

Tacoma Dome Link Extension

*Tacoma Planning Commission
November 6, 2019*



Link Light Rail

Tacoma Dome extension

- Elevated
- Surface

Current/future service

- Federal Way extension (2024)
- Tacoma Link

- New station area
- P Parking
- ∞ Transfer hub
- Ⓟ Existing station

Note: map not to scale

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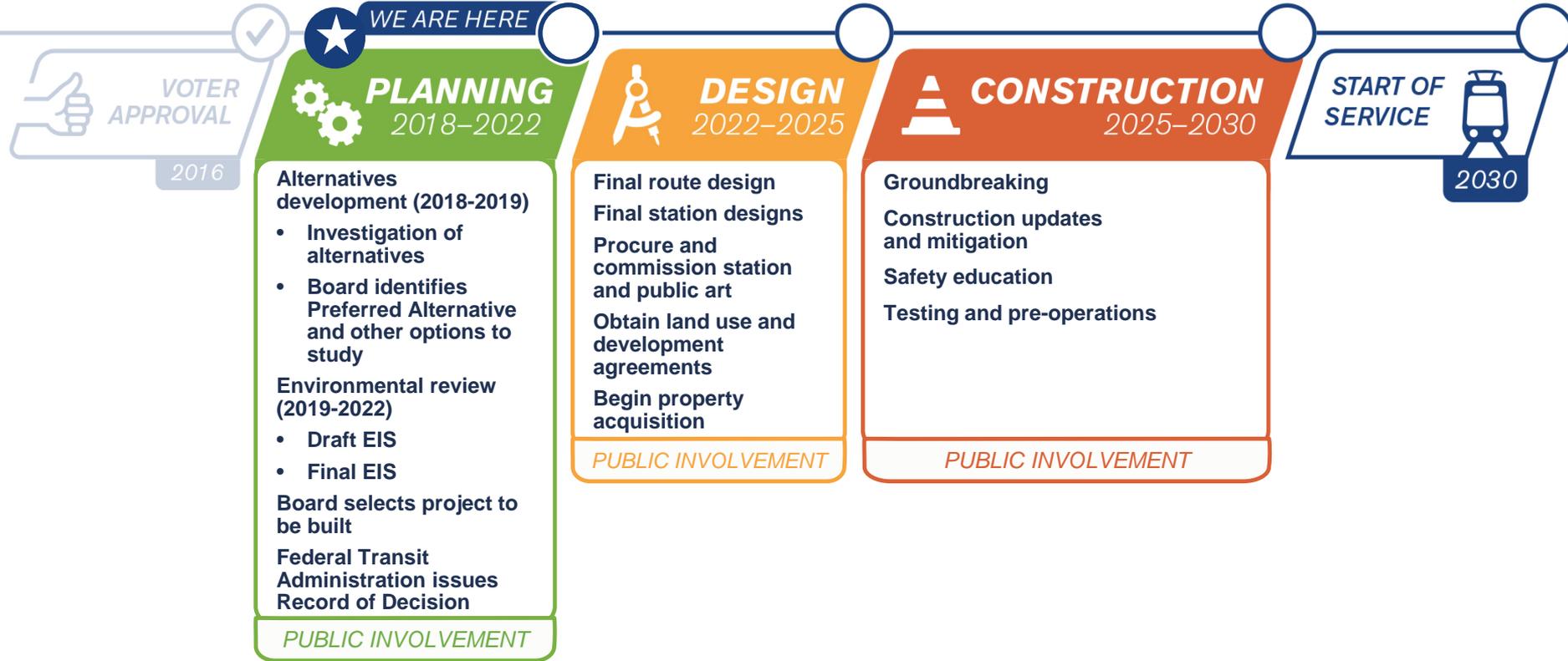
Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE)

Federal Way Transit Center to Tacoma Dome

- Length: 9.7 miles
- Stations: 4 (South Federal Way, Fife, East Tacoma, Tacoma Dome)
- Scheduled opening in 2030



Project timeline



Environmental review timeline*

Public participation throughout

2019

2020 / 2021

2022

Spring 2019

EIS scoping /
public comment period

July 2019

ST Board & FTA expected
to identify alternatives to
study in EIS

Spring 2021

Draft EIS issued;
public comment
period

Spring/Summer 2022

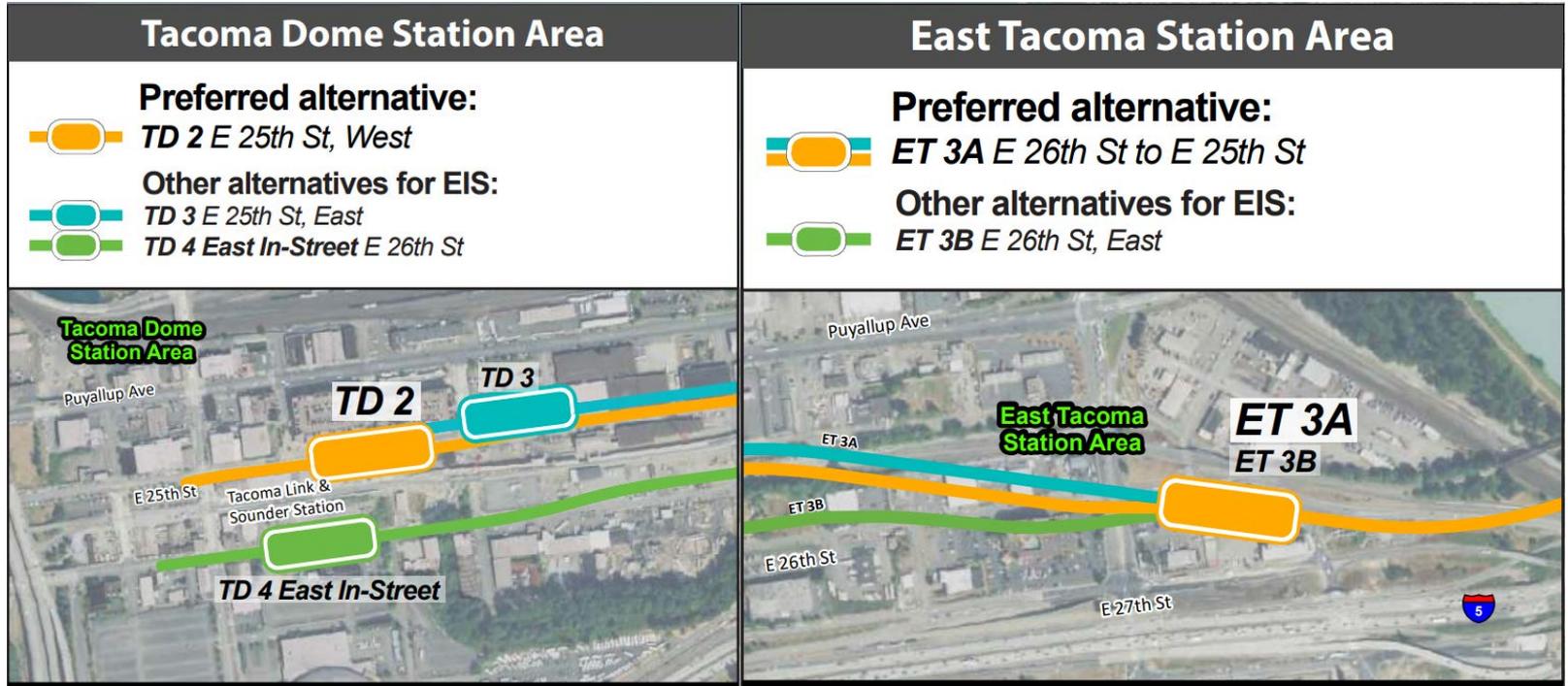
Final EIS issued

Summer 2022

ST Board selects
project to be built

FTA issues record of
decision (ROD)

Alternatives for EIS



*The Sound Transit Board directed ST staff to examine an alignment and station Close to the Sounder corridor, not currently shown on the map.

Sound Transit Board Direction on Tacoma Dome Station alternatives

“Options for the alignment and station close to the Sounder corridor should be examined.”

Staff approach to develop? Start with **Draft Guiding Principles** based on:

- City Council’s resolution from June 2019
- Feedback from community outreach

Tacoma Dome Station: Guiding Principles

Element	Example keywords
Development Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retained development capacity• Proximity to adjacent development
Comfortable urban environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engaging street frontage• Pedestrian safety and walkability• Few visual and sunlight impacts
Great multi-modal transit hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct, quick, and safe transfers between modes• Passenger amenities nearby• Avoid, or incorporate and enhance, Freighthouse Square

Suggestions we've heard:

Development capacity

- Promote development capacity
- Don't detract from development potential

Comfortable urban environment

- Well-integrated into the neighborhood
- Passenger weather protection
- ADA accessibility

Great multi-modal transit hub

- Passenger amenities integrated or nearby
- Special events considerations (circulation)
- Be a catalyst for and enhance the neighborhood

General/other

- Sensitivity to historic and cultural resources
- Traffic and parking management

Thank you.



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What is typically studied in an

EIS? →

Transportation

- Ridership
- Transit
- Regional and local traffic
- Non-motorized facilities and modes
- Freight movement
- Marine navigation
- Aviation
- Construction traffic

Natural Environment

- Air quality and greenhouse gas emissions
- Ecosystems and fish and wildlife habitat
- Water resources
- Geology and soils

Built Environment

- Noise and vibration
- Economic effects
- Visual resources
- Parks resources
- Land use
- Acquisitions, displacements and relocations
- Energy use
- Hazardous materials
- Public services and utilities
- Impacts on low income and minority populations
- Cultural, historic and archaeological resources
- Construction impacts