



MORE BUSES, MORE OPTIONS, MORE SEATTLE

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South Lake Union transit service improvements coming March 2016

Think about this. In South Lake Union, the amount of off-street parking being included in office and retail buildings will accommodate about 25 percent of the new employees coming to the neighborhood. Some of the remaining 75 percent will live nearby and walk to work, but what about the others? People living and working in South Lake Union need great transit service and safe, comfortable bike routes. Thanks to recent voter approved initiatives, we can give people exactly that. Starting last June, Seattle began seeing the largest increase in King County Metro bus service in 40 years; and the *Move Seattle* levy will make our streets work better for those taking transit. In fact, the changes described in this fact sheet, double the number of people able to ride transit in South Lake Union during peak hours starting March 26, 2016.

BY THE NUMBERS

Service

40 buses and streetcars can move up to
2,800 people between 5 and 6 PM on
Westlake alone

Reliability

Doubling the number of people using transit along Westlake Ave N between 5 and 6 PM is the equivalent of adding another travel lane

Growth

65,000 people live in Center City Seattle and
25 new jobs a day are being added

PROJECT FEATURES



More bus service means there is room for hundreds of more people.

Benefits: Increased mobility, affordable transportation options



Dedicated transit lanes allow streetcars and buses to bypass traffic, reducing delay and making for a smoother, more predictable ride.

Benefits: Faster, more reliable service



Wider sidewalks and longer bus stops allow buses to board passengers without having to pull out and back into traffic. They also provide space for more buses and streetcars, shelters and real-time information kiosks.

Benefits: Faster, more reliable service, rider comfort, sidewalk space

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Over the next few months, we're building a series of small projects along the corridor, including new transit lanes and transit stop upgrades. These improvements accommodate:

- shifting Route 40 to Westlake Ave N in both directions;
- more trips on Route 40; and
- extending RapidRide C Line from W Seattle to Downtown into South Lake Union. The transit lanes will also benefit the Streetcar.

To make the improvements, turn restrictions and removal or restriction of some on-street parking is needed. Transit lanes and traffic and parking restrictions will activate as early as February 2016 when Metro begins testing the new routes and training drivers. Official bus service changes happen on Saturday, March 26, 2016.

PROJECT INFORMATION & CONTACT

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PROJECT MAP



LEGEND

- New southbound curbside transit lane
- New southbound and northbound curbside transit lane
- New northbound curbside transit lane
- New northbound center transit lane
- - - RapidRide Extension C Line
-  Transit stop

Note: Some right turns are allowed from the transit lane.

CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

- Information on construction will go out in advance of work. Here are some things to expect:
- Short-term sidewalk closures
 - Temporary relocation of transit stops
 - Tree trimming and landscaping relocation
 - Weekend work and possible detours
 - Noise, dust and vibration