



December 4, 2007

Dear Recipient:

Sound Transit is issuing an Addendum under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), which describes the environmental effects of revisions to the proposed commuter rail alignment between D and M Streets in Tacoma for the Lakewood-to-Tacoma commuter rail project. This is an addendum to the Sound Transit Lakewood-to-Tacoma Commuter Rail and SR-512 Park-and-Ride Expansion Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) published in May 2002.

After extensive discussion with the City of Tacoma, project area businesses, and the community at-large, Sound Transit has identified revisions to a 1.2 mile segment of new track in Tacoma proposed for construction. These revisions address transportation issues identified during the preliminary design process. Design revisions would include constructing a grade-separated railroad bridge over Pacific Avenue. This would result in increased safety and provide unimpeded access on this major arterial to points north and south of the crossing.

Based on the evaluation summarized in this Addendum, Sound Transit has determined that the proposed revisions are within the range of alternatives and impacts previously evaluated and would not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts in the existing environmental documents. With the mitigation discussed in the Addendum, no new probable significant environmental impacts would result.

The SEPA addendum can be reviewed on the Sound Transit website at the following web address: <http://www.soundtransit.org/x1246.xml> Printed copies of this Addendum are available upon request by contacting Melissa Saxe, Project Development Coordinator, at (206) 689-4968 or [melissa.saxe@soundtransit.org](mailto:melissa.saxe@soundtransit.org).

For further information about this Addendum, please contact Steve Kennedy, Senior Environmental Planner, at (206) 398-5302, or Mark Johnson, Capital Projects Manager for the D to M Street Track and Signal Project (206) 398-5192.

Sincerely,

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