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**To:** Tacoma Transportation Commission

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**Subject:** Tacoma Dome Access Improvements Presentation Overview

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## **Purpose of Presentation**

To provide an overview of the Tacoma Dome Access Improvements (TDAI) project, as initiated under the Sound Transit 2 (ST2) plan. We will discuss the proposed improvements aimed at enhancing access to the Tacoma Dome Station, considering both parking and non-motorized options, and seek feedback from the Transportation Commission to refine the project's priorities.

## **Project Summary**

The Tacoma Dome Access Improvements project was approved by voters in 2008, with a focus on improving access to the Tacoma Dome Station. This station currently serves T Line, Sounder, ST Express, Pierce Transit, Amtrak, and Greyhound. The future Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE) will also have a station here in 2035.

The TDAI project aims to improve access to the Tacoma Dome Station by exploring a combination of new surface parking and non-motorized improvement options for those who walk, bike, roll, and/or take public transit. Despite the decline in parking demand due to shifts in work patterns since 2020, there is a need to prepare for potential increases in demand once the TDLE is operational. The project also considers the City of Tacoma's policies, which limit the expansion of surface parking in designated pedestrian areas.

Our evaluation has identified high-performing sites for potential surface parking, capable of accommodating up to 300 stalls. Additionally, several non-motorized access improvements, such as the Puyallup Avenue Corridor Improvements and various pedestrian and cyclist safety enhancements, have been proposed to align with the City of Tacoma's broader transportation goals.

## **Next Steps and Discussion (or Action)**

We will continue to collaborate with the City and brief other local partners to refine the list of proposed improvements. To guide our discussion, we seek input on the following questions:

- What are the Transportation Commission's priorities regarding balancing surface parking with non-motorized access improvements?
- What specific considerations should we consider to ensure the proposed improvements effectively address current and future access needs?
- How can we further align the TDAI project with the Commission's mission, vision, and goals?

## **More Information**

We will follow up with the Commission to provide a link to the project's online open house and survey once it launches at the end of this month.