



Pierce Transit, working in partnership with the City of Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington State Department of Transportation, Sound Transit, Puget Sound Regional Council, and other agencies, is conducting a High Capacity Transit (HCT) study of the 14-mile corridor along Pacific Avenue | SR 7 between downtown Tacoma and Spanaway. This corridor is currently served by Pierce Transit's Route 1, which has the highest ridership in the system with nearly 6,000 boardings per weekday.

The HCT study is intended to:

- » Identify cost-effective enhancements that will increase transit ridership by improving the speed, reliability, and comfort of the service
- » Better connect the southern end of the Pierce Transit service area (Spanaway) to Downtown Tacoma, a Regional Growth Center
- » Support local and regional goals of stimulating urban infill projects through compact land use, transit-oriented development, and targeted growth in employment
- » Improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other corridor users

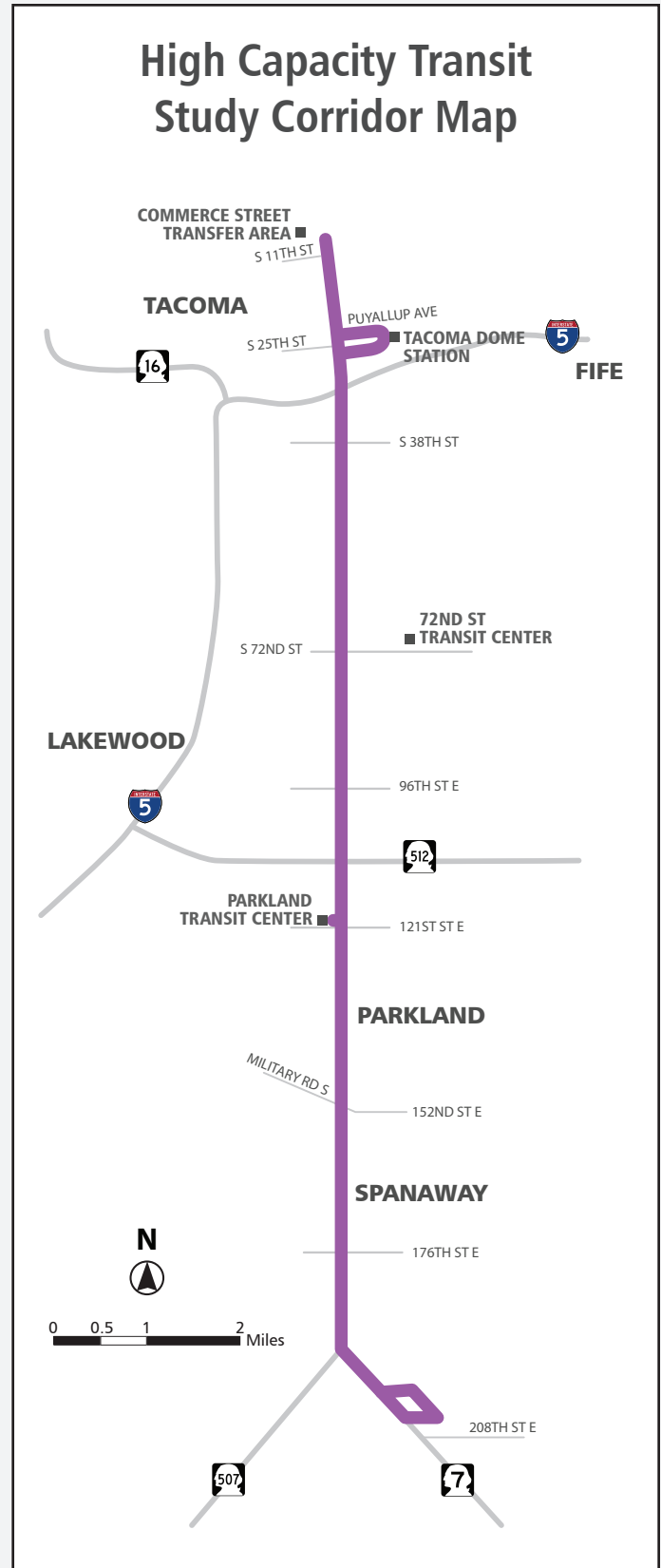
## What is High Capacity Transit?

High Capacity Transit (HCT) systems are designed to carry a larger number of riders with greater speed, reliability, and frequency than a standard bus. HCT includes rail modes, such as light rail and streetcar, and bus rapid transit (BRT), which emulates light rail using rubber-tired vehicles. The most appropriate HCT mode for Pacific Avenue | SR 7 will be determined by the level of ridership and cost.

### High Capacity Transit (HCT)

**Rail Modes:** light rail, streetcar

**Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**



## Quick Facts



The corridor stretches

**14.4 miles**  
from Spanaway to  
downtown Tacoma



Pacific Avenue | SR 7 is Pierce Transit's  
highest ridership corridor

**5,950** average weekday boardings  
and over **18%** of total fixed route ridership  
system wide



Approximately

**55,000** residents  
live within a half-mile of the corridor, and  
that number will increase by an estimated  
**25%** by 2040



The current

**31,500** jobs  
located along the corridor  
will increase to an estimated  
**59,000** by 2040



Approximately

**11%** of the people living  
along the corridor are  
dependent on transit for  
their travel needs



Over a five-year period from  
2012 through 2016,  
there were

**13** fatal crashes along the  
corridor, **6** of which were  
pedestrians or bicyclists



**5** nodes within the project  
study area have been  
designated as  
Growing Transit  
Communities  
by the Puget Sound  
Regional Council

## Study Process



## How you can get involved



More information available at  
**[piercetransit.org/hct-feasibility-study/](http://piercetransit.org/hct-feasibility-study/)**  
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