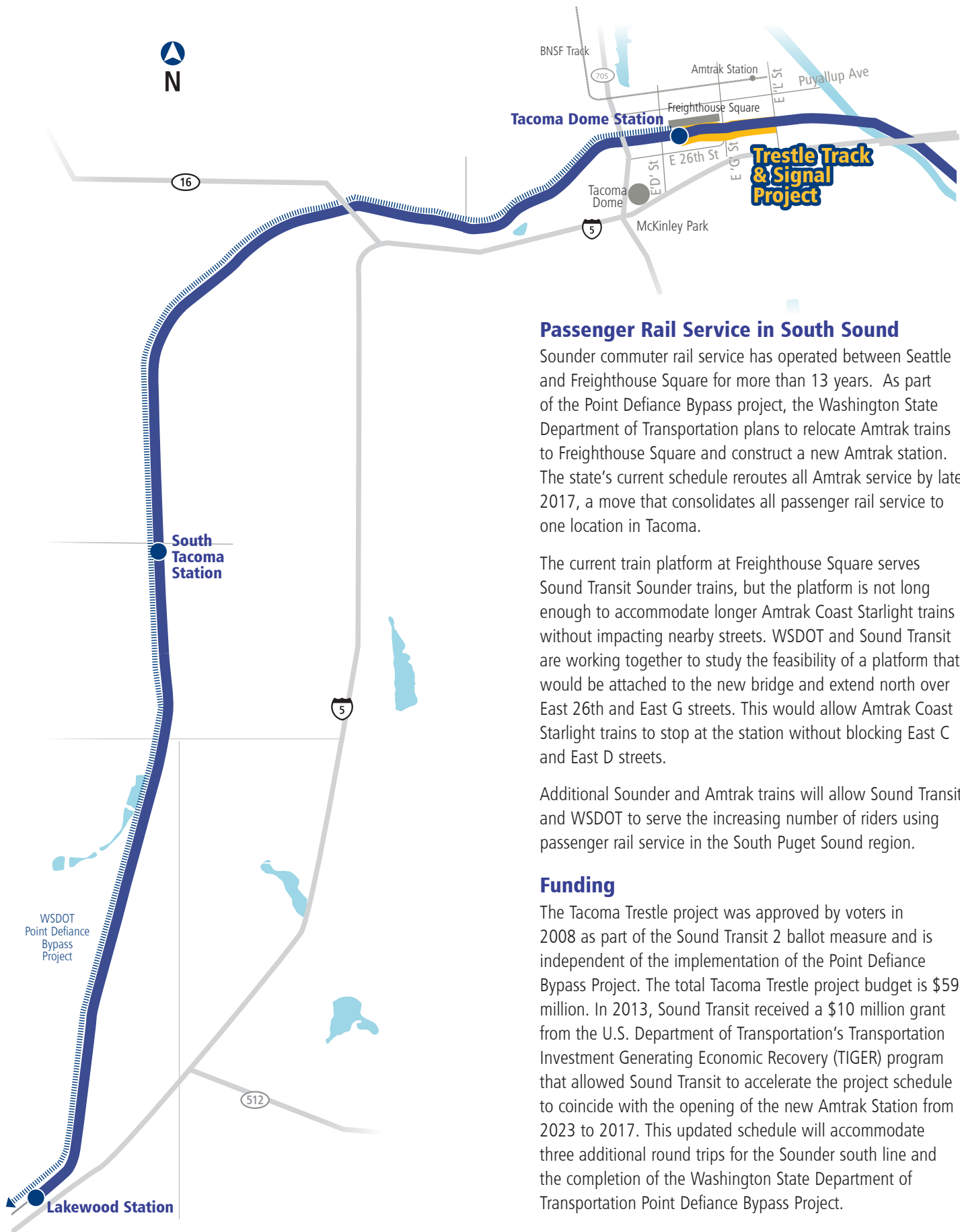
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Replacing the Tacoma Trestle

Sound Transit is replacing the wooden single-track railroad trestle just east of Freighthouse Square in Tacoma with a modern, double-track bridge. The new bridge will increase passenger and rail capacity along the corridor and improve reliability for Sounder and Amtrak passenger service. The existing wooden trestle would require structural upgrades within 5 five years to support current rail operations.

To replace the existing trestle, crews will demolish the current 0.65-mile long wood structure and construct a new double-track rail bridge over 26th and East G Streets and crossover tracks. Other improvements include upgrading the railroad signals and reinforcing the embankment along the bridge, making minor street repairs and relocating some utilities.





Passenger Rail Service in South Sound

Sounder commuter rail service has operated between Seattle and Freighthouse Square for more than 13 years. As part of the Point Defiance Bypass project, the Washington State Department of Transportation plans to relocate Amtrak trains to Freighthouse Square and construct a new Amtrak station. The state's current schedule reroutes all Amtrak service by late 2017, a move that consolidates all passenger rail service to one location in Tacoma.

The current train platform at Freighthouse Square serves Sound Transit Sounder trains, but the platform is not long enough to accommodate longer Amtrak Coast Starlight trains without impacting nearby streets. WSDOT and Sound Transit are working together to study the feasibility of a platform that would be attached to the new bridge and extend north over East 26th and East G streets. This would allow Amtrak Coast Starlight trains to stop at the station without blocking East C and East D streets.

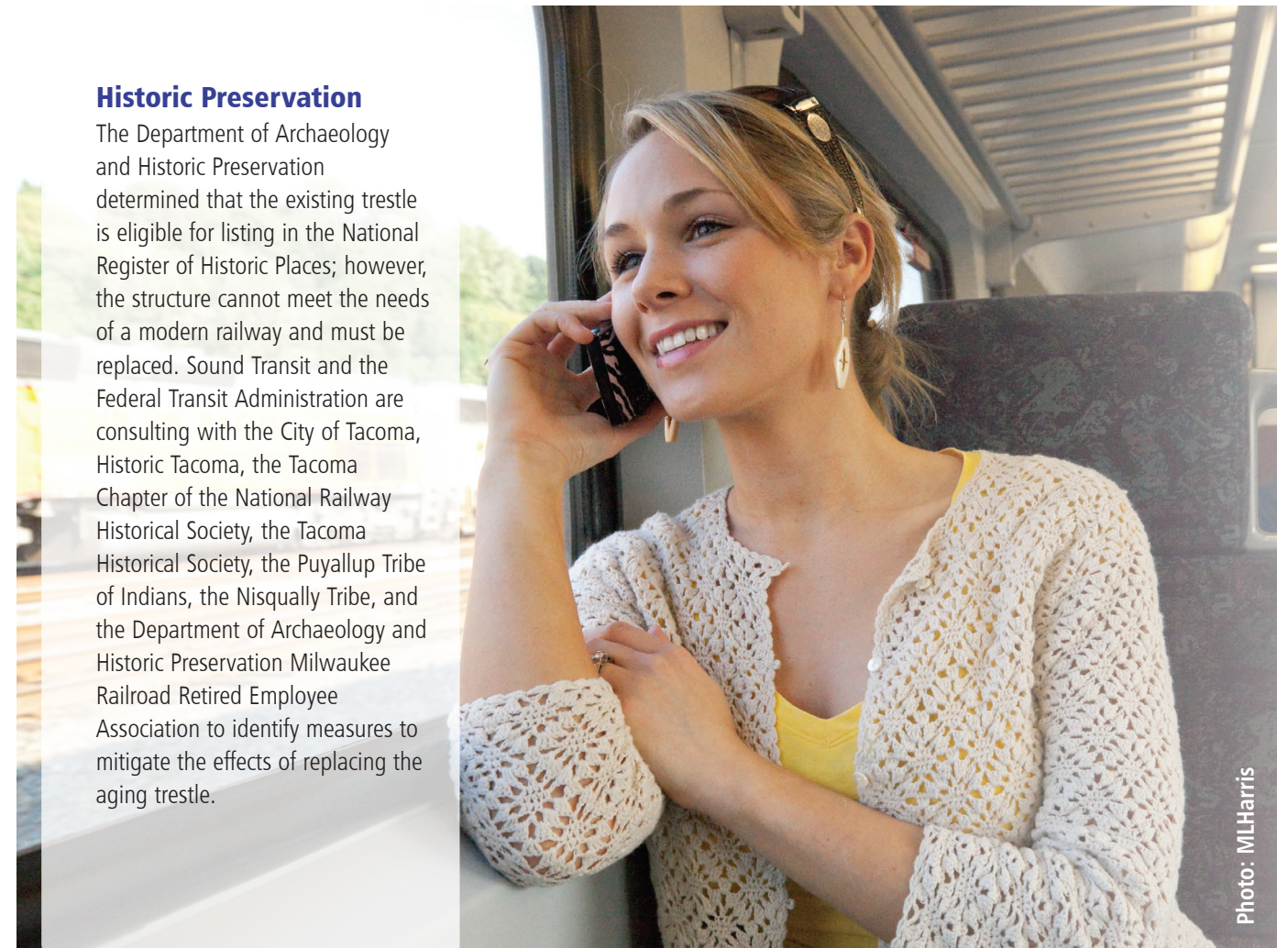
Additional Sounder and Amtrak trains will allow Sound Transit and WSDOT to serve the increasing number of riders using passenger rail service in the South Puget Sound region.

Funding

The Tacoma Trestle project was approved by voters in 2008 as part of the Sound Transit 2 ballot measure and is independent of the implementation of the Point Defiance Bypass Project. The total Tacoma Trestle project budget is \$59 million. In 2013, Sound Transit received a \$10 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program that allowed Sound Transit to accelerate the project schedule to coincide with the opening of the new Amtrak Station from 2023 to 2017. This updated schedule will accommodate three additional round trips for the Sounder south line and the completion of the Washington State Department of Transportation Point Defiance Bypass Project.

Historic Preservation

The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation determined that the existing trestle is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; however, the structure cannot meet the needs of a modern railway and must be replaced. Sound Transit and the Federal Transit Administration are consulting with the City of Tacoma, Historic Tacoma, the Tacoma Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, the Tacoma Historical Society, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, the Nisqually Tribe, and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Milwaukee Railroad Retired Employee Association to identify measures to mitigate the effects of replacing the aging trestle.



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Conceptual Engineering / Environmental

Preliminary Engineering/ Environmental

Final Design

Construction

Fully Operational

Summer 2013– 2014

2014

2014 – 2015

2015 – 2017

2017

How to get involved

Sound Transit is committed to engaging with the community throughout the design and construction of the trestle. Open houses will be held to present the project design and construction planning, and the project website will provide up-to-date information throughout the project.

For more information on the Tacoma Trestle project, please contact Erin Hunter, South Corridor Outreach Supervisor, at (206) 370-5511 or erin.hunter@soundtransit.org, or visit the Tacoma Trestle webpage at soundtransit.org/TacomaTrestle.



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