Construction Planned for 2020!

Construction Updates
Construction is anticipated to begin as early as Fall 2020 and last for 24 months. As we get closer to construction, we will provide advance notice through a variety of ways including text messages, email updates, and in person. If you would like a project team member to speak with you about construction, please give us a call or send us an email.

Anticipated Construction Upgrades
- Repaving the street
- Building new bus platforms, including some in the roadway
- Placing new bus shelters and other station amenities
- Relocating overhead power lines as needed
- Undergrounding some utilities
- Installing new traffic signals
- Putting in new drainage
- Re-channelizing the street in some locations
- Building new, or upgrading existing, curb ramps
- Landscaping
- Temporary utility shut-offs
- Disruptions to daily commute, including traffic detours and temporary driveway, road, and lane closures

What to Expect During Construction
Construction will be disruptive. You can expect to see and hear construction activities throughout the corridor during the duration of work.

Construction impacts will include:
- Noise, dust, and vibration
- Nighttime and weekend work, as needed
- Pedestrian detours

Proposed construction timeline
- Summer 2020: Contractor is selected to build the project. After a contractor is selected, we will be able to determine the following:
  - Work schedule and working days
  - Construction sequencing
  - Traffic control plans (e.g. intersection, road, and side street closures and detours)
- As early as Fall 2020: Construction is anticipated to begin
- Construction is expected to take 24 months to complete

Need a translation?
If you would like translated information, please reach out and let us know! Translation services and accommodations are available by request.
Project Overview
The Madison St corridor is busy, dense, and still growing. Bus rapid transit (BRT) will provide frequent, reliable, and safe bus service. The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) will make street improvements to the Madison St corridor that will allow King County Metro to operate the service as RapidRide G Line from Downtown to Madison Valley. Madison St BRT – RapidRide G Line will use diesel-hybrid buses, removing the need to expand the existing trolley wire on the corridor.

Project Benefits
Our Madison St BRT – RapidRide G Line design includes:

- Improved transit travel time by up to 5 minutes in the eastbound direction and up to 10 minutes in the westbound direction
- Increased ridership, serving over 12,000 riders per day
- Accessible station platforms that are level with the bus for quick and easy boarding
- Doors on both sides of buses, allowing riders to board from new center-running stations (between 9th Ave and 13th Ave)
- New traffic signals so buses get to travel through intersections before other vehicles
- New art and landscaping for community placemaking
- New paving for a smoother ride and longer-lasting streets
- New bike facilities to connect to the existing bike network
- Improved sidewalk and crosswalk connections so pedestrians can get around the neighborhood and to their bus as safely and conveniently as possible

Project Budget and Funding
This project is partially funded by the voter-approved Levy to Move Seattle, the voter approved Sound Transit 3 (ST3) package, and state and federal grants. We are pursuing Federal Transit Administration funding to be able to deliver this project. The project budget is $127.5 million. This was increased due to FTA requiring additional contingency funding.