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WHAT’S NEXT?
In 2017, we asked for your feedback on potential changes. The top themes we heard were support for improving safety and keeping buses moving.

After reviewing community feedback, working with our partners at King County Metro, and conducting traffic modeling, we’re building improvements at every major intersection (see map) this year. We’re also phasing in a new street layout this year in sections and throughout the whole project area next year (see below).

2019
Change the street layout in sections and improve intersections to address crash patterns

2020
Complete the new street layout within the remaining project area to improve safety and bus reliability

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WHAT WILL THE STREET LOOK LIKE?
The street layout concept typically includes a parking lane (either on the west or east side of the street), one driving lane in each direction, center turn lane, and bus lanes. We’re maintaining about 70% of the parking, but some sections will include a bus lane in place of the parking lane. We’re reaching out to adjacent neighbors to get input on changes to the street layout.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!
Outreach included over 1,200 survey responses in multiple languages, dozens of meetings with residents and business groups, and attendance at various community events.

We’re continuing to engage adjacent businesses and residents by going door-to-door and meeting with community groups. Contact us to learn more!

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WHY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF TRAVEL LANES?
Reducing the number of general purpose travel lanes has been proven to reduce speeding – a key factor in the frequency and severity of crashes.

Adding a center turn lane will improve business and neighborhood access and adding bus lanes will keep buses moving. We’ll closely monitor speeds and vehicle counts on and near the project area and make changes as needed.
What are these changes for?
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