

PIONEER SQUARE SUMMER UPDATES

2019

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KEEPING YOU INFORMED ON CONSTRUCTION, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER IMPACTS

Expanded Transit Services

In September, King County Metro and the City of Seattle, through the voter-approved Seattle Transportation Benefit District, will add over 650 new weekly bus trips to provide more frequent all-day transit service, improved connections on nights and weekends, increased capacity on popular commute routes, and transit network improvements throughout Seattle.



New Protected Bike Lanes

The south end connection of the Center City Bike Network will be built in September to connect people biking to the C/ID and make a connection between 2nd Ave and S Dearborn St. Expect a new protected bicycle lane on 2nd Ave Ext S, S Main St, and 5th Ave S north of S King St.



Pedestrian Improvements

Pioneer Square East West Pedestrian Improvements, with community partner Alliance for Pioneer Square, is designing pedestrian improvements on portions of Main, Washington, King, and Yesler streets between 2nd Avenue and Alaskan Way as part of the Waterfront Seattle program.



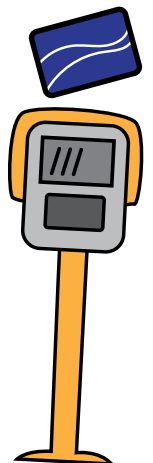
Madison Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) / RapidRide G Line

Outreach is occurring to finalize designs for the high-capacity transit corridor connecting Madison Valley to the Waterfront on Madison St and Spring St. Share your thoughts on design until August 5.



Adding ORCA Readers to Bus Stops

King County Metro is adding new ORCA card readers at 10 bus stops on 3rd Ave. between Yesler Way and Denny Way. This will allow you to pay your fare before the bus arrives and board through any door. During construction, bus stops may be closed or relocated.



More Information

Websites for all projects mentioned here can be found at:

<http://bit.ly/summer19-PS>

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Shop the Squeeze

Win a \$100 Visa or ORCA card when you visit small businesses in Belltown, Chinatown-ID, Little Saigon, Pioneer Square and Downtown Retail Core using any transportation that isn't driving by yourself. To get involved or promote the contest to your customers, visit seattle.gov/shopthesqueeze or follow @seattleconomy.

Alaskan Way Viaduct Demolition

The Alaskan Way Viaduct is being demolished with the remaining structure on schedule to be removed this summer. You will continue to experience construction and detours while traveling around the waterfront, and to and from the south end of the SR 99 tunnel.

New Alaskan Way construction

In 2019, Waterfront Seattle will begin construction of the new Alaskan Way, Elliott Way, and Columbia Street Transit pathway in the footprint of the demolished viaduct.



Areaways

Areaways are spaces that exist under sidewalks and between the street and the adjacent building. Pioneer Square areaways need repairs. Throughout 2019 and 2020, Seattle Department of Transportation will conduct an assessment of the areaways to determine a long-term plan of action to repair necessary areas. During this time, be aware of changes to parking, loading, and traffic patterns.



Smoke Season

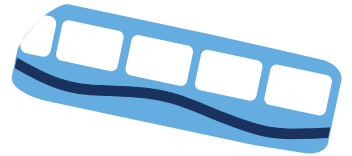
Due to wildfires, we are expecting a smoky summer. Be safe and look out for folks who are sensitive to poor air quality.



COMING UP: FALL & WINTER

Sounder South Capacity Expansion

Sound Transit is evaluating options to expand capacity on the popular Sounder South commuter rail line, which connects Lakewood and King Street Station in Seattle. Options include longer trains and additional weekday service. Learn more and provide your input during the online open house, September 10-24.



SR 99 Tunnel Tolling

Tolling the SR 99 tunnel begins this fall. Toll rates will range from \$1 to \$2.25 with a *Good To Go!* pass. WSDOT is giving away free *Good To Go!* passes at 99tunnel.com. Plan ahead for when tolling starts and expect changes in downtown traffic patterns.



Connect 2020

Heads up, Link light rail riders! For 10 weeks beginning January 2020, expect system-wide delays and platform changes at International District/Chinatown and Pioneer Square stations through March so crews can build light rail connections to the Eastside. Riders traveling through Pioneer Square station will transfer between trains on a new, temporary center platform.