Route 7
Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor

Metro Route 7 is one of the highest-ridership routes in Seattle, serving 11,000 daily riders and a wide variety of destinations including schools, community centers, grocery stores, homes, and parks. While Route 7 buses are scheduled to come every 10 minutes or less throughout most of the day, street conditions can cause delay. SDOT is planning to make bus speed, reliability, and access improvements on Rainier Ave S by 2022. Metro is also planning to upgrade Route 7 to RapidRide in 2024.

Route 7 Transit-Plus key features
The key bus speed, reliability, and access improvements we’re currently studying include:

- **Bus Improvements**
  Bus-only lanes to separate the bus from traffic (depending on the location, bus lanes may replace parking lanes or travel lanes)

- **Walking and Biking Improvements**
  Improvements to crossings and connections to neighborhood greenways to help people access transit safely

- **Signal Upgrades**
  Signals that prioritize transit with queue jumps that give buses a head start and “smart signals” that activate or extend green lights for buses

- **Safety Improvements**
  Changes to address crashes and improve safety

Thank you for your input!
In spring 2018, we presented concept options and gathered input from almost 3,000 people. We’ll reach out this year as we develop the design to share project updates and gather input. We appreciate your participation!

Related projects
We are coordinating with several other projects including Rainier Vision Zero, Safe Routes to School, Neighborhood Greenways, and enhancing safety and transit access near the Mt. Baker Light Rail station. Learn more at: seattle.gov/Transportation/SoutheastSeattle

Where are we now?
Our design team is currently evaluating potential improvements based on cost, benefits, and feasibility. By early 2020 expect to identify a list of improvements that will progress to final design. Visit our webpage for details and to provide input on the potential improvements.
## Rainier projects - Planned timeline

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### Metro RapidRide key features

Metro is also upgrading the Route 7 to RapidRide in 2024 which could include the features below:

- Enhanced bus stops
- Optimizing bus stop locations
- Off-board fare collection
- RapidRide-branded trolley buses
- Changing the route to end at S Henderson St and provide alternative service along the Prentice Loop
- Trolley wire upgrades and extensions

### Funding

Route 7 Transit-Plus is funded by the 9-year Levy to Move Seattle, approved by voters in 2015. We are also partnering with other projects along Rainier to deliver pieces of the project sooner and more efficiently.

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**Learn more**

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