



# Rainier Ave S Bus Lanes

Public Meeting  
October 25, 2022

# Tonight's Meeting

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# Presentation Overview

- Overview of Rainier Ave S Bus Lanes Project
- Review options for expansion of bus lanes
- Safety and other projects in the Rainier Valley
- How to share your feedback
- Questions and answers



# Introductions

## Presenters



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**Al Sanders** (KCM), Public Information Officer

# Our Vision, Mission, Values, & Goals

Seattle is a thriving equitable community powered by dependable transportation. We're on a mission to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities.

## Core Values & Goals:

Equity, Safety, Mobility, Sustainability, Livability, and Excellence.

# Rainier Bus Lanes Overview

- SDOT and King County Metro are working to improve bus travel times and reliability on Rainier Ave S
- The Route 7 bus is one of the most used bus routes in King County
- We're investing in buses thanks to Seattle voters and the Seattle Transit Measure



# Why Bus Lanes?

- Bus lanes help reduce delays and make more consistent travel times
- Bus lanes are for public transportation vehicles – right turns and bikes are allowed
- Bus lanes provide a safety benefit by redesigning the street
- Bus lanes are just one way we're working to improve Rainier Ave S



# Improving Rainier Ave S

- **1992:** Changed from being a state highway (formerly SR 167)
- **2008:** Developed recommendations to improve safety on Rainier Ave S (Southeast Transportation Study Report)
- **2015:** Re-designed Rainier Ave S between S Alaska St and S Kenny St
- **2019-2020:** Re-designed Rainier Ave S between S Kenny St and S Henderson St
- **2022:** Building improvements for people riding the bus and people walking/rolling on Rainier Ave S





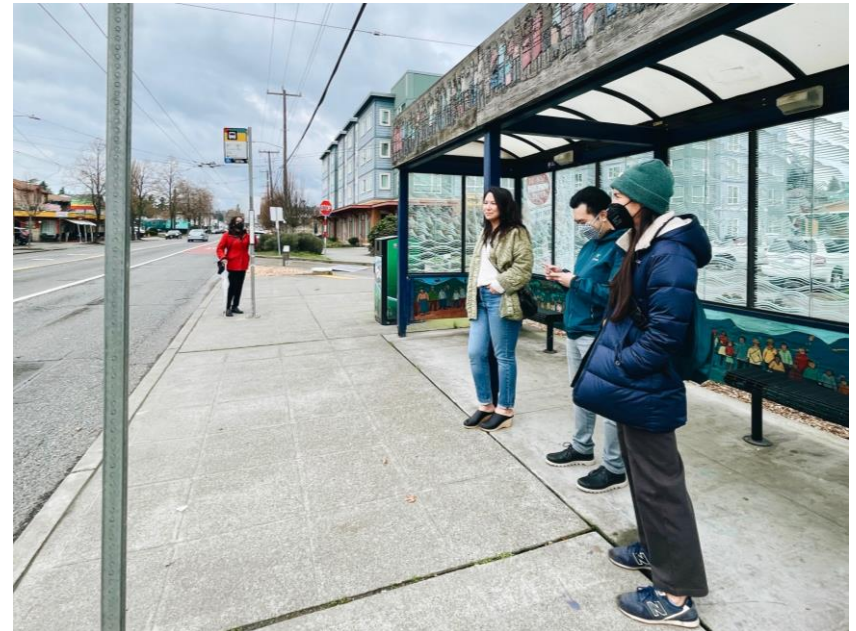
# Project Goals

- Build on previous work to improve safety and bus travel times on Rainier Ave S
- Improve bus travel times and reliability for people who rely on the bus
- Move more people on Rainier Ave S by making the bus a more accessible, convenient, and reliable transportation option
- Identify future investments that can help make transit work better for more people



# Project Benefits

- Improve bus travel times and create a more consistent and reliable transportation option for people riding the bus
- Saves people riding the bus north 2 – 5 minutes during weekday mornings
- Connect people on the bus to other transit hubs, including the Mt. Baker Light Rail Station, McClellan St Metro Transit Center and the new Judkins Park Light Rail Station
- Make progress toward Seattle's climate goals and equitable transportation goals



# Project Schedule

- **Fall 2022:** Outreach for Phase 2
- **Early 2023:** Update on what we heard and next steps for project development
- **2023:** Continued design and outreach



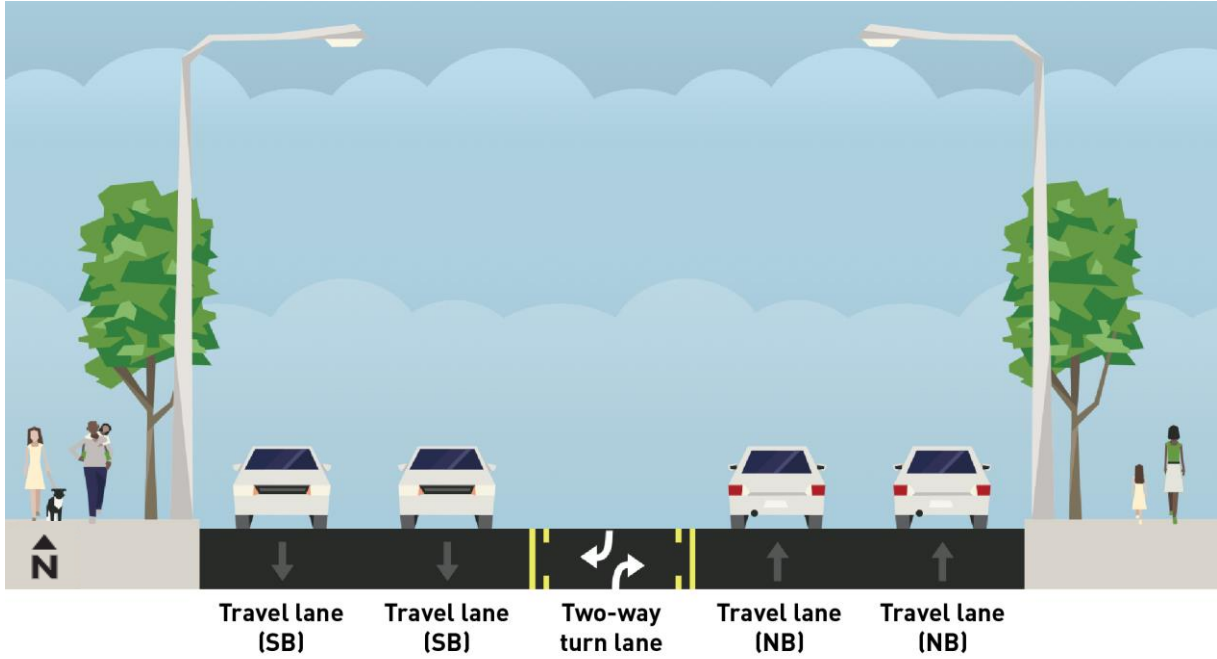
# Extending bus lanes

- Phase 1 (completed July 2022)
  - Added northbound bus lane between S Walden St and S Alaska St
  - Added southbound bus lane between S Oregon St and S Edmunds St
- Phase 2 (outreach in Fall 2022)
  - Adds northbound bus lane between S Grand St and S Walden St
- Route 7 Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor
  - Added southbound bus lane between S Bayview St and S Forest St
- No changes to on-street parking

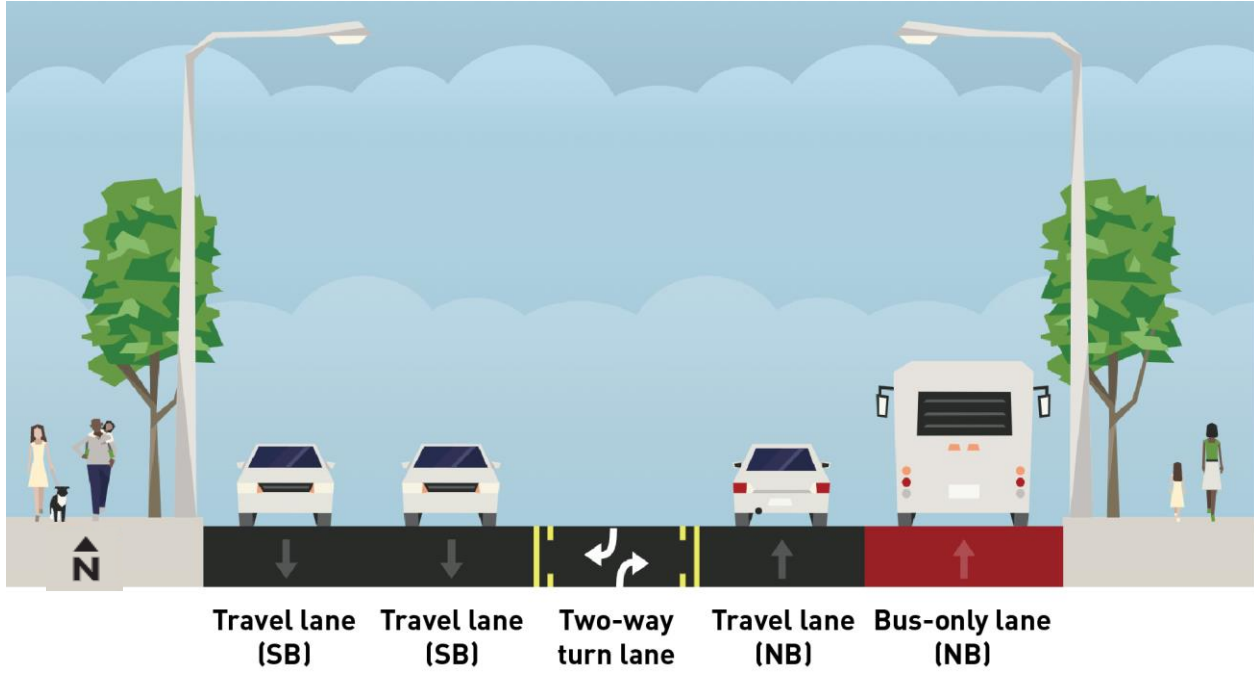


# Rainier Ave S Bus Lanes Phase 1

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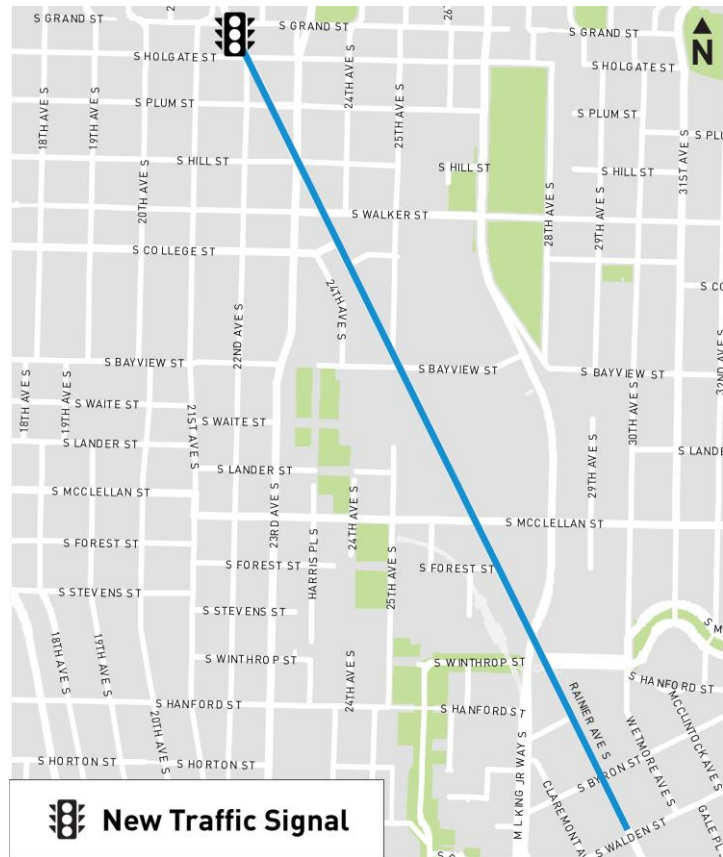


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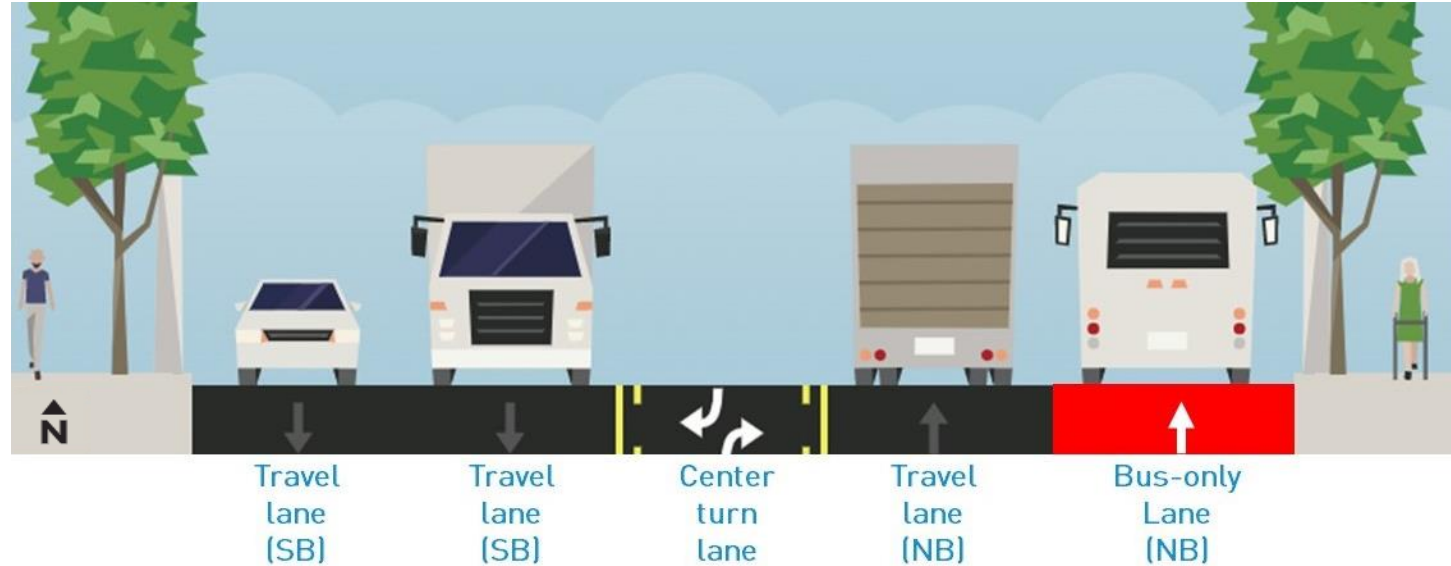


# Phase 2: Option 1

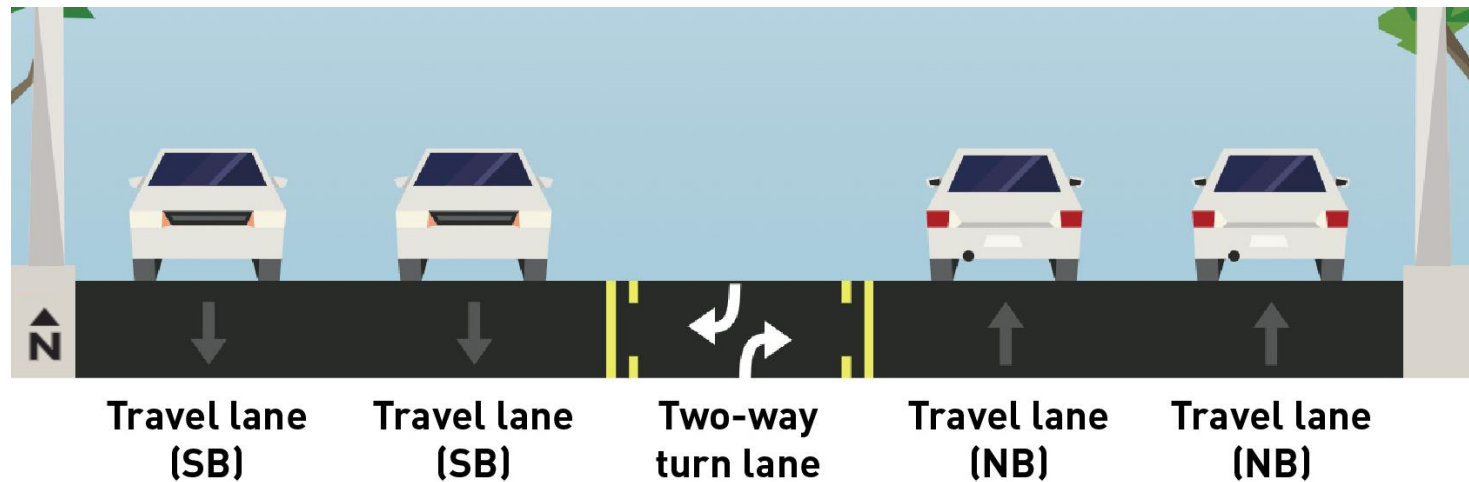
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- Keeps center turn lane
- New traffic signal at S Grand St



Option 1



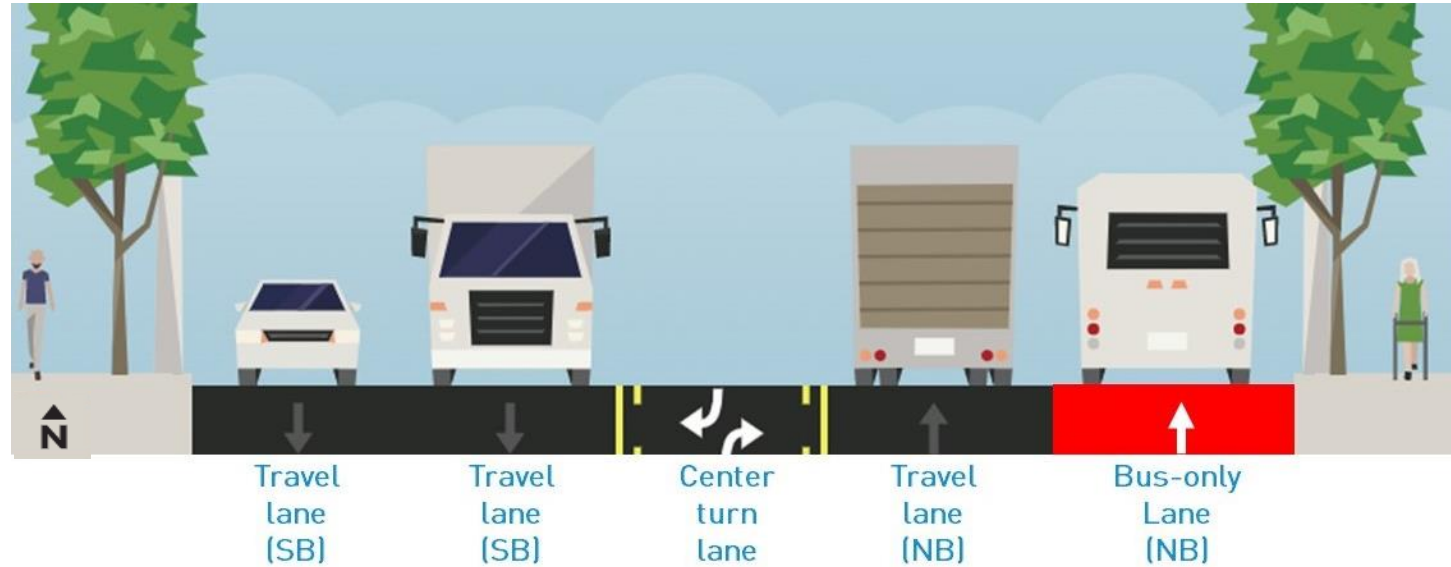
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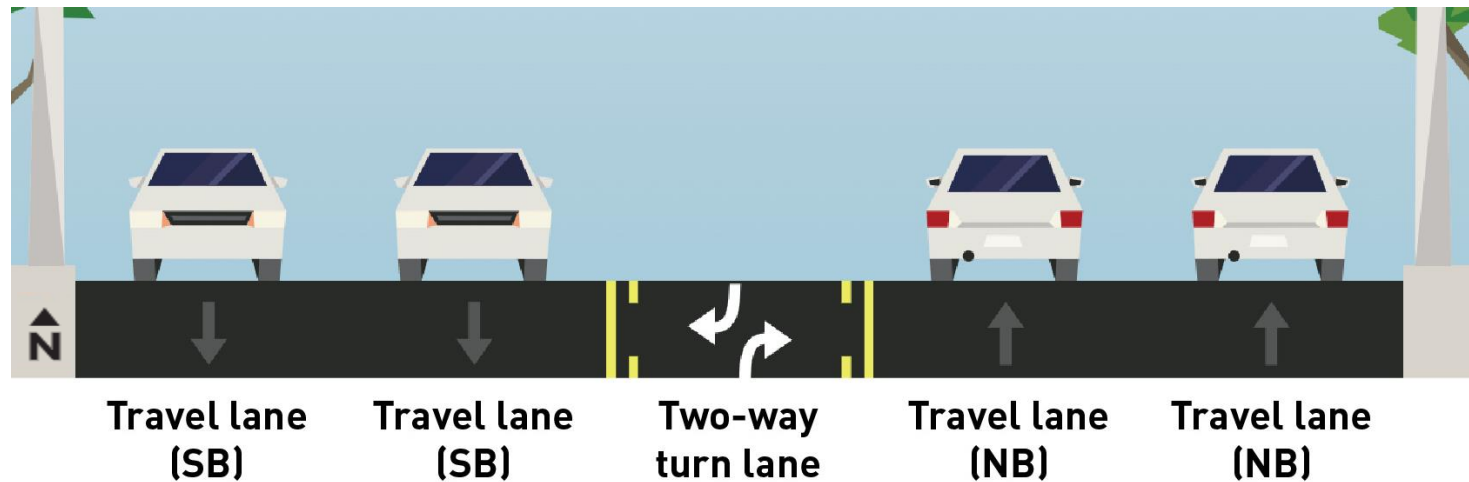
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- May add up to 9 minutes for people driving north on weekday mornings
- May require additional investments to help people take more bus trips

Option 1

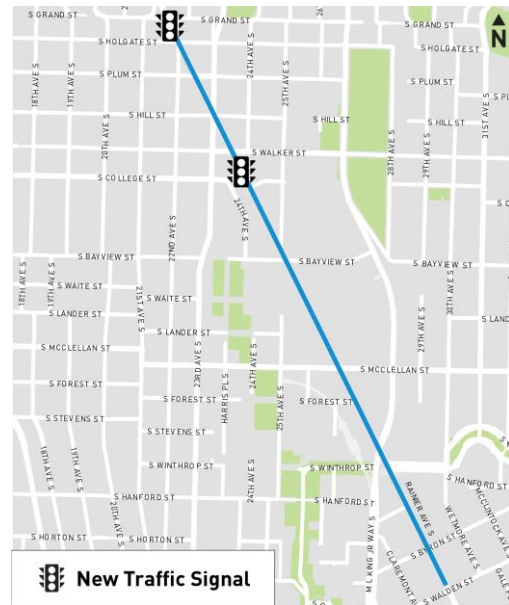


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# Phase 2: Option 2

- Adds northbound bus lane from S Grand St to S Walden St
- Between S Grand St to S College St, removes center turn lane and keeps 2 travel lanes
- Between S College St to S Walden St, keeps center turn lane and 1 travel lane
- New traffic signals at S Grand St and S College St

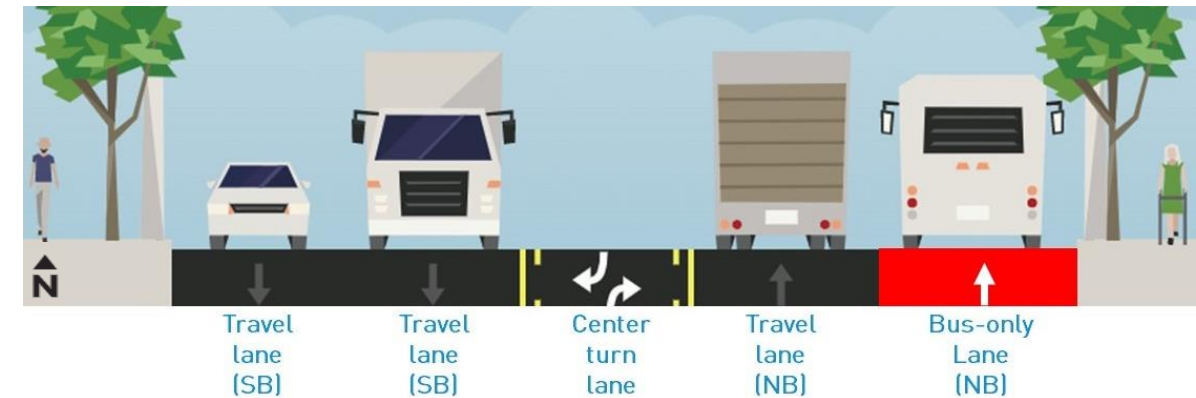


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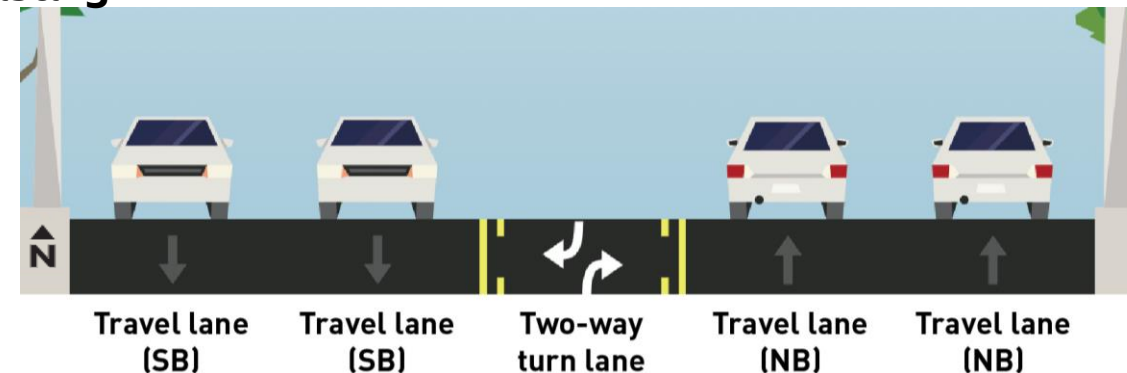
Between S Grand St and S College St



Between S College St and S Walden St



## Existing





# Phase 2: Option 2

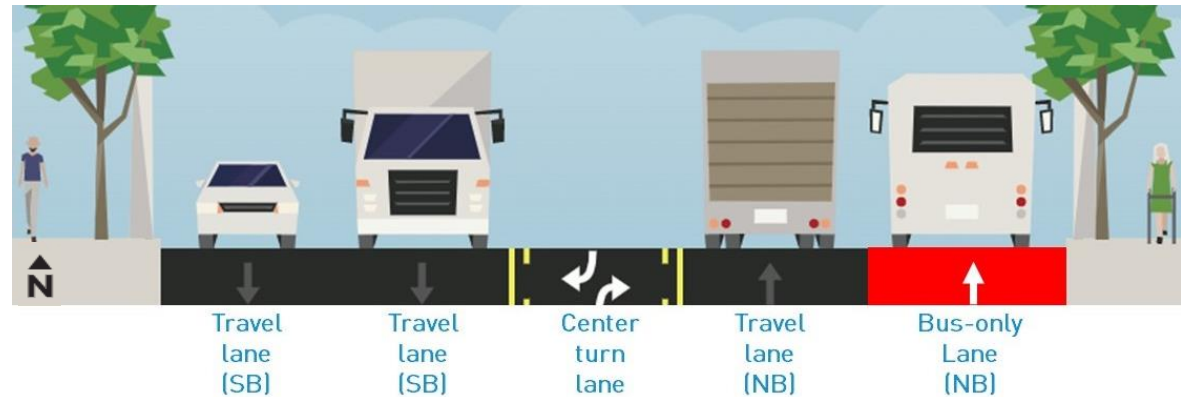
- Saves people riding the bus about 2 - 5 minutes on weekday mornings
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- Restricts left turns between S Holgate St and S Walker St
- Requires adjusting all travel lane widths

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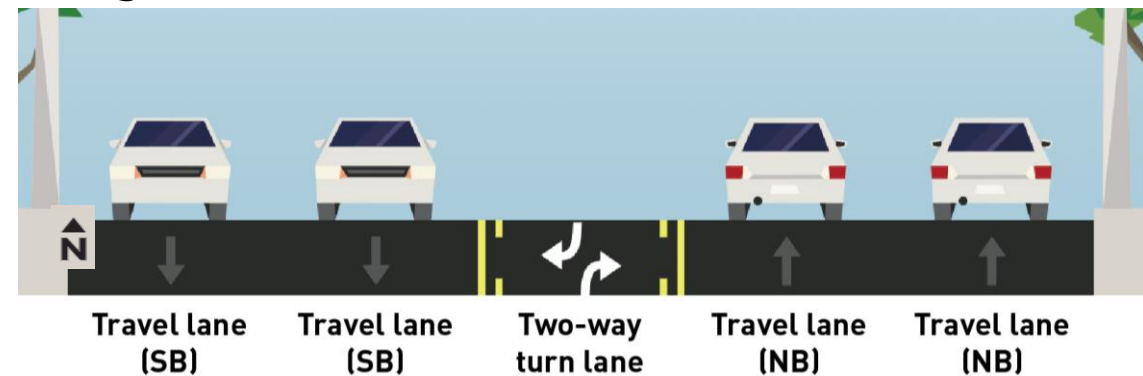
*Between College St and Grand St*



*Between Grand St and Walden St*

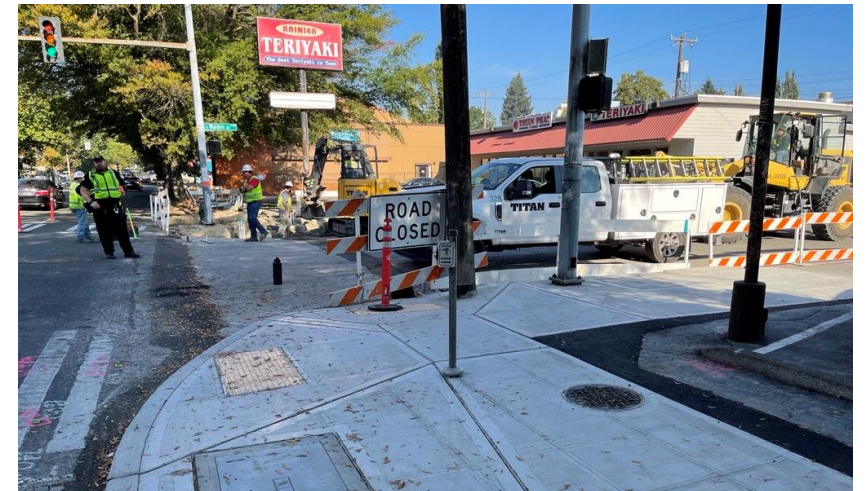


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# Safety on Rainier Ave S

- Bus lanes are one way we're making Rainier Ave S a more complete street
- Installing signals with leading pedestrian intervals
- Widening sidewalks
- Adding curb bulbs and curb ramps
- Building traffic signals at various locations through Rainier Valley
- Monitoring traffic and speeds on Rainier Ave S and other nearby streets



# Other improvements in Rainier Valley

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# We want to hear from you!

- Tell us which option you prefer, how you travel on Rainier Ave S, and how we can improve your experience riding the bus
- Take our survey by November 13th

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take the survey



# Questions and Answers

- Put your questions in the chat box
- We're reviewing all of your comments and feedback

## Stay in touch:



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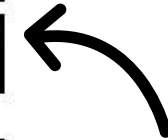


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From the entire SDOT Team:  
**Thank you!**

