

Route 40 Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor Project

Seattle Transit Advisory Board April 28, 2021



Agenda



- 1. Introductions & Overview
- 2. Project Objectives, Schedule, & Funding
- 3. Concept Updates
- 4. Next Steps







Presenters





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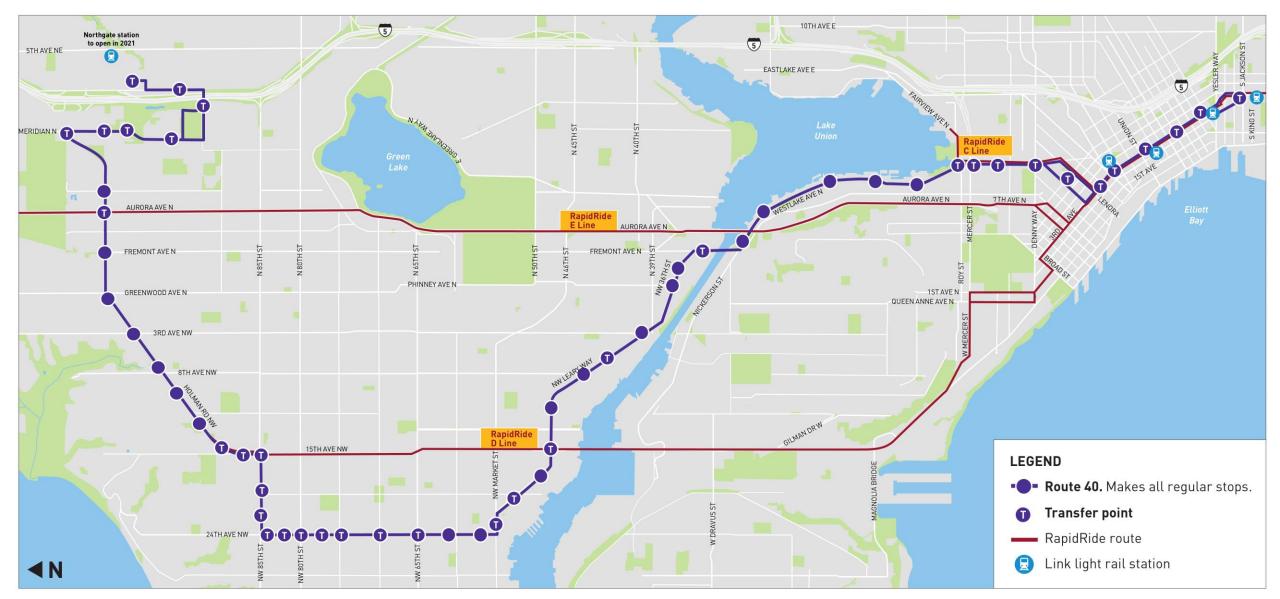
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Corridor Overview





Project Objectives



- Make bus trips faster and more reliable, now and in the future
- Make it safer and easier to access transit
- Respond to community needs and priorities
- Fulfill Levy to Move Seattle commitments





Project Funding

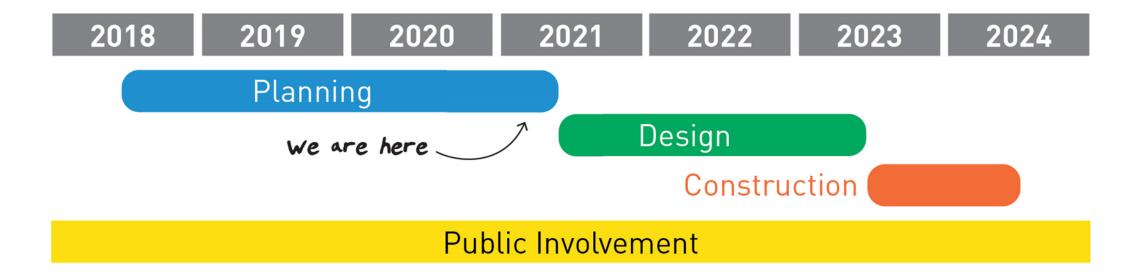


Funding Source	Funding Amount
Move Seattle Levy	\$7.7M
Local Sources	\$0.1M
Connecting Washington	\$3.4M
Federal Grants	\$4.0M
King County Metro Partnership	\$2.5M
Seattle Transit Benefit District (STBD) Vehicle Licensing Fee (VLF)	\$3.0M
Total Budget	\$20.7M
	As of March 2021



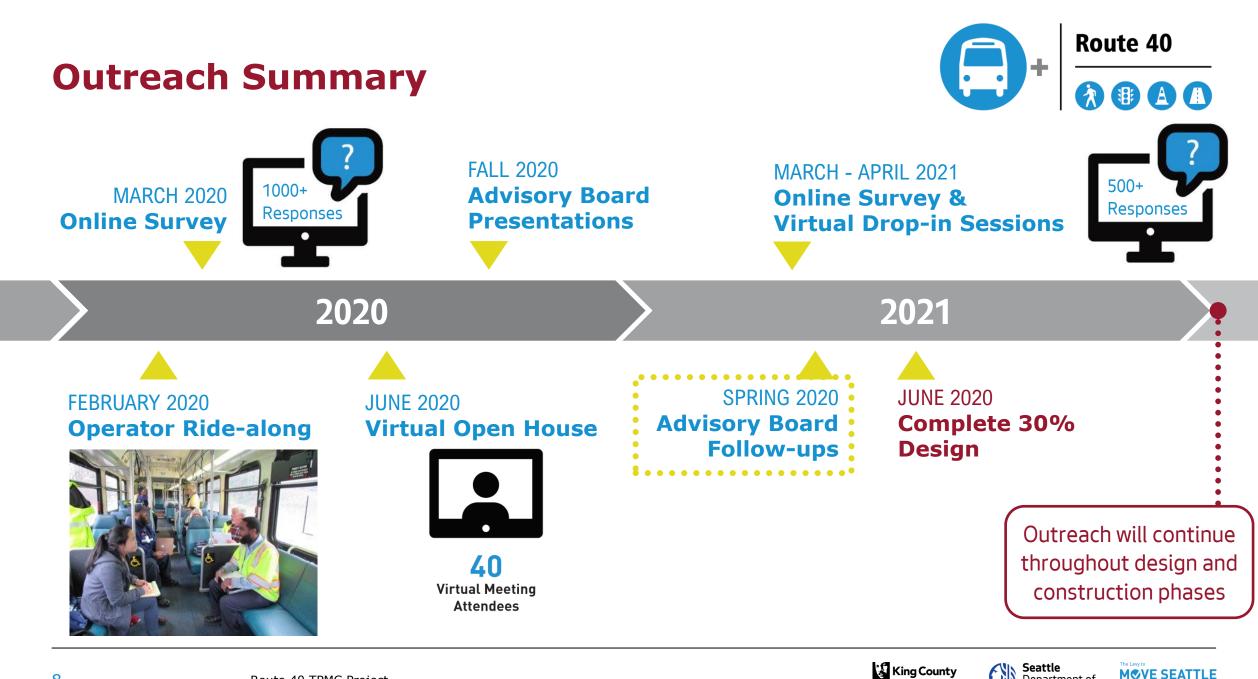












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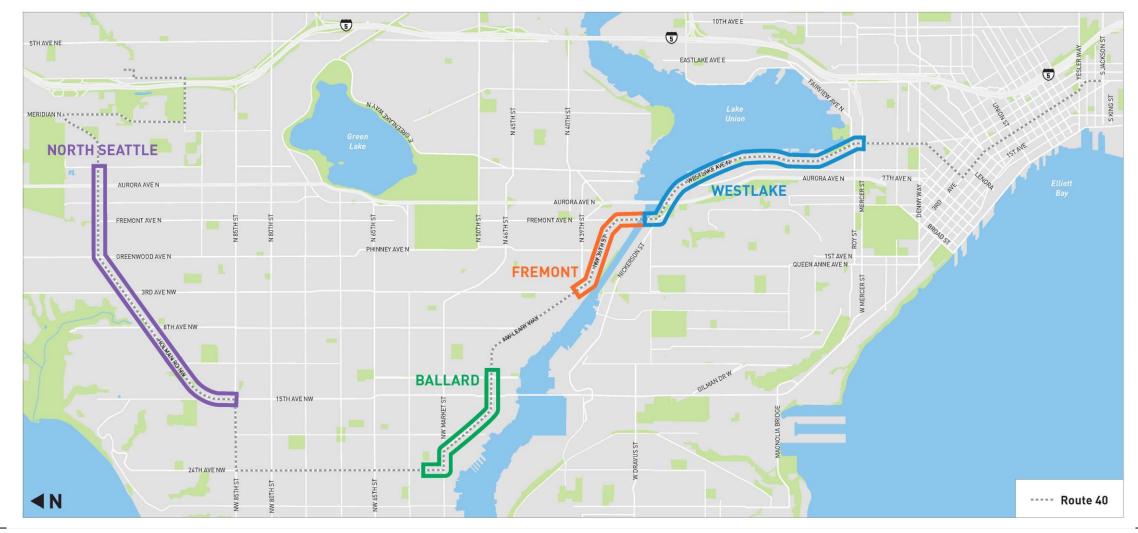
Key Improvement Areas



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Westlake Area Design Concepts



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Westlake Ave Bus Lanes

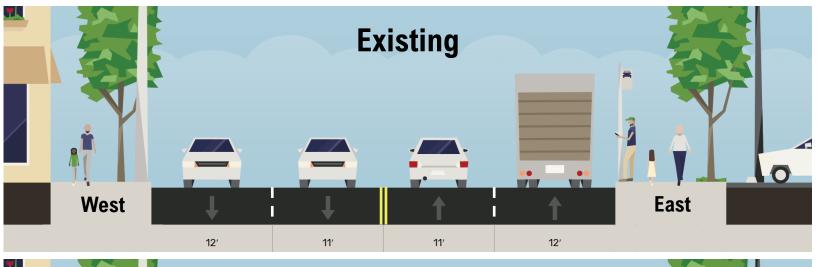
between 9th Ave N and Fremont Bridge

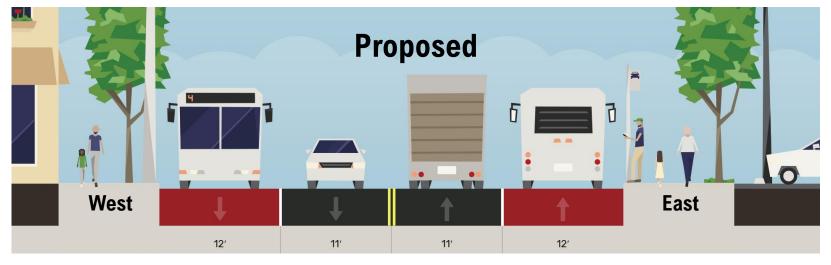
Proposed Changes

- Bus lane in both directions
- Lane widths remain as existing

Expected Benefits

 Reduced transit travel times and improved reliability in both directions





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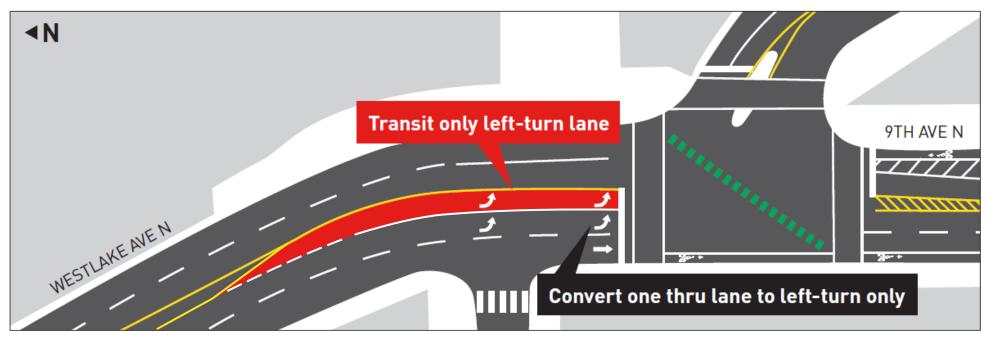
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Westlake Ave and 9th Ave





Proposed Changes

- Install southbound transit only left-turn lane
- Convert thru lane into general purpose left-turn lane
- Queue jump at Highland Dr to facilitate southbound transit movements

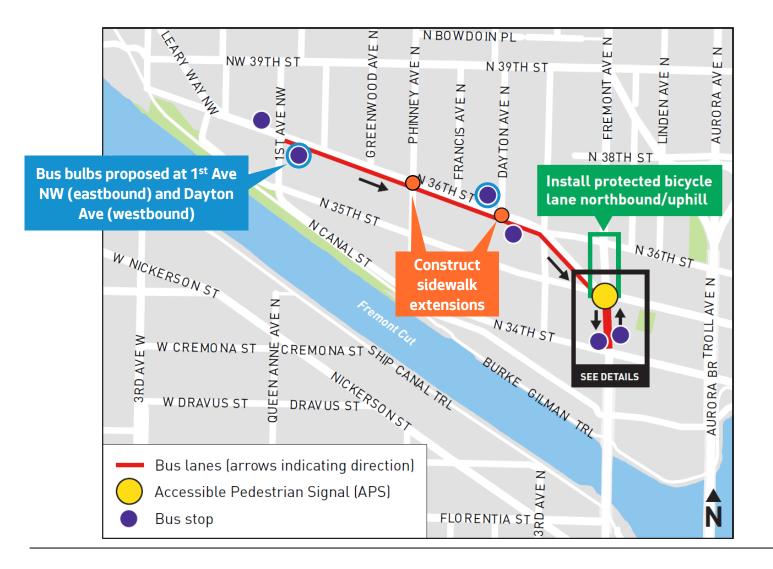
Expected Benefits

 Reduced transit travel times and improved reliability





Fremont Area Design Concepts









Fremont Ave N

between N 34th St and N 35th St

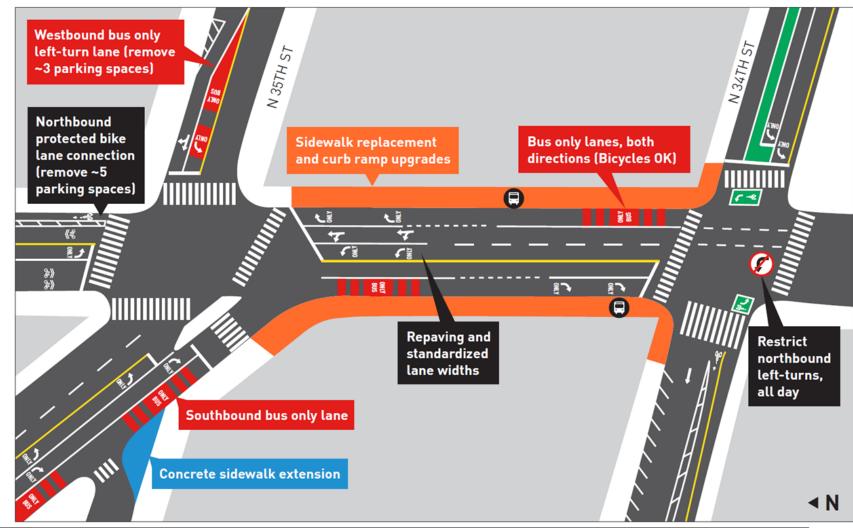
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Proposed Changes

- Bus lanes in both directions and standardize lane widths
- Repaving and sidewalk reconstruction
- Westbound left-turn pocket on N 35th St for transit only
- Restrict northbound left-turns from Fremont Ave N to N 34th St all times of day

Expected Benefits

- Reduced transit travel times for multiple bus routes
- Improved access and safety for people walking and biking



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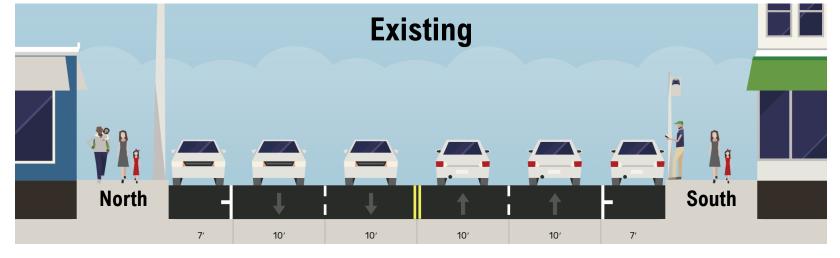
N 36th St Bus Lane between 1st Ave N to Fremont Ave N

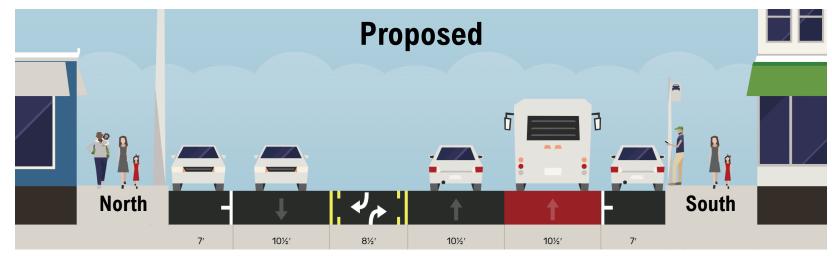
Proposed Changes

- Southbound bus lane
- Narrow two-way center turn lane
- Wider travel lanes

Expected Benefits

- Reduced transit travel times and improved reliability southbound
- Lane widths closer to standards for all users
- Designated space for left turns





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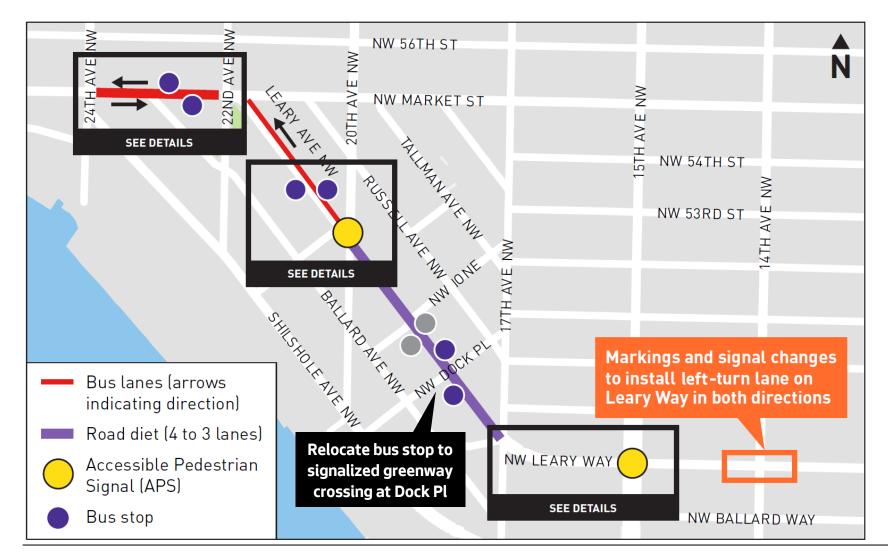
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Ballard Area Design Concepts





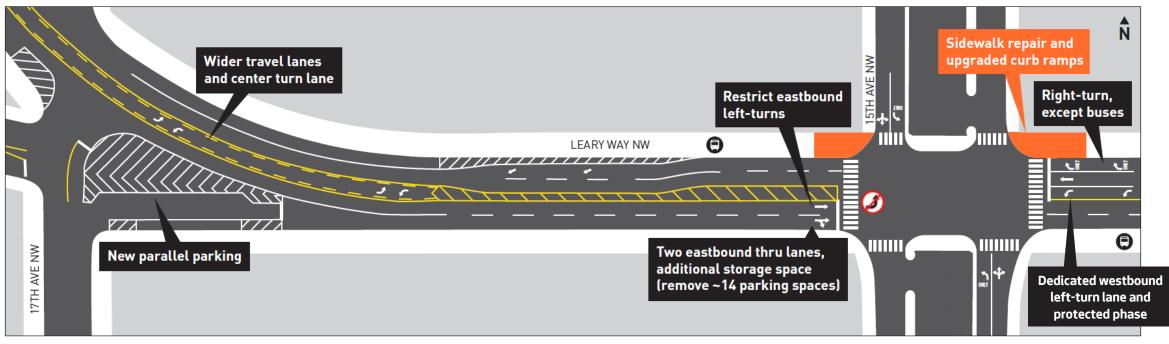






Leary Way & 15th Ave





Proposed Changes

- Channelization modifications to improve operations on Leary Way
- Sidewalk repair, curb ramp upgrades, and Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) at 15th Ave

Expected Benefits

- Reduced transit travel times
- Improved access to transit for pedestrians





Leary Ave Road Diet between 20th Ave NW and 15th Ave NW

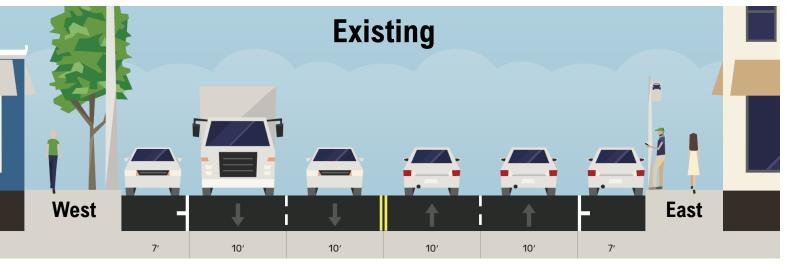


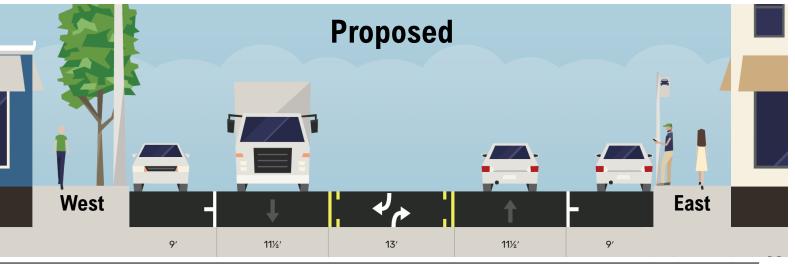
Proposed Changes

- Reduce total number of travel lanes (from 4 to 3)
- Two-way center turn lane
- Wider travel lanes and parking lanes

Expected Benefits

- Standard lane widths for all vehicles
- Designated space for left turns





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Leary Ave NW & 20th Ave NW (Existing)

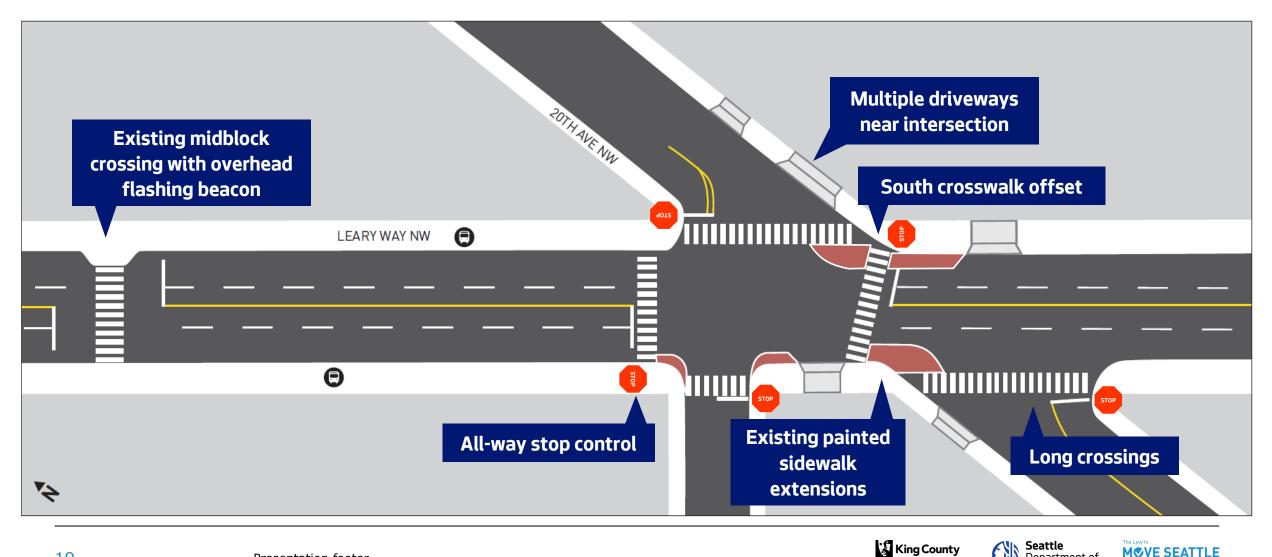


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Leary Ave NW at 20th Ave NW & Vernon Pl

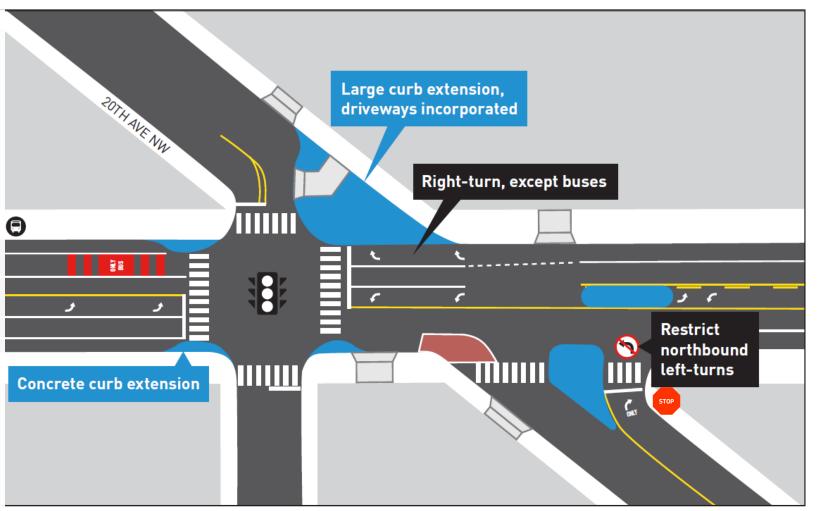


Proposed Changes

- Install traffic signal
- Construct concrete curb bulbs
- Relocate south crosswalk
- Restrict northbound 20th Ave NW to right-out only and construct median islands

Expected Benefits

- Reduced travel times on Leary Ave NW
- Clarified vehicle movements and fewer turning conflicts
- Improved pedestrian crossings





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Leary Ave NW at Midblock Crossing



Proposed Changes Install northbound bus only lane Upgrade to Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Construct median island in proposed center turn lane **Expected Benefits** Northbound bus lane LEARY WAY Improved transit travel time A RUS Reduced number of travel lanes and pedestrian exposure to traffic Θ Improved visibility of pedestrians waiting to cross Install RRFB and median refuge island Median island allows for two-stage crossing ~



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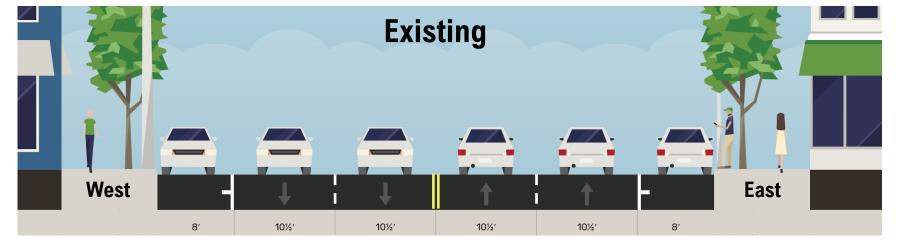
Leary Ave Bus Lane between NW Market St and 20th Ave NW

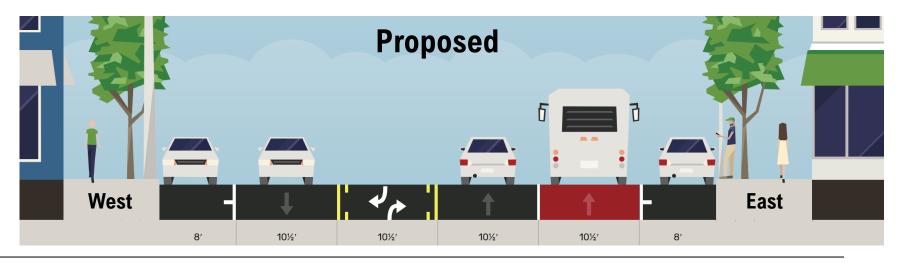
Proposed Changes

- Northbound bus lane
- Two-way center turn lane

Expected Benefits

- Reduced transit travel time for northbound buses
- Designated space for left turns
- Supports improvement of existing midblock crossing





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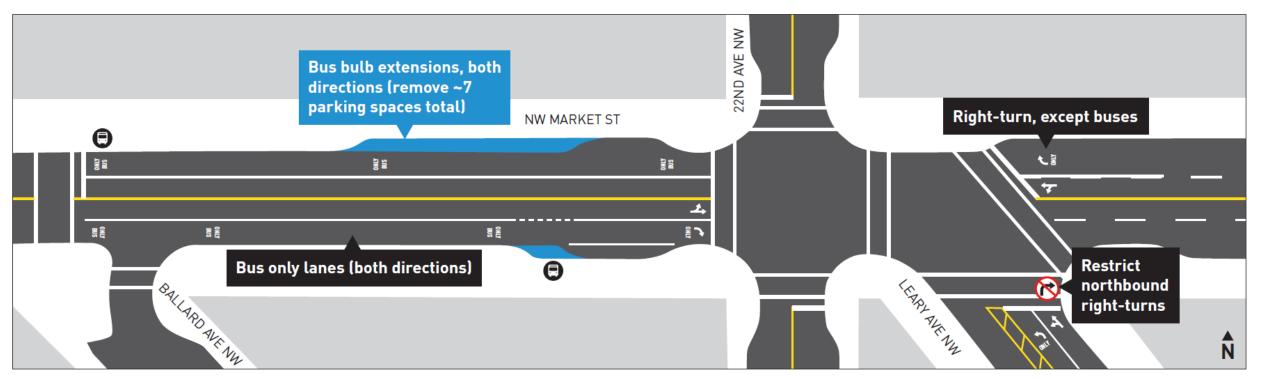
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NW Market St Bus Lanes



between 24th Ave NW and 22nd Ave NW



Proposed Changes

- Bus lanes in both directions
- Extend bus bulbs to accommodate three buses

Expected Benefits

- Reduced transit travel times
- Improved boarding and alighting operations





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North Seattle Area Design Concepts





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Holman Rd Bus Lane

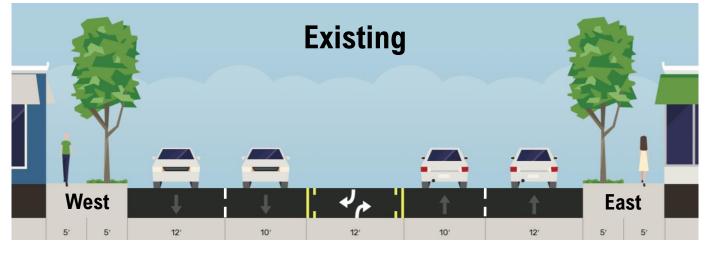
between 3rd Ave and 104th St

Proposed Changes

- Northbound bus lane
- Remove two-way center turn lane, maintain two general purpose lanes northbound
- Prohibit left turns from Holman Rd in both directions

Expected Benefits

 Reduced transit travel time for northbound buses





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Next Steps



- Summarize outreach results and incorporate input as appropriate
- Continued coordination with SDOT divisions and Metro
- Finalize 30% design and estimate (targeting early June)







Comments/Questions?

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