

Project Timeline

Stage 1 - Completed December 2000

The team considered more than 45 potential routings and selected seven broad corridors for further study. Of those seven, five were identified as potentially feasible:

- Aurora/Greenwood/Downtown
- Ballard/Fremont/U-District
- Downtown & Environs
- Lake City/Northgate/Ballard/Downtown
- West Seattle/Downtown

Feasibility was determined by several key factors:

- Ability to carry existing and new transit riders
- Cost of implementing technology
- Potential impacts within the corridors

While an ICT system may eventually be based on all five corridors, two corridors were selected for further study during Stage 2.

- Lake City/Northgate/Ballard/Downtown
- West Seattle/Downtown

Stage 2 - Begun January 2001

Specific transit routes were selected along each corridor and consultants are developing technical information including:

- Conceptual engineering and operational designs
- Refined ridership forecasts
- Refined capital and operating costs, including right-of-way and maintenance base costs
- Environmental impact identification along study routes

We will also study the operational impact ICT would have on the transportation network including:

- Traffic modeling to identify shifts in traffic patterns
- Detailed traffic analysis at key intersections
- Analysis of operational impacts for transit

Stage 3 - To Begin Fall of 2001

During the third stage of the Seattle Transit Study, an implementation plan based on the Stage 2 recommendations will be created. The implementation plan will outline the necessary steps for any future system including:

- Planning
- Financing
- Building
- Operations
- Government agency coordination

