

# Sounder commuter rail



Sounder trains give commuters a dependable, congestion-free commute to and from Seattle.

Sounder runs four round-trip trains every weekday between Everett and Seattle with stops in Mukilteo and Edmonds. Ten round-trip trains run every weekday between Tacoma and Seattle, including six round trips that also serve South Tacoma and Lakewood. Sounder makes interim stops in Puyallup, Sumner, Auburn, Kent and Tukwila.

Powered by clean-burning, ultra-low sulfur diesel, the trains run on freight tracks owned by the BNSF Railway Company. While Sound Transit owns the stations and provides security, Sounder trains are operated by BNSF and maintained by Amtrak.

## Sounder quick facts:

- Sounder trains travel at speeds reaching 79 mph.
- The trip between the Lakewood Station and Seattle's King Street Station takes just over an hour.
- The trip between the Everett Station and Seattle's King Street Station takes about an hour.
- Each comfortable, climate-controlled, restroom-equipped Sounder car has seating for 148 passengers including up to four passengers in wheelchairs.
- Sounder trains offer free wireless internet access, worktables, high-back cloth upholstered seats, surge-protected outlets for laptop computers, overhead storage, bicycle storage and cup holders.

**MAP KEY**

**Sounder Commuter Rail**

Everett–Seattle Sounder

Lakewood–Seattle Sounder

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## The route

Sounder trains run about 82 miles through three counties, Snohomish, Pierce and King. Service to South Tacoma and Lakewood opened in October 2012.

In addition, Sound Transit owns the track between Tacoma and Nisqually, a 21-mile corridor that stretches to nearly the Pierce/Thurston county line.

## Fares

Sounder fares are based on distance traveled. The price of a ticket starts with a base fare of \$2.55. A per-mile charge of 5.5 cents is added to the base fare. The adult one-way fare from Lakewood to Seattle is \$5.25 and from Everett to Seattle is \$4.50.

A key part of the regional, seamless network is an agreement among the area's transit agencies to use a single regional smart card, ORCA

– One Regional Card for All. Riders simply “tap” their ORCA card on a card reader onboard buses or at Sounder train, light rail and ferry stations and the correct fare, including any transfer value, is automatically deducted.

## Paying for Sounder

Voters in 1996 and again in 2008 agreed to tax themselves to help pay for Sound Transit's mass transit system that includes Sounder commuter trains, Link light rail and the ST Express bus network.

## The public's help

The location and design of stations was a collaborative effort between Sound Transit, local governments, citizens, community organizations, businesses and artists.

**RIDER INFORMATION** For rider information, call toll free 1-888-889-6368 / TTY Relay: 711 or visit [soundtransit.org](http://soundtransit.org).  
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