



# McKinley Park wetland mitigation

## FACT SHEET

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The D-to-M Streets project, which is needed to complete the extension of the Sounder rail line south to Lakewood, will fill just less than a half-acre (0.46 acre) of wetlands, streams, and buffers. These impacts result from excavation required to build retaining walls and utilities in and near the wetlands.

To mitigate these impacts, Sound Transit is partnering with Metro Parks Tacoma to build a new project in McKinley Park that will:

- Excavate fill material to re-create 0.45 acre of wetland (adjacent to an existing wetland)
- Create a new stream channel
- Remove invasive species and plant native trees and shrubs, enhancing 0.38 acre of existing wetland
- Remove non-native invasive plant species and replant with native trees and shrubs, enhancing 1.75 acre of buffer

The project also will construct a trail segment and boardwalk to complete a loop trail around the site. Sound Transit is partnering with Metro Parks Tacoma to design, build and install an interpretive sign.

Sound Transit is committed to environmental protection. This project meets requirements by the City of Tacoma, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Washington State Department of Ecology to create or restore wetlands, streams and buffer areas, on site or at another location in order to mitigate for construction impacts.

Sound Transit will extend Sounder service to South Tacoma and Lakewood Stations in 2012.

### Construction

Wetland mitigation will be coordinated with the overall D-to-M Streets project and will be built during summer 2011. Due to safety hazards, no area access will be allowed during construction.

### Contractor

MidMountain Contractors, Inc.



Map of wetland mitigation location

### Long-term monitoring & maintenance

Sound Transit will monitor and maintain the site for five years after construction to fulfill city and federal wetland permit conditions. After five years, future maintenance will become the responsibility of Metro Parks Tacoma.

Learn more about the environmental mitigation and the D-to-M Streets project:

- Contact South Corridor Outreach Lead Erin Hunter at (206) 370-5511 or [erin.hunter@soundtransit.org](mailto:erin.hunter@soundtransit.org)
- Sign up for e-mail project alerts at [www.soundtransit.org/subscribe](http://www.soundtransit.org/subscribe)
- Attend weekly coffee hours for updates on the project every Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Leila's Deli in the Dome District (402 E. 26th St., Tacoma, 98421)
- Look for project updates in the mail
- Visit our website at [www.soundtransit.org/DtoM](http://www.soundtransit.org/DtoM)
- Request a presentation for your group by contacting Erin Hunter

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