Sound Transit Update

Tacoma TOD Advisory Group

11/16/2020



TDLE Status Update:

Completed DEIS phase activities:

- Select alternatives to study
- Identify preferred alternative for DEIS phase
- Prepare conceptual station layouts

DEIS = Draft Environmental Impact Statement FEIS = Final Environmental Impact Statement * Dates subject to change

Future activities*:

- Publish DEIS and invite public comment (Early 2022)
- Confirm or modify the preferred alternative (route & stations) for FEIS phase (Mid 2022)
- Refine project design for FEIS
- Publish the FEIS (2023)
- Select project to be built (2023)



Portland Avenue Station: Overview

- Two elevated station alternatives
- Studying ways to improve pedestrian, bicycle, and transit access to station, including:
 - Working with WSDOT to move and widen sidewalks on Portland Avenue under I-5
 - Studying options for a pedestrian & bicycle bridge over I-5





Portland Avenue: Ped/Bike Bridge Options

Portland Avenue Station



Portland Avenue Span Station Option



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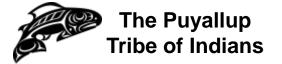


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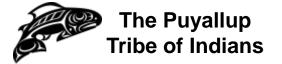


Portland Avenue Station

- Pedestrian Access considerations and future considerations over I-5
- Concerns of existing pedestrian underpasses
- Pedestrian improvements across 27th and 28th
- Parking conflicts and considerations
- Station that accommodates kiss-and-ride queuing



Tacoma Dome Station



Tacoma Dome Station

- East 26th conflicts and access
- Preserving Tribal property for future development
- Section 106 Cultural Resource considerations





Port of Tacoma Perspective

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Economic Impact of The Northwest Seaport Alliance



58,400

FAMILY WAGE JOBS
SUPPORTED BY NWSA
ACROSS WASHINGTON STATE



Every direct job supports an additional 1.9 jobs: that's higher than aerospace and more than twice as high as agriculture and food processing.

DIRECT JOBS INCLUDE:

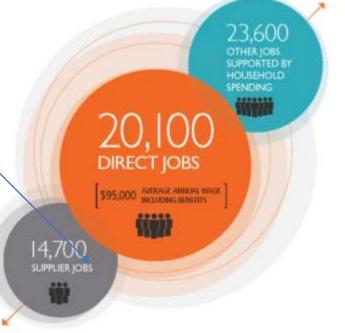










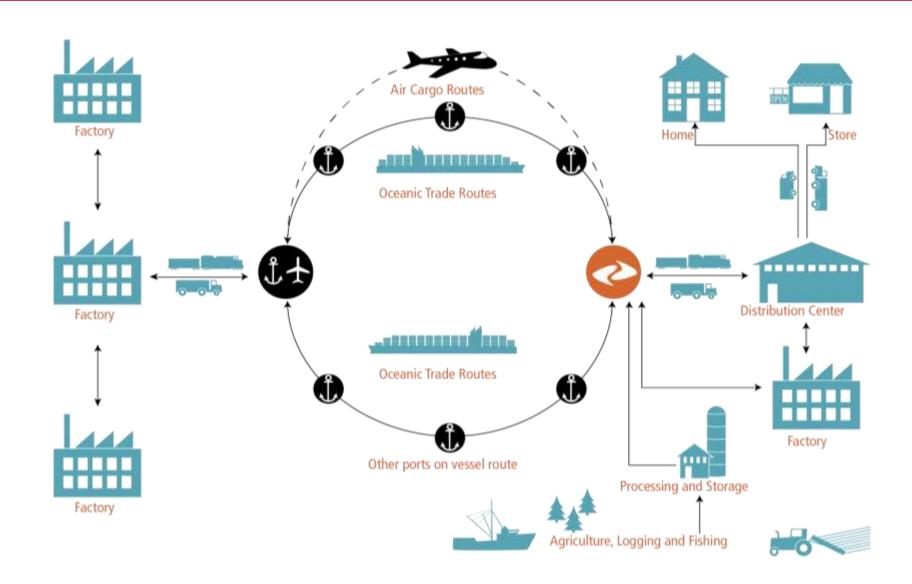


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Supply Chain Overview

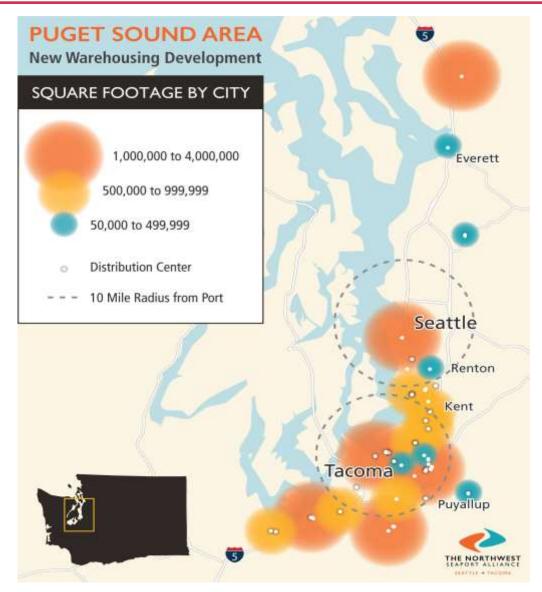


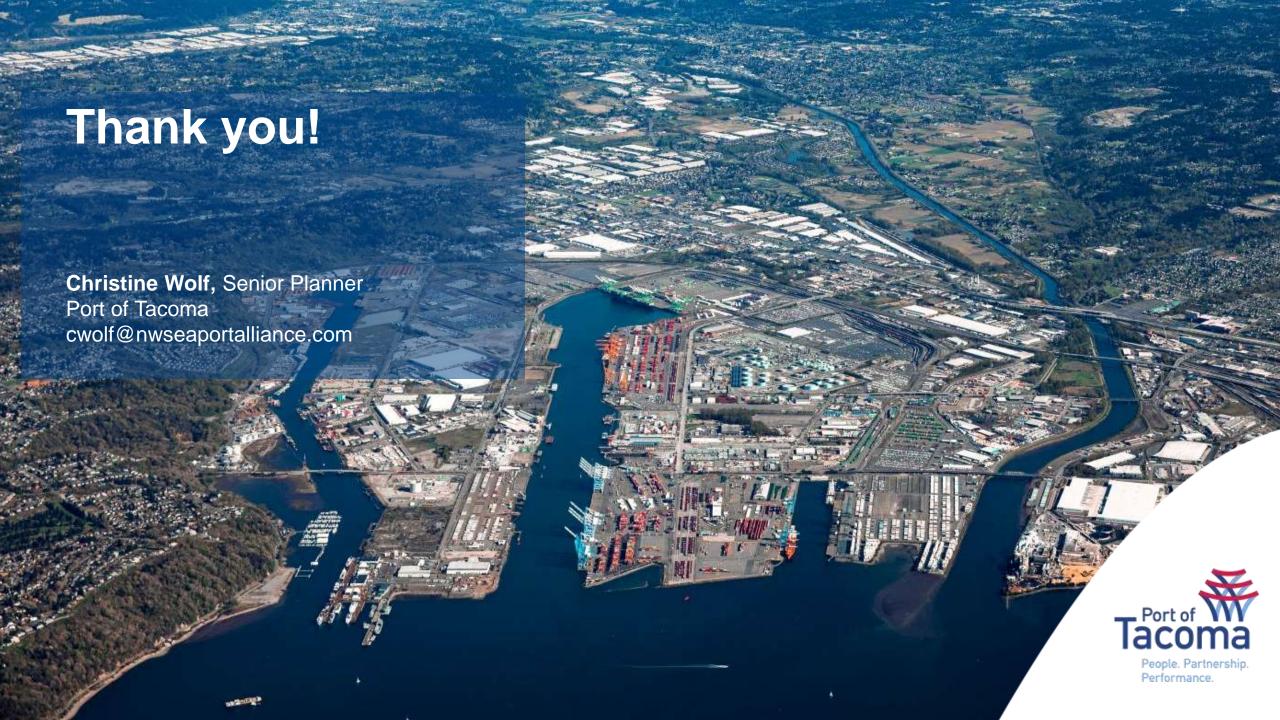


Warehousing and Distribution Centers











Portland Avenue Station Area Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group

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WSDOT

Regional Transit Coordination Division

Role

- Support the planning and conceptual design of Sound Transit high-capacity transit projects and other Central Puget Sound transit agencies
- Coordinate work between WSDOT projects and Sound Transit projects in or near WSDOT right of way
- Integrate multimodal concepts into policies and programs

Agency Perspective

- Support pedestrian & bicycle access to station and improved connectivity in the station area
- Collaborate with agency and tribal partners on active transportation and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) initiatives



Portland Avenue/I-5

Improving Pedestrian & Bicycle Access

Barriers

- Much of Sound Transit light rail system expansion, including the Tacoma Dome Link Extension, is in or adjacent to WSDOT Right-of-Way - Stations are multimodal hubs
- I-5 is a barrier restricting the number of access routes to the other side
- Portland Ave. underpass is a poor pedestrian environment



Portland Avenue/I-5

Improving Pedestrian & Bicycle Access

Opportunity

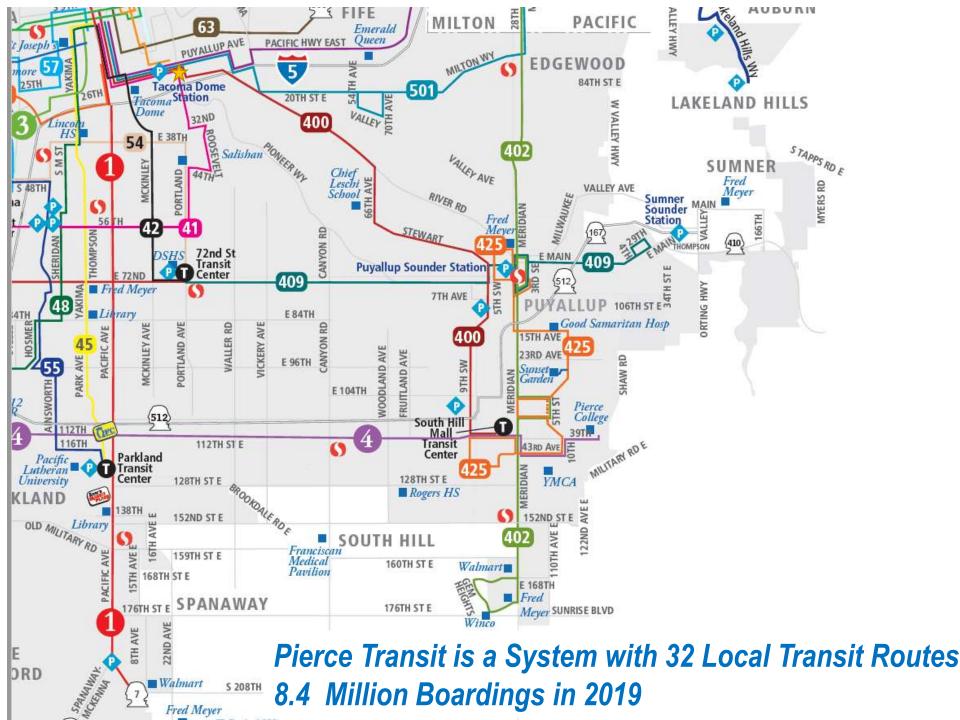
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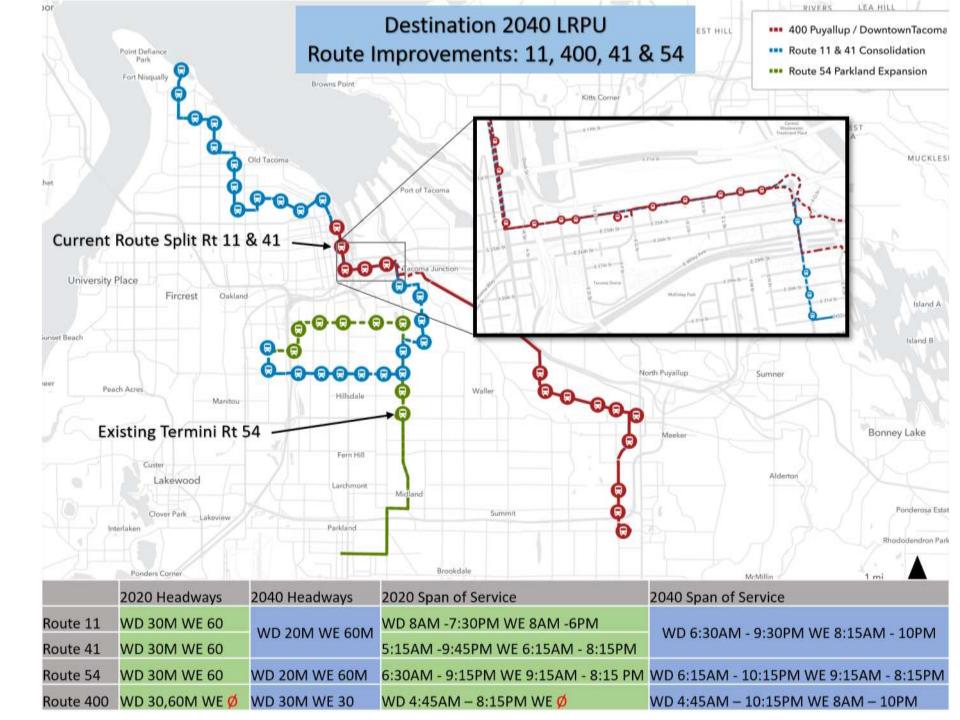






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Portland and 26th Street Station Area



