

Naming Tacoma Amtrak Cascades Station

WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Designing new Tacoma Amtrak Cascades station

- Held five community open houses between 2013 and 2016
- Convened a Citizen Advisory Group to provide input on station design – met monthly for two years
- More than 4,000 people signed up to receive regular status updates
- Construction completed in 2017

| GUIDING PRINCIPLES | LEVEL 1 DESIGN FREIGHTHOUSE SQUARE (BUILDING) | LEVEL 2 DESIGN DOME DISTRICT (NEIGHBORHOOD) | LEVEL 3 DESIGN TACOMA (REGION) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> THE ENTIRE FREIGHTHOUSE SQUARE SHOULD "FEEL" LIKE THE STATION. CELEBRATE EXTERIOR SPACES ALONG TRACK & E. 28TH ST. FREIGHTHOUSE SQUARE AS "BACKGROUND" PROVISION FOR ELEVATED (C.A.C.) MAXIMIZE "IN-OUTSIDE" SPACE PLACE CONCOURSE (ARCADE/HALL) FULL WIDTH ALONG NORTH WALL OF FHS DESIGN ON 3 "LEVELS" 1. FHS (BUILDING) 2. DOME DISTRICT (NEIGH) 3. TACOMA (REGION) CLOCK TOWER FOR ORIENTATION, WAYFINDING, & TIME | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVERED PLATFORM PATTERN LANGUAGE OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS DESIGN FOR GROWTH & EXPANSION SHARE W/ SOUND TRANSIT WOOD-TIMBER CONSTRUCTION (WOOD) EXTERIOR COMPATIBLE W/ FHS HIGH NATIONALLY-LIT CEILING TRANSITION TO WEST END & PHS COMPATIBLE FOUNDATIONAL FOR HOUSING ACTIVITIES FOLLOW WMT GUIDELINES CONNECT INTERNAL CONCOURSE - (BAR/CAFE) MANAGE "D" STREET (CROWDING ROOM) "QUIET ZONE" OPTIMIZE DROP-OFF/ PICK-UP PEO ORIENTED LIGHTING WINDOW STYLE TO MATCH FREIGHT DOORS - "OPEN" MAINTAIN COMMUNITY RETAIL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VISUALLY CONNECT TO STREET BUSKY PRECISEZ DESTINATION TRAIN GATED W/ "MANUFA" NEIGHBORHOOD IMAGE & THEMES A PLACE TO GET OFF TRAIN & EXPLORE GRADE-SEPARATED CROSSING OF TRACKS "QUIET ZONE" DROP-OFF/ PICK-UP BIKE & PED PLAN CIVIC PERFORMANCE IN HEART OF DISTRICT CLOCK TOWER CANOPY OF LIGHTS ALONG "D" CREATE AS "BEACON" AT NIGHT AREA LIGHTING BRIGHT WAYFINDING ENHANCED ADA ACCESS FROM PARKING - DROP-OFF - TO TRAIN | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WELCOMING ENTRY TO CITY UNIQUELY TACOMA - FRIENDLY, INVITING GATEWAY REGIONAL STATION TACOMA HISTORY "RAILS MEET SAILS" TRANSFORMATION HUB FOR REGION SHOWCASE TACOMA HISTORY & POINTS OF INTEREST -> THE "JUMPING OFF" POINT. |



Multimodal transportation hub

- One of the largest multi-modal transit hubs in the state
 - Sounder commuter trains to Seattle (shared platform)
 - Tacoma Link light rail
 - Sounder and Pierce Transit buses
 - Greyhound and Trailway buses
 - Auto and bicycle parking
- All modes identify this area as the Tacoma Dome Station



Tacoma Link Light Rail stop across from station



Sounder and Amtrak train platform



Parking garage across from station



Sound Transit bus stop

Recommendation

- In 2015, Citizen’s Advisory Committee recommended naming the station the “Tacoma Dome Station” to align with all other modes
- WSDOT recommends officially naming the WSDOT-owned Tacoma Amtrak Cascades station the “Tacoma Dome Station”



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