**RapidRide Rainier Line**

**DOWNTOWN SEATTLE TO MT. BAKER TO RAINIER BEACH**

**HELP US REDESIGN RAINIER AVE S AND UPGRADE BUS SERVICE**

As soon as 2021, King County Metro Route 7 will be upgraded to RapidRide! The new RapidRide Rainier Line will connect downtown Seattle, Chinatown-International District, Mt. Baker, and Rainier Beach along Rainier Ave S. The Rainier RapidRide Line will keep people moving by:

- Keeping buses frequent and reliable
- Adding more buses at night and on weekends
- Upgrading to RapidRide bus stops with lighting, real-time arrival info, and more

**WHY BRING RAPIDRIDE TO RAINIER AVE S?**

The existing Route 7 is one of the highest-ridership routes in Seattle, serving 11,000 daily riders to a wide variety of schools, homes, and parks. While Route 7 buses are scheduled to come every 10 minutes or better, the congestion on the road at commute times causes buses to be up to 40% slower and more than 5 minutes late up to 20% of the time.

Not only is Rainier Ave S a designated freight route that requires a wider lane so trucks can serve local businesses, it also has the highest number of crashes of any corridor in the city. Proposed RapidRide improvements will not only improve reliability and transit travel time, they will also create a safer place for all users of the corridor.

**BUILDING CONNECTIONS THROUGHOUT RAINIER AVE S**

We want improvements to benefit all travelers, whether you walk or use a bus, car, or bike. As part of our conversation on RapidRide, we’ll share updates on all efforts to help reduce crashes, improve bus service, and keep freight moving on Rainier Ave S. Learn more at seattle.gov/Transportation/SoutheastSeattle

Tell us what you think until April 8, 2018 at RapidRideRainier.participate.online

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**Vision Zero Safety Changes**

Coming this fall from Kenny to Henderson

**Potential Rainier Corridor Elements**

- Smart signals for transit priority
- New or modified overhead contact system for electric trolley buses
- Transit-only lanes or business access and transit lanes to keep buses moving
- Paving
- New or improved pedestrian crossings
- Bicycle Facilities
RAPIDRIDE TOOLBOX
The RapidRide Rainier line will keep what you like most about Route 7, but upgrade the service with the best of King County Metro. Along the corridor, we are looking to implement the following tools:

**DEDICATED BUS LINES**
Bus-only lanes separate buses from traffic, increasing speed and reliability.

**OFF-BOARD FARE COLLECTION**
Off-board fare collection helps buses move faster as riders can pay fares without waiting in line.

**SMART SIGNALS**
Transit signal priority extends or activates green lights to reduce waiting times for buses at signals.

**ENHANCED BUS STOPS**
RapidRide stations include real-time arrival information, larger shelters, lighting, and other amenities.

**SPECIALIZED BUSES**
Electric RapidRide buses offer more capacity and lower floors for easier loading and unloading.

**BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS TO TRANSIT**
Improvements to crossings, neighborhood greenways, and bike lanes will help people get to new RapidRide lines.

**PAVING**
Paving streets where needed to create smooth surfaces for buses and cars to travel.

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### FUNDING
The nine-year, $930 million Levy to MoveSeattle provides partial funding for the RapidRide Expansion Program. SDOT is partnering with King County Metro to pursue grant funding programs and other partnership opportunities to stretch taxpayer dollars to cover the full cost of the program.

### NEW RAPIDRIDE LINES COMING TO SEATTLE
To expand access to frequent and more reliable bus service, we are partnering with King County Metro Transit to bring seven new RapidRide lines to Seattle. View the future Seattle RapidRide network at seattle.gov/Transportation/RapidRideExpansion.htm

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