PROJECT TIMELINE

2017
- Assess corridor conditions
- Develop project purpose and need
- Select mode
- Develop alternatives

2018
- Select locally preferred alternative
- Begin FTA small starts application
- Conduct additional traffic analysis
- Begin initial environmental review

2019
- Continue environmental review
- Begin design
- Launch BRT Community Committee

2020-2021
- Continue design
- Finalize environmental review

2021-2023
- Begin construction
- Open to service

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What is Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)?

BRT is an innovative, faster way to help you get to your destination. BRT features new elements that will improve your ride and make it more convenient. Get ready for:

- **Frequent and reliable trips**, every 10 minutes during peak commute
- **Green light priority signaling** keeps BRT vehicles moving, rivaling automobile travel times
- **State-of-the-art, environmentally friendly buses** that are equipped with Wi-Fi and carry up to 90 people
- **Opportunities for economic development** along the corridor
- **BRT stations featuring pre-payment options and real-time travel information**
- **Raised platforms for improved accessibility** boardings for wheelchairs, strollers and bikes

Where will BRT be?
The 14.4-mile corridor along Pacific Avenue/SR 7 will run between downtown Tacoma and Spanaway. The corridor is currently served by a portion of Route 1, which has the highest ridership of any route in the Pierce Transit system.

Who will benefit from BRT?
BRT will serve local residents, commuters, students and transit users who want cost-effective, quick, comfortable, more frequent transportation to destinations along the corridor.

Why do we need BRT?
Pierce Transit is looking for ways to address traffic congestion as the area continues to grow. Population is predicted to increase 25 percent by 2040. One BRT vehicle can take up to 90 cars off the road – more people per lane versus a car – potentially easing traffic congestion in the area.

How will the new BRT service affect local service on Route 1?
The BRT service will replace the portion of Route 1 that runs between Spanaway and downtown Tacoma. It will follow the same routing with the exception of stopping at the Tacoma Dome Station to provide connections to other transit services, and continuing downtown using Market Street/Jefferson Avenue instead of Pacific Avenue.

What happens to Route 1 from Commerce Street to Tacoma Community College?
The portion of Route 1 between downtown Tacoma and Tacoma Community College would continue to operate using the same schedule and routing as the current service. The Route 1 would connect with the BRT service near the Commerce Street boarding area.