

Background and purpose

Sound Transit hosted an open house at Puyallup City Hall on February 23, 2016 to provide a project update and give the public an opportunity to submit in-person comments and review the environmental documents. Sound Transit also used an informal online survey to ask visitors to prioritize the proposed station access improvements. This survey was available at the open house via iPads and linked to an online open house through March 2, 2016. This survey was used to capture an unofficial snapshot of priorities for the improvements. The Sound Transit Board will review comments from the project team, City of Puyallup staff, City Council and the public's survey results when selecting a project to be built in spring 2016.

Opportunities for survey participation

- Via iPad at the in-person open house at Puyallup City Hall: **15 surveys** completed
 - Almost 70 individuals attended the public meeting
- Via online survey link: **46 surveys** completed
 - Online open house
 - Almost 830 total visits to the online open house
 - Email update – survey linked in follow-up email after open house
 - The News Tribune article, “Proposed Puyallup commuter parking garage proving troublesome”

Audience

Target audiences included:

- Individual residents and businesses
- Commuters and transit riders, particularly of Sound Transit services
- Public officials and regional leaders
- Community organizations such as the local Eagles chapter
- Environmental organizations, including bicycle, pedestrian and land use groups
- Business interest groups such as local chamber of commerce organizations

Survey results

The survey referred respondents to the online open house and Puyallup fact sheet for background information about the proposed improvements. At the end of the comment period on March 2, 2016, a total of 61 people had completed a survey (11 surveys were partially completed). The survey asked people where they lived, how they got to Puyallup station and how they would prioritize the proposed station access improvements.

Over 50% of the survey respondents live in the Puyallup city limits and most respondents (~90%) use Puyallup station. The most popular mode of transportation to Puyallup station was driving alone (62%). A weighted calculation of the proposed station access improvements ranking was as follows:

1. 5-level parking garage and expanded surfacing parking (192 points)
2. Pedestrian bridge across the railroad tracks (151 points)
3. Pedestrian bridge across 5th St NW, from the parking garage to the station (145 points)
4. Infrastructure and signal improvements for people walking and biking to the station (122 points)

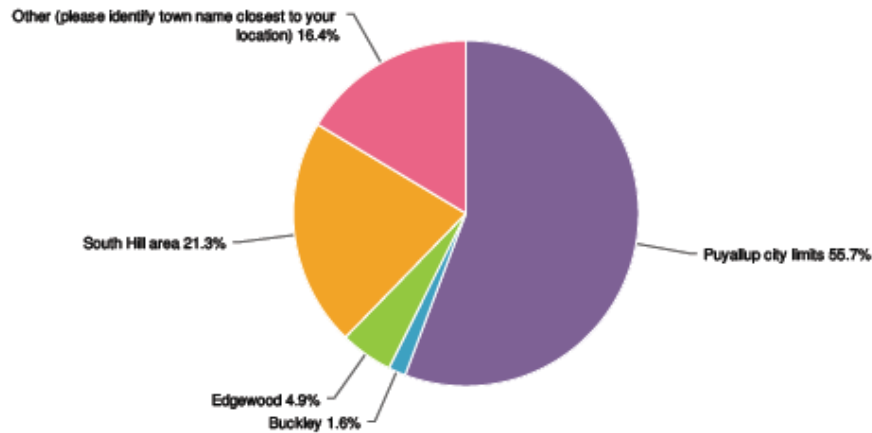
The survey calculated these rankings on a point scale (first choice: four points, second choice: three points, etc.). While overall the pedestrian bridge across the railroad tracks was ranked higher, the total points for the pedestrian bridge across 5th St NW differed by only six points. In comparison, the parking improvements score was 41 points higher than the pedestrian bridge across the railroad tracks.

Please see Appendix A for a more detailed breakdown of the survey responses.

Appendix A: Survey responses

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1. What area best describes where you live?

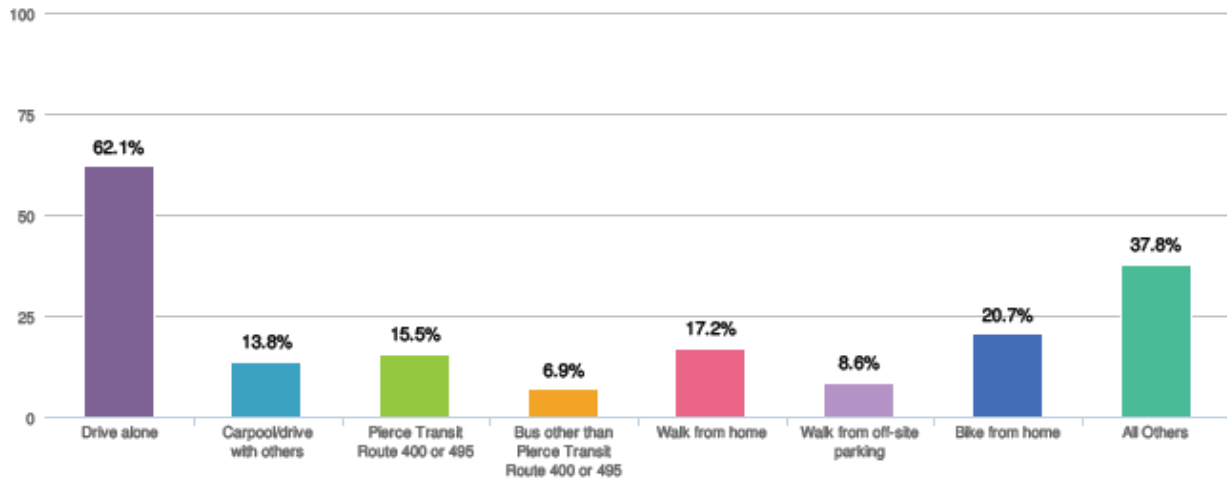


Value	Percent	Count
Puyallup city limits	55.7%	34
Sumner city limits	0.0%	0
Alderton	0.0%	0
Buckley	1.6%	1
Bonney Lake	0.0%	0
Edgewood	4.9%	3
Lake Tapps	0.0%	0
Orting	0.0%	0
Prairie Ridge	0.0%	0
Ponderosa Estates	0.0%	0
South Hill area	21.3%	13
Other (please identify town name closest to your location)	16.4%	10
Total		61

Responses "Other (please identify town name closest to your location)"	Count
Left Blank	51
ELBE	1
Eatonville	1

Responses "Other (please identify town name closest to your location)"	Count
Fife	1
Graham	1
Issaquah	1
Midland	1
Parkland	1
Seattle	1
Summit/Midland	1
Tacoma	1

2. On your typical trip, what modes have you used to get from your home to Puyallup station? (check all that apply)



Value	Percent	Count
Drive alone	62.1%	36
Carpool/drive with others	13.8%	8
Pierce Transit Route 400 or 495	15.5%	9
Bus other than Pierce Transit Route 400 or 495	6.9%	4
Walk from home	17.2%	10
Walk from off-site parking	8.6%	5
Bike from home	20.7%	12
Get dropped off	17.2%	10
Sounder train (Puyallup station is my destination and I live in another city)	1.7%	1
I do not use Puyallup station	10.3%	6
Other	8.6%	5
Total		58

Responses "Other"	Count
Left Blank	56
Bus 503 while it was in service	1
I stopped riding due to the lack of parking. Would like to rejoin once there is parking.	1
I use Sumner station	1
Motorcycle	1

3. Please rank the following proposed station access improvements in order of importance to you, with 1 being your highest priority and 4 being your lowest priority. For more information about these improvements, please view the online open house and the Puyallup fact sheet.

	Score*	Overall Rank
5-level parking garage and expanded surface parking	192	1
Pedestrian bridge across the railroad tracks	151	2
Pedestrian bridge across 5th St NW, from the parking garage to the station	145	3
Infrastructure and signal improvements for people walking and biking to the station	122	4

Total Respondents 61

*Score is a weighted calculation. Items ranked first are valued higher than the following ranks, the score is the sum of all weighted rank counts.