



FACT SHEET

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ACCESSIBLE MT BAKER

NEAR-TERM WALKING / BIKING IMPROVEMENTS



The Rainier Ave S and Martin Luther King Jr Way S intersection is in the middle of major destinations including the Mt Baker Link Light Rail Station, King County Metro Transit Center, Franklin High School, housing, and retail.

OVERVIEW

The Mt Baker Station Area has been the focus of several planning processes in the past 10 years in which the community has articulated a vision for a thriving, diverse, sustainable, and affordable town center.

Part of that vision is improved transportation safety and connections and we're currently developing **near-term walking/biking improvements** to help people get to the transit center and light rail station at Rainier and MLK.

Based on past outreach, we identified a list of potential near-term improvement concepts (see map on back). By the end of this year, we'll select which to move forward to develop into design based on costs/benefits and community input. We'll build the improvements by 2024.

TAKE OUR SURVEY!

We want to hear from people who live, work, shop, and travel through the area. Rank your project choices in the online survey by December 11! www.surveymonkey.com/r/AMB_Survey



Mt Baker Hub outreach event with Franklin High School students (photo credit: Mt Baker Hub)

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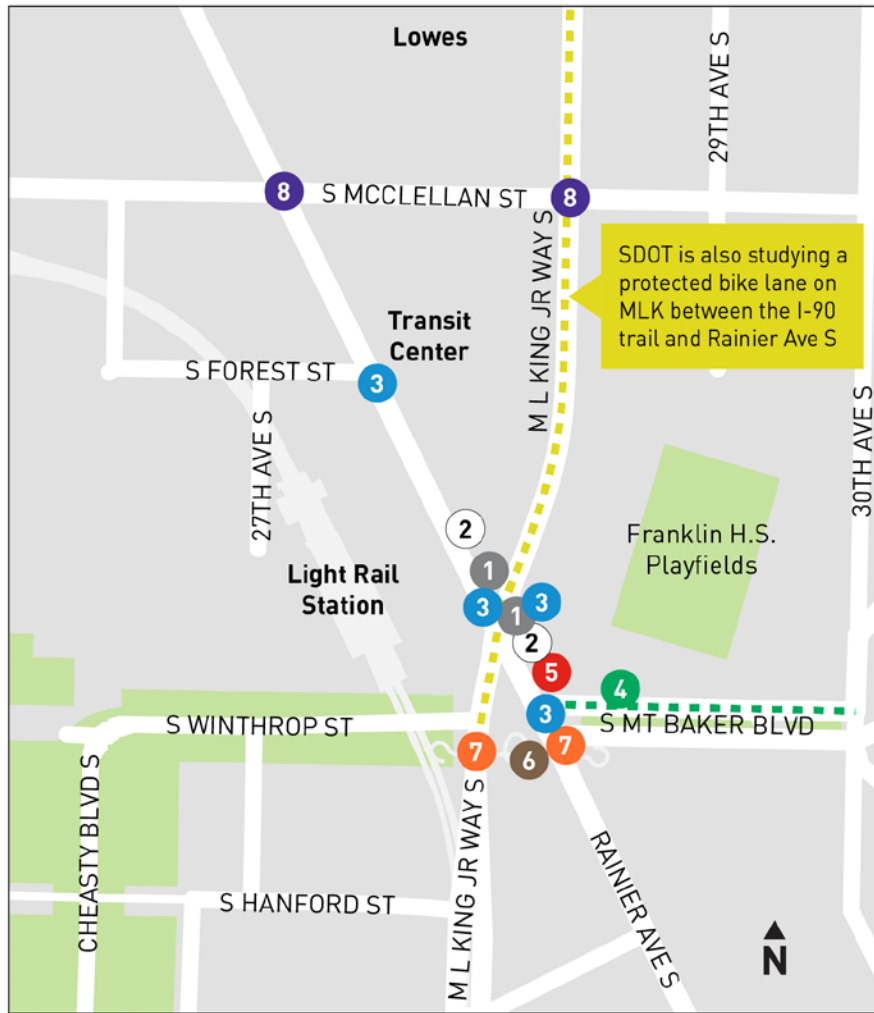


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ACCESSIBLE MT BAKER POTENTIAL WALKING/BIKING IMPROVEMENTS

These potential improvements are under review to be built by 2024.



- 1 Extend sidewalk corners (i.e. "add curb bulbs")
- 2 Widen and repair sidewalk
- 3 Widen crosswalks
- 4 Change north lane of Mt Baker Blvd to walk/bike only
- 5 No right on red heading north from Rainier to MLK
- 6 Artistic enhancements to pedestrian bridge
- 7 New crosswalks (includes relocating existing signal)
- 8 Improve pedestrian crossings at Rainier/McClellan and MLK/McClellan

Note: We're currently adding "Leading Pedestrian Intervals" to each major intersection on this map. Leading Pedestrian Intervals are a signal timing change that give people walking a head start to cross the street before drivers get a green light. They make people walking more visible and reduce collisions.

OTHER ACCESSIBLE MT BAKER WORK

In addition to the near-term improvements, we're also working on these efforts that serve as steps toward the greater vision:

1. We're partnering with King County Metro and Sound Transit to study the feasibility of **potentially relocating the Metro Transit Center closer to the Mt Baker Light Rail station**. We know from previous outreach this is a desired change, so now we're working on the technical details and opportunities internally. The early design for this relocation is funded and the final design and construction are currently unfunded.

2. We're collaborating on a multi-agency team focused on **Mt Baker Station Area Planning** to identify feasible and tangible actions that coordinate investments in a way that best meets the community's vision. This process is being led by the Office of Planning and Community Development.



Mt Baker Light Rail station