Tacoma Fast Ferry Feasibility Study

December 11, 2018









Feasibility Study Team







Sawyer & Associates Consulting

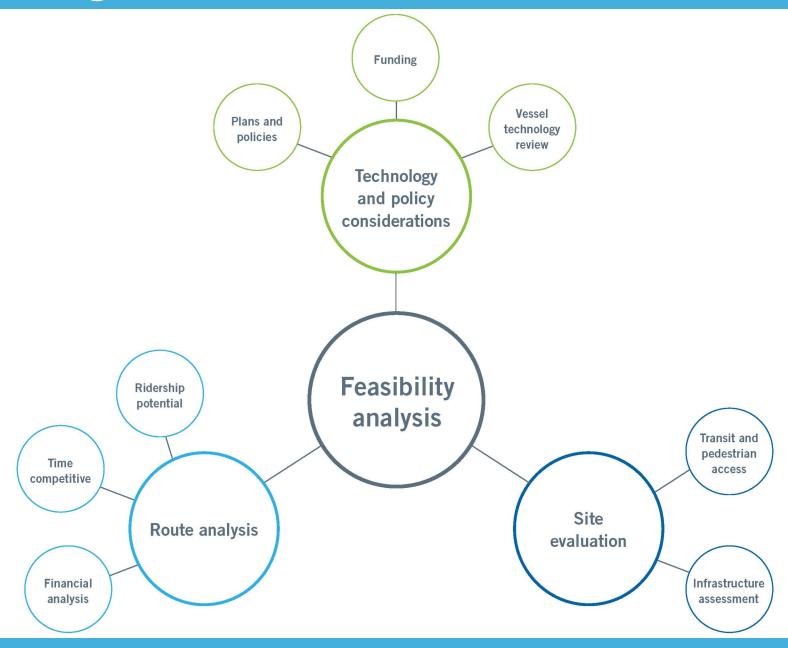








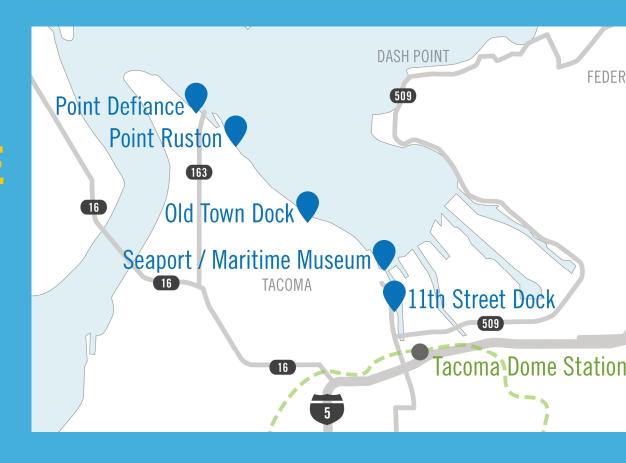
Study Elements



LANDING SITE ASSESSMENT

Three geographical areas:

- Downtown
- Old Town
- O The Point

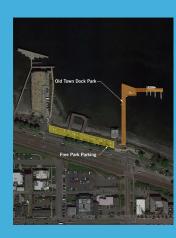




11TH STREET



SEAPORT



OLD TOWN



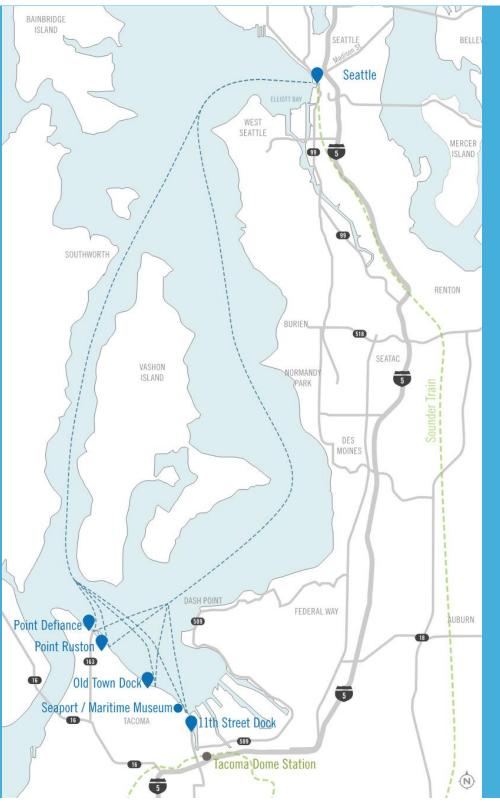
Pt. Ruston



PT. DEFIANCE

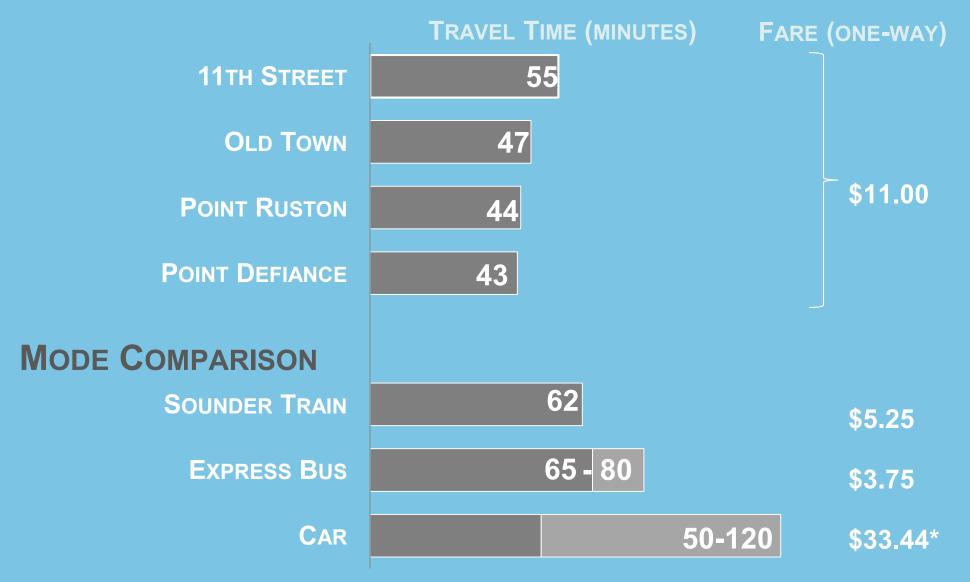
ROUTE PROFILE ASSESSMENT

- TRANSIT CONNECTIONS
- FARE ASSUMPTIONS
- TRAVEL TIMESCOMPARISON
- OPERATING PROFILES



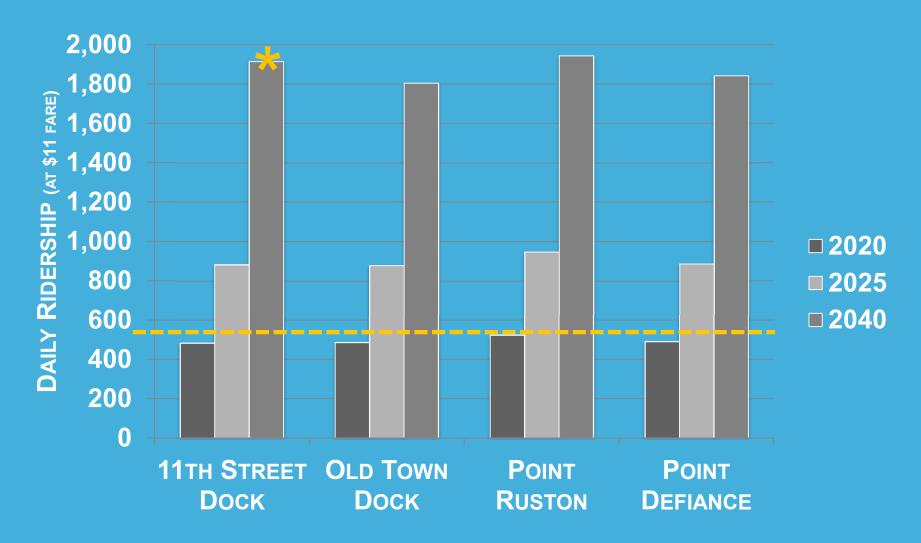
TIME AND FARE COMPETITIVE TRAVEL

POTENTIAL TACOMA PASSENGER-ONLY ROUTES



^{*}INCLUDES FEDERAL MILEAGE COSTS AND PARKING COSTS IN SEATTLE

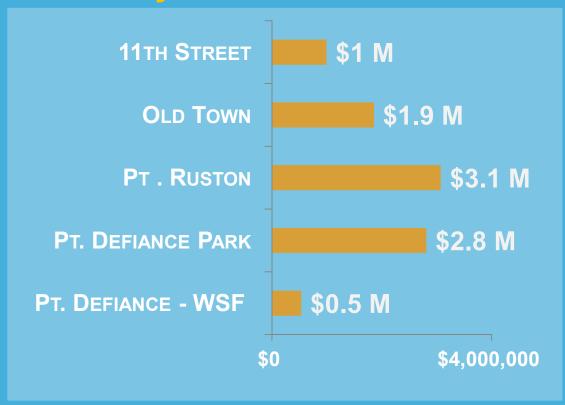
ESTIMATED WEEKDAY RIDERSHIP



- o 2020: Point Ruston site has highest daily ridership (523 riders)
- 2040: 11th Street Dock catches up *

ESTIMATED CAPITAL COSTS

Estimated Terminal Facility Cost



- Terminal facility cost estimates differ by location.
- Potential pilot service opportunities at:
 - Point Defiance parks facilities
 - Old Town
 - 11th Street Marina

ESTIMATED CAPITAL COSTS

Estimated Vessel Cost





\$13 - 17.5 M

- Two service vessels and one back up vessel would ensure reliability
- 150-passenger vessel (appropriate for the predicted ridership)
- A larger vessel would be required for bow loading in the WSF slip, with more passenger capacity.

START-UP CAPITAL COSTS BY LANDING SITE







Pt. Ruston



OLD TOWN



11TH STREET

11TH STREET	\$40,595,000
OLD TOWN	\$41,459,000
PT . RUSTON	\$42,674,000
Pt. Defiance Park	\$42,412,000
PT. DEFIANCE WSF BOW LOADING	\$53,335,000

ESTIMATED OPERATING COSTS



OPERATING COST COMPARISON

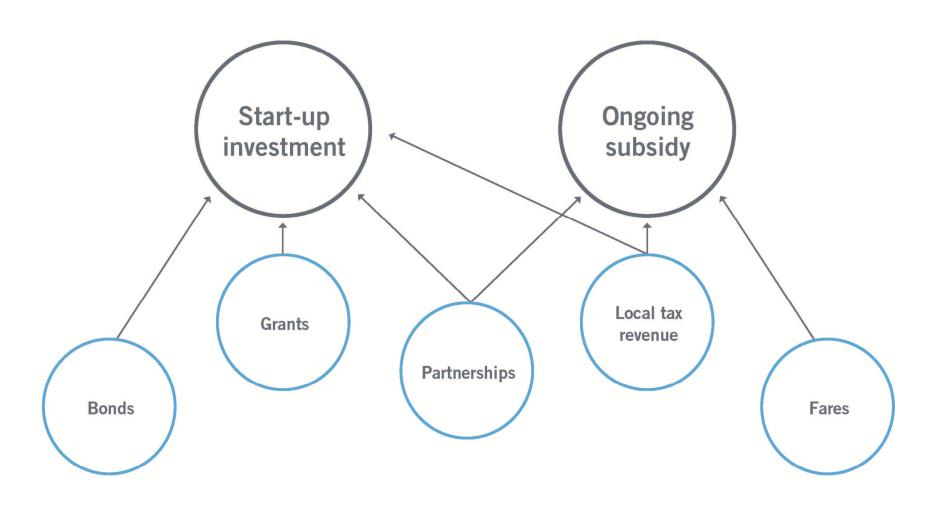
- Comparable operating costs and revenue recovery for all sites
- Farebox recovery ranges from 32.5% to 37.7% for all sites

	11 TH STREET	OLD TOWN	POINT RUSTON	POINT DEFIANCE
SUBSIDY REQUIRED	\$1.96 M	\$1.88 M	\$1.71 M	\$1.79 M
COST PER RIDER	\$28.77	\$27.88	\$24.80	\$26.70
Cost per Service Hour	\$1,431	\$1,394	\$1,364	\$1,362

MODAL COST COMPARISON

	POTENTIAL POF FROM POINT RUSTON	KING COUNTY WATER TAXI	Sounder Train	SOUND TRANSIT EXPRESS BUS
ANNUAL RIDERSHIP	114,400	657,600	4,650,000	18,860,000
Total Annual Cost	\$2.83 M	\$7.53 M	\$53.89 M	\$141.30 M
SUBSIDY REQUIRED	\$1.71 M	\$4.52 M	\$38.76 M	\$103.57 M
COST PER RIDER	\$24.80	\$11.00	\$11.59	\$7.49
COST PER SERVICE HOUR	\$1,364	\$1,477	\$721	\$178
FAREBOX RECOVERY	37.7%	40.0%	28.1%	26.7%

FUNDING NEEDS & OPPORTUNITIES

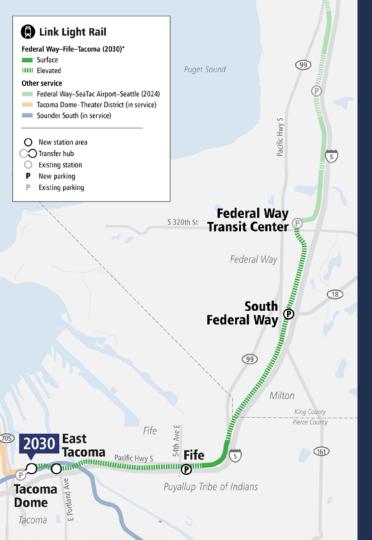


CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

- TACOMA TO SEATTLE FAST FERRY SERVICE IS FEASIBLE
- FURTHER ANALYSIS IS REQUIRED TO DEVELOP A VIABLE BUSINESS PLAN
 - FUNDING PLAN
 - SCHEDULE AND RIDERSHIP
 - Preferred Landing Location(s)
 - ECONOMIC IMPACT
 - SEATTLE FACILITIES
 - REGIONAL COORDINATION/COLLABORATION
 - COMMUNITY SUPPORT







Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE)

Federal Way Transit Center to Tacoma Dome

- **Length:** 9.7 miles
- Stations: 4 (2 parking garages)
- Scheduled opening in 2030

Operations and Maintenance Facility – South

Scheduled opening in 2026

Engagement



Community Updates



Stakeholder Group



Station and Operations & Maintenance Facility Area Workshops



Interagency Group



Elected Leadership Group



Tribe and City Council Coordination



Sound Transit Board

TDLE project timeline



2016



PLANNING

2018-2022

Alternatives development

- Investigation of alternatives
- **Board identifies Preferred Alternative**

Environmental review

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Final EIS

Board selects project to be built

Federal agency issues Record of Decision (ROD)



DESIGN

2022-2025

Final route design

Final station designs

Procure and commission station and public art

Obtain land use and development agreements

Begin property acquisition

CONSTRUCTION

2025-2030

START OF **SERVICE**

2030

Groundbreaking

Construction updates and mitigation

Safety education

Testing and pre-operations

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

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Alternatives development process





PLANNING

2018-2022

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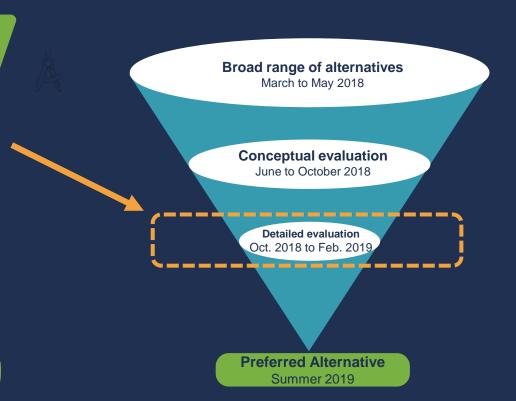
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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT





Evaluation Criteria

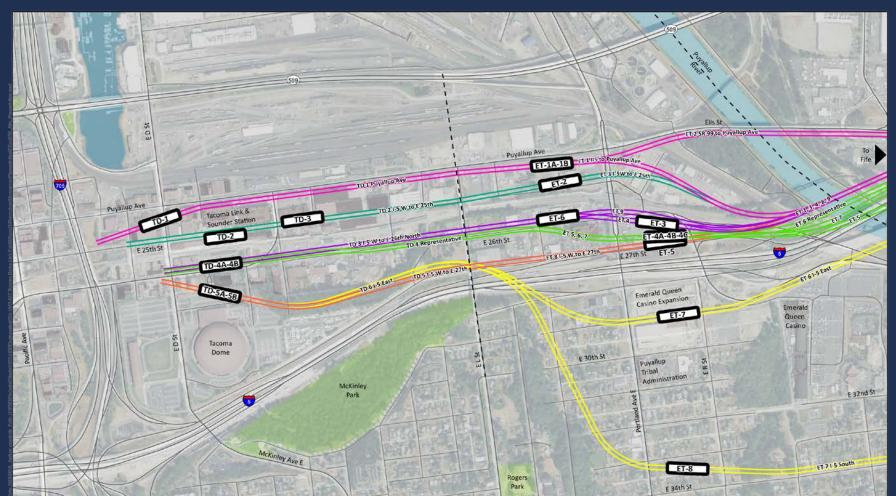
Five Categories:

- Effective transportation solutions
- Land use and economic development and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)
- > Preserve the environment
- Equitable mobility
- Financially sustainable and constructible

Level 1 Evaluation: 25 measures

Level 2 Evaluation: 43 measures

Level 1 alternatives: Tacoma



East Tacoma: ELG recommendation for Level 2 study



Alignments and station highlighted are those the ELG recommended for further study

Tacoma Dome: ELG recommendation for Level 2 study



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Next steps

Level 2 evaluation

Underway now

Community briefings

January-February 2019

EIS Scoping

March 2019

Board identifies Preferred Alternative

Summer 2019

Public engagement

Contact ST

- Call the project line to speak with an outreach specialist
- Send an email with questions, concerns or comments to tdlink@soundtransit.org



Get involved

- Attend an open house
- Participate in community/neighborhood briefings



Go online

- Visit the project website. www.soundtransit.org/tdlink
- Respond to online surveys
- > Subscribe to email updates
- > Follow on social media



