

THIRD AVENUE TRANSIT SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS

September 2014

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and King County Metro implemented a transit priority corridor on Third Avenue from Yesler Way to Stewart Street in 2005. That project included transit operation improvements, and since its implementation, ridership and service have grown with over 40,000 current daily boardings. In partnership with Metro, SDOT is planning additional opportunities to improve transit speed and reliability north of Stewart Street.

SDOT is proposing to install right-turn lanes at four locations on Third Avenue where high pedestrian volumes delay traffic turning right and block through traffic (including buses). To keep the right-turning traffic out of the way of through traffic, SDOT is proposing right-turn pockets at the following locations on Third Avenue:

- **Virginia Street (northbound);**
- **Stewart Street (southbound);**
- **Blanchard Street (northbound);**
- **Battery Street (northbound).**

Installation of right-turn pockets will improve transit speed and reliability and traffic-flow while minimizing impacts to on-street parking, local business access, and traffic circulation. Right-turn pockets will replace approximately 95 feet of parking, and parking will also be removed on the opposite side of the street to accommodate lane adjustments.

Before and after comparison photos and diagrams of the proposed changes are shown on opposite page.

The project will also install left turn restrictions during peak hours of 6-9 AM and 3-7 PM northbound at Lenora Street and southbound at Virginia Street.

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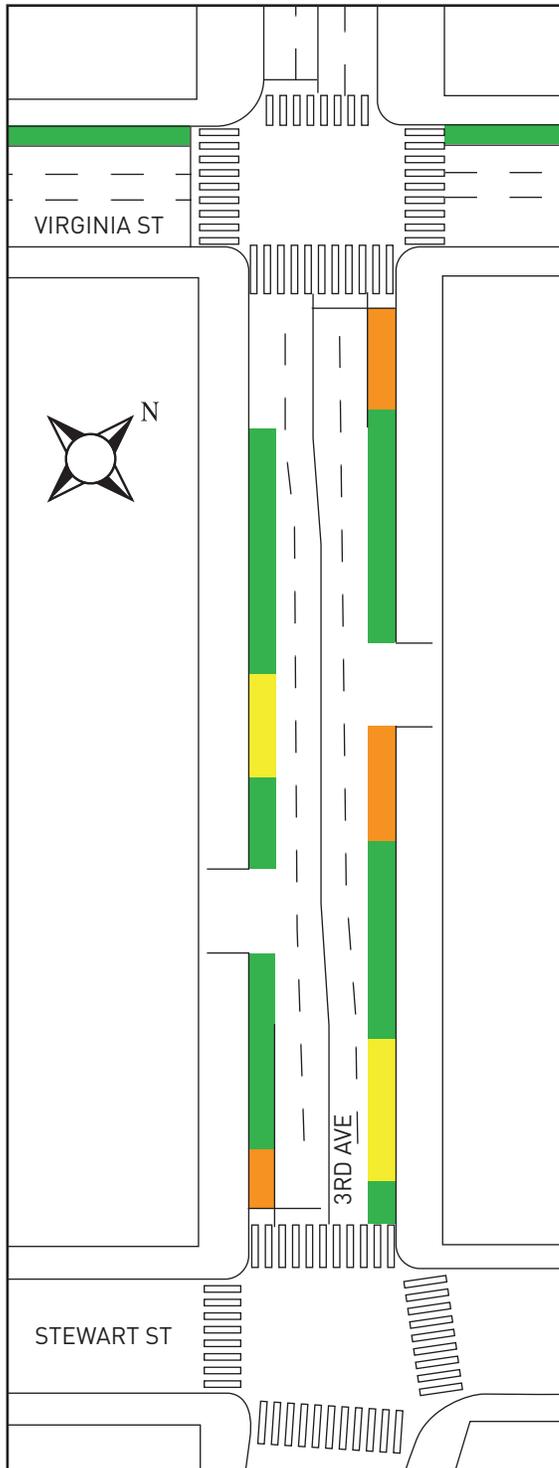


Photos are examples - not actual location

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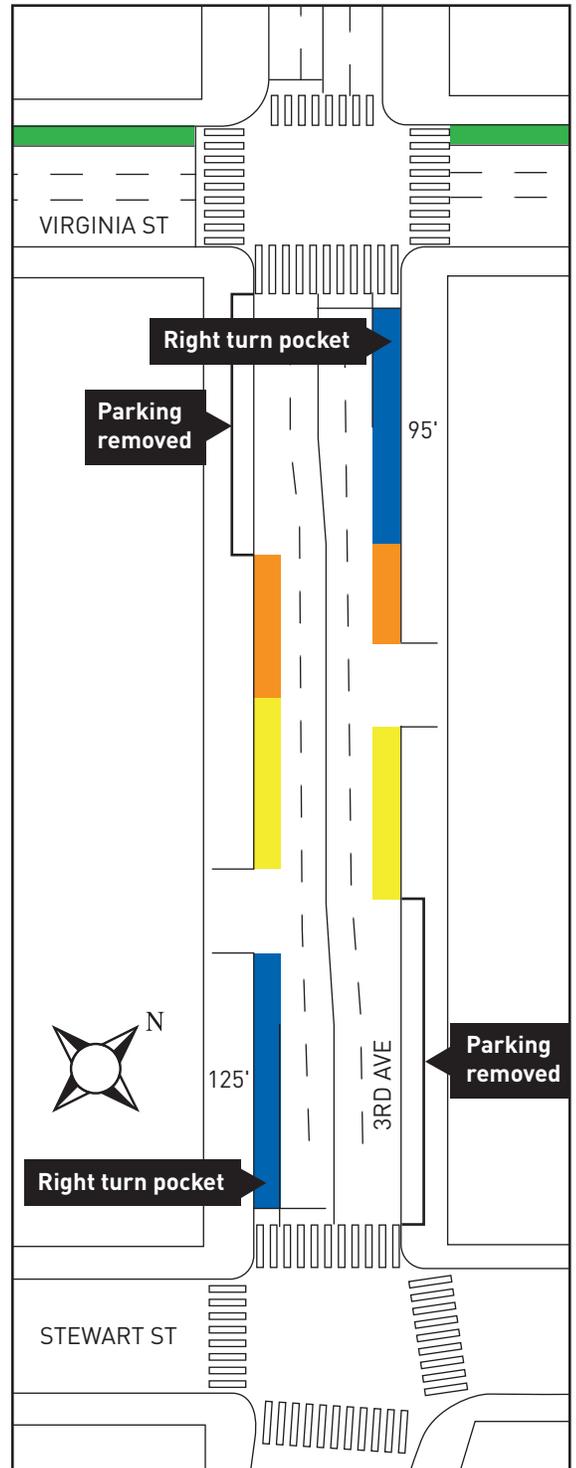
If you have any questions or comments about this project, please contact Christine Alar at Christine.Alar@seattle.gov or (206) 684-0572.

EXISTING PARKING & LOAD ZONE CHANGES



Note: Distances noted are approximate

PROPOSED PARKING & LOAD ZONE CHANGES

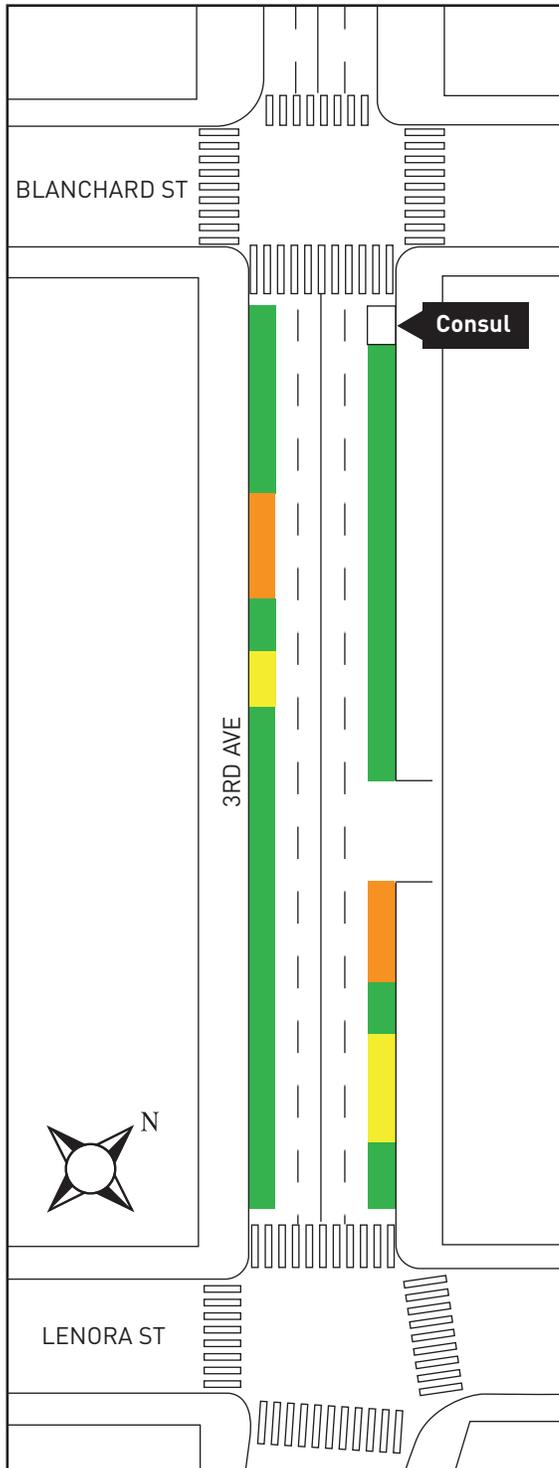


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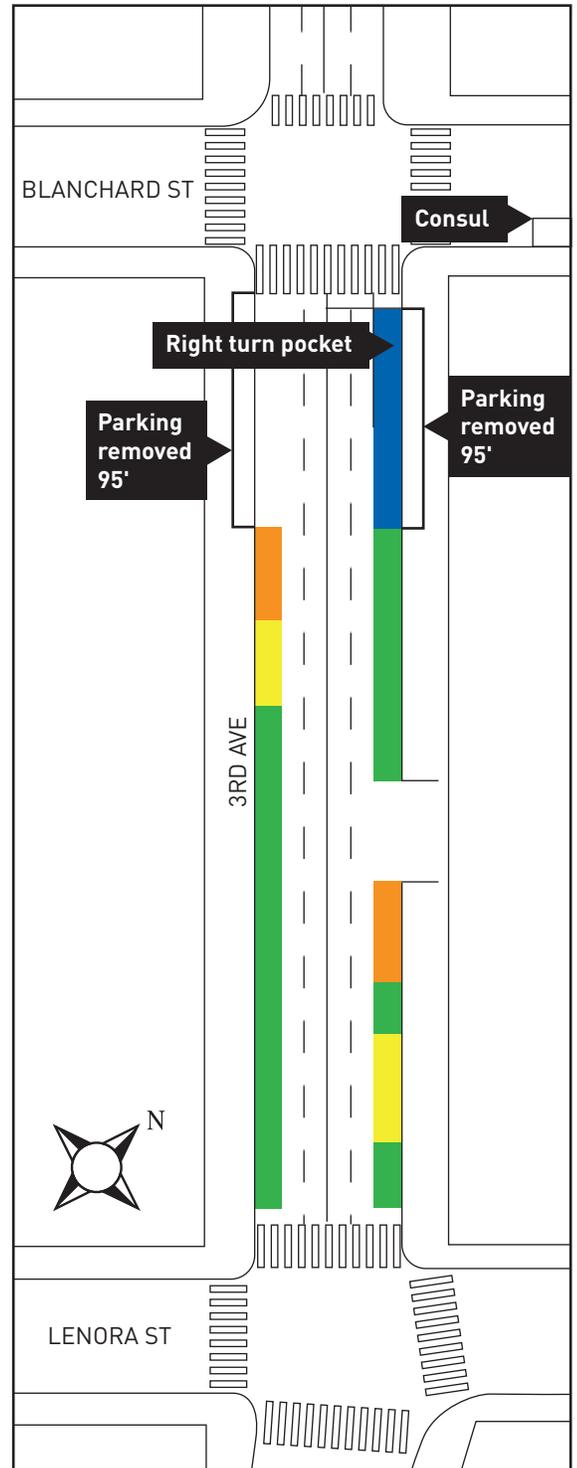
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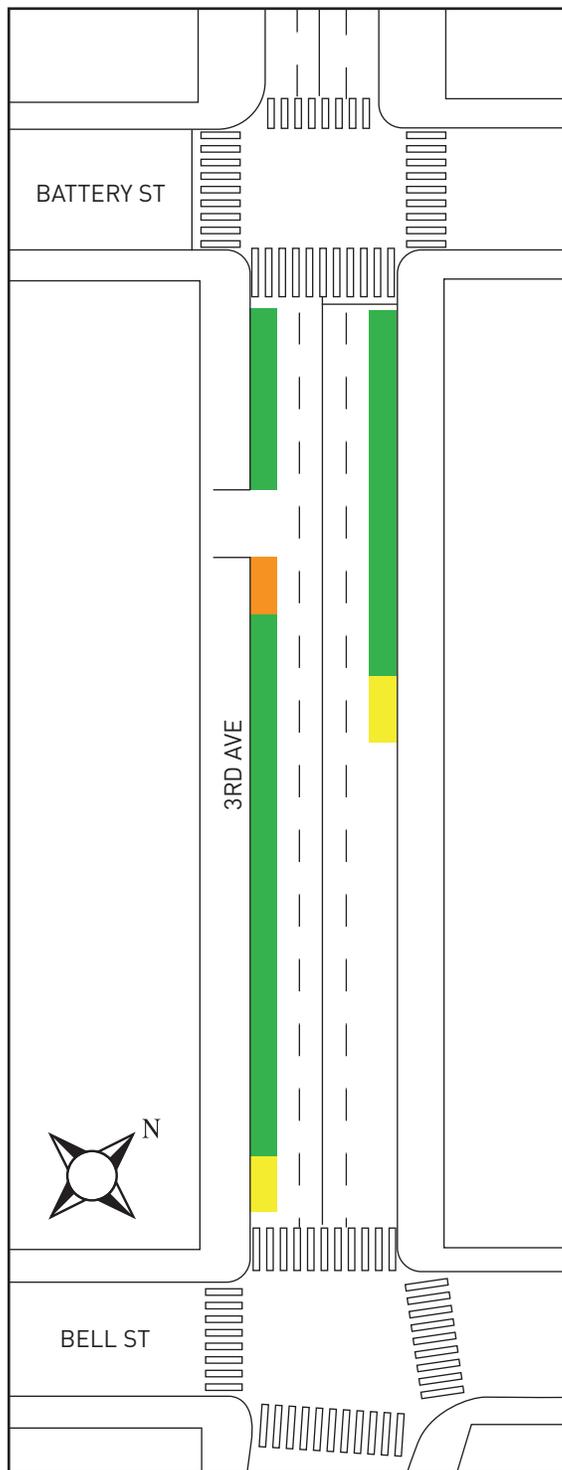


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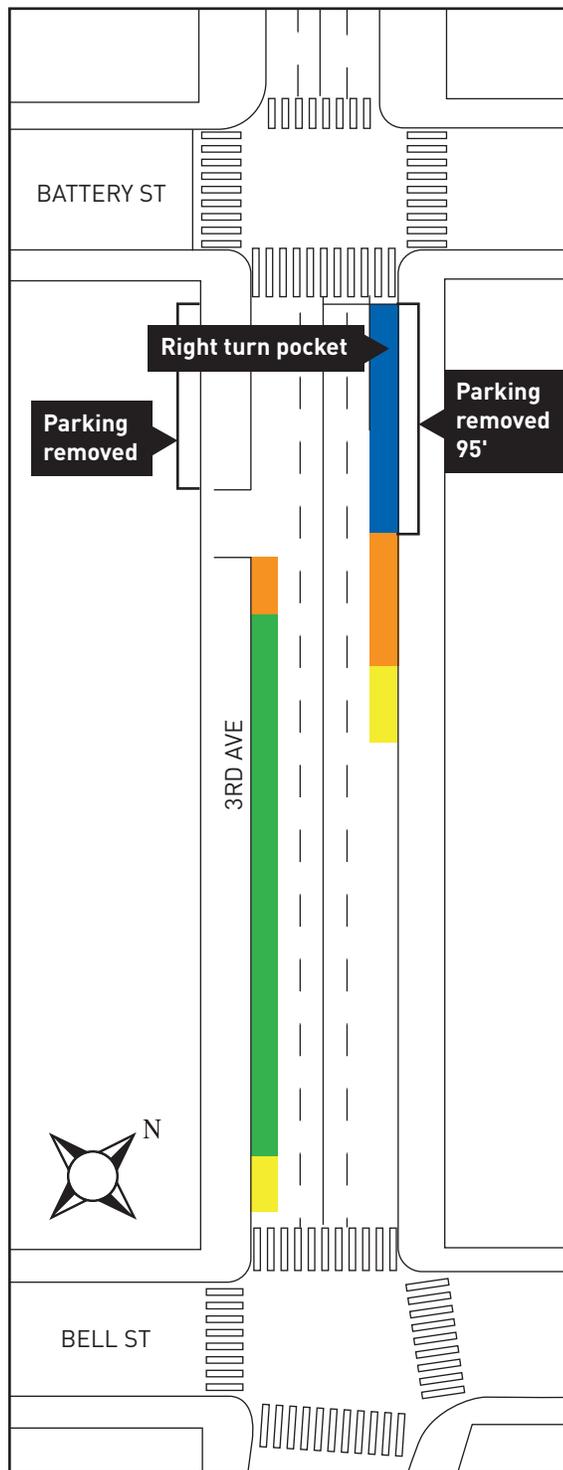
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