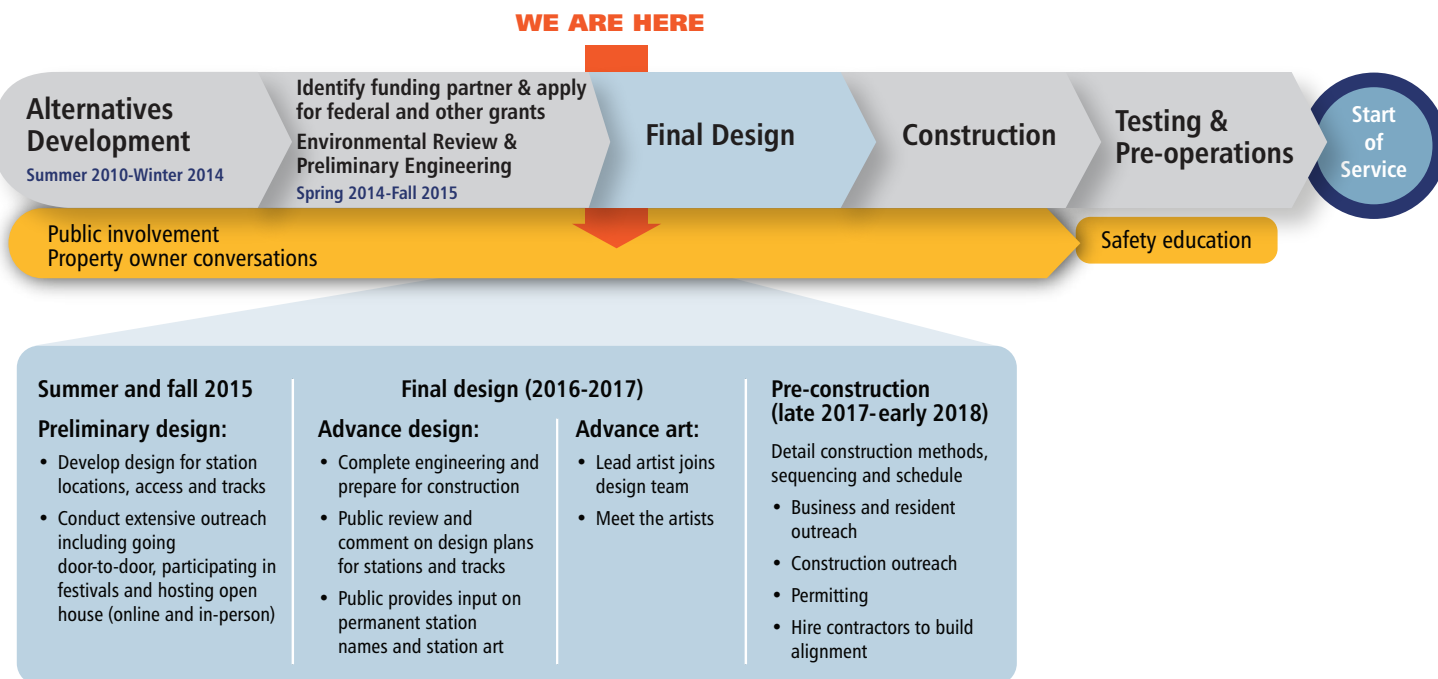


Funding

Tacoma Link Expansion is being funded through a partnership between Sound Transit and the City of Tacoma. There has been good news on the funding in the last year. The project was included in the Obama Administration's budget for a Small Starts Grant of \$75 million and two additional grants were awarded in 2015. The U.S. Department of Transportation announced the TIGER grant for \$15 million and State of Washington awarded a Regional Mobility Grant of \$5 million. These are in addition to the \$13 million in grants previously received.



How to get involved

Visit soundtransit.org/TacomaLinkExpansion for more information about community outreach events and project updates. To learn more or request a project briefing for your organization, contact Allison Gregg, South Corridor Outreach Supervisor, at 206-398-5063 or allison.gregg@soundtransit.org.

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Tacoma Link Expansion

Fall 2015

PROJECT OVERVIEW

In 2008, voters approved ST2, a regional transit expansion plan that included partial funding for a partnership to expand Tacoma Link. The existing 1.6-mile light rail line currently serves six stations between the Theater District and the Tacoma Dome. Trains run every 12 minutes and provide nearly a million rides per year.

Expansion:

LENGTH: 2.4 MILES

**STATIONS: 6 PROPOSED
1 RELOCATED**

PROJECT GOALS:

- Improve mobility and transportation access for Tacoma residents and visitors
- Increase transit ridership in Tacoma
- Serve underserved neighborhoods and communities
- Use transit to spur economic development and other types of investment
- Ensure the project is environmentally sensitive and sustainable
- Establish a project that is competitive for federal funding

FREQUENCY: 10 MINUTES during most of the day

Benefits:

- Operate from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. most days; increase frequency from 12 to 10 minutes
- Serve ethnically and economically diverse neighborhoods. Within one-quarter mile of the alignment, the population is 40 percent minority, 25 percent low income and 30 percent of households have no vehicle.
- By 2035 the Link corridor will include 54,000 jobs and 47,000 residents
- Save 10 to 15 minutes per trip compared to existing bus service

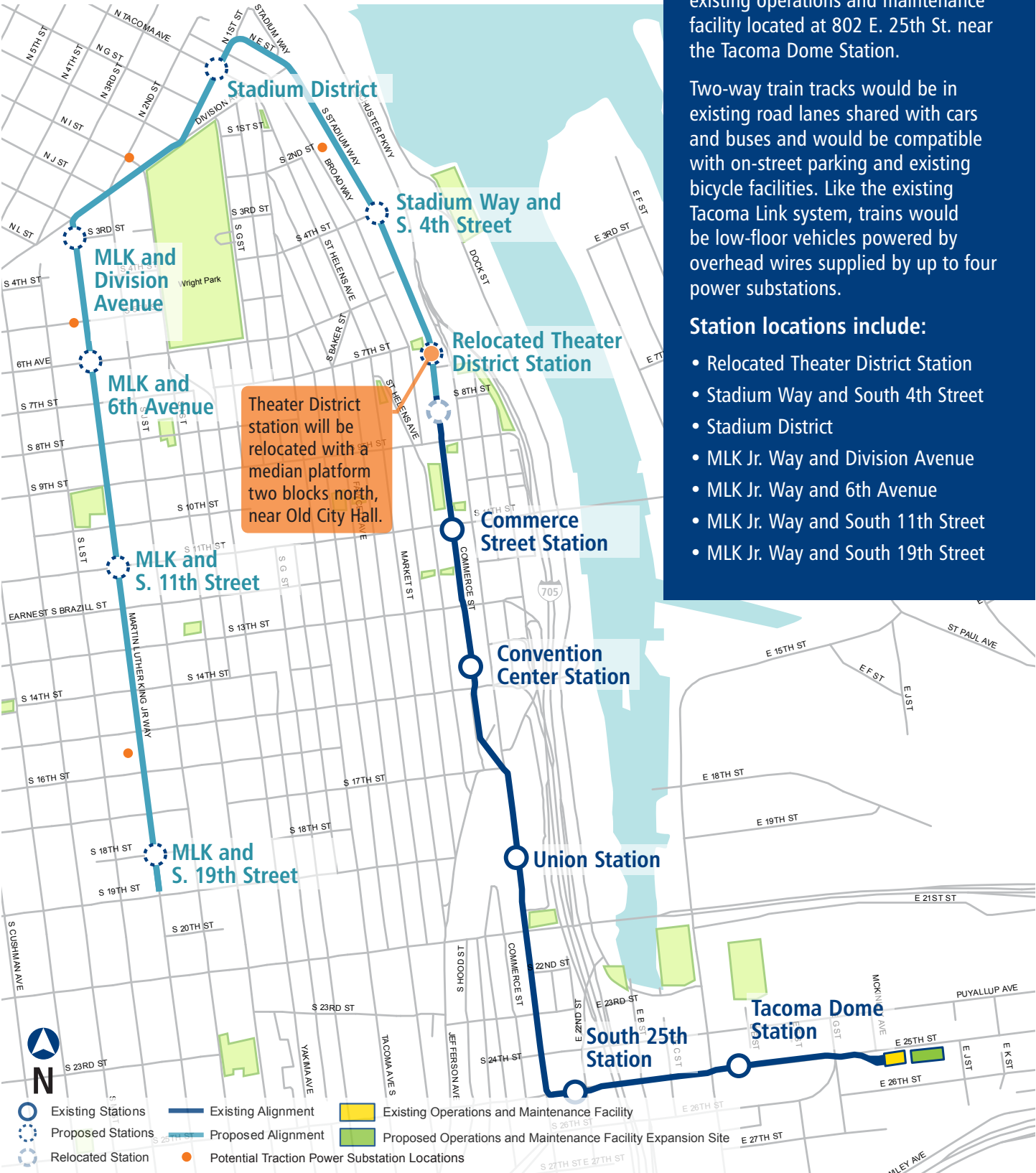
Working to expand Tacoma Link

In 2015, Tacoma Link Expansion reached a major milestone. We completed our environmental evaluation of the preferred alignment and shared the project's potential impacts and benefits with the community. The selected route continues north along Commerce Street to the Hilltop District via Stadium Way, North 1st Street, Division Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way (MLK Jr Way). Early engineering and public comments helped to determine station locations.

After reviewing the results of the environmental evaluation and public comments, the Tacoma City Council unanimously passed the resolution endorsing the Tacoma Link Expansion on August 11 and the Sound Transit Board approved the project to be built on November 19. The project team completed preliminary engineering and will begin final design early next year. Hear more about the Expansion by viewing our video at tacomalink.org.



Project alignment, station locations and maintenance facility expansion



The route identified for the expansion is approximately 2.4 miles long with six new stations and one relocated station. The project also includes expanding the existing operations and maintenance facility located at 802 E. 25th St. near the Tacoma Dome Station.

Two-way train tracks would be in existing road lanes shared with cars and buses and would be compatible with on-street parking and existing bicycle facilities. Like the existing Tacoma Link system, trains would be low-floor vehicles powered by overhead wires supplied by up to four power substations.

- Station locations include:**
- Relocated Theater District Station
 - Stadium Way and South 4th Street
 - Stadium District
 - MLK Jr. Way and Division Avenue
 - MLK Jr. Way and 6th Avenue
 - MLK Jr. Way and South 11th Street
 - MLK Jr. Way and South 19th Street

What happens during final design?

Tacoma Link Expansion is now entering final design, the process that will advance the design from approximately 30 percent to 100 percent design completion. During final design, Sound Transit will prepare the project for construction by:

- Developing station designs
- Preparing detailed construction plans
- Conducting field work
- Defining the construction schedule and methods
- Incorporating art
- Identifying architectural elements
- Continuing to partner with City of Tacoma and Pierce Transit
- Obtaining permits

Visual simulations



*Simulations reflect an earlier design phase and show a two wire overhead contact system (OCS). Recently, Sound Transit has selected a single wire instead of a two wire OCS. Simulations are intended to show the project location and visual changes. They do not illustrate other potential station or design amenities.

Sound Transit's art program (STart)

One percent of capital construction dollars are set aside for public art. During final design, Sound Transit commissions artists who work with the design team to incorporate the work and thinking of artists into projects. Panels of community stakeholders and design peers select the artists.

