

To make bus trips faster and more convenient, Seattle Department of Transportation is proposing the following traffic signal and roadway improvements:



- Transit Signal Priority (TSP) to allow green lights to stay green longer or red lights switch to green faster for buses



- Queue jumps which consist of an additional travel lane on the approach to a signalized intersection to allow transit vehicles a head start when the light turns green



- Sidewalk extensions (bus bulbs) so that buses save time by not needing to swerve in and out of the parking lane



- Business Access & Transit (BAT) lanes - outside lanes reserved for buses and right-turning vehicles only. These lanes help move transit more efficiently and improve access to businesses and residences

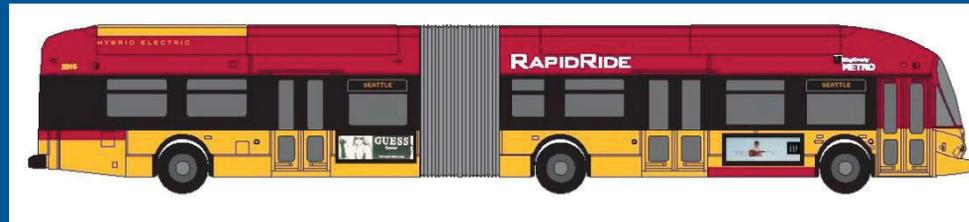


While SDOT is in the process of designing roadway improvements, King County Metro is designing new bus shelters, electronic real-time schedule information, off-board fare payment, and other exciting features of “RapidRide” Bus Rapid Transit.

Between major stations, RapidRide bus stops will have signs and other features to give them a distinctive RapidRide look. In some cases, shelters and benches may be added or improved. Stop-request signals, which people can use to alert the bus driver when they are waiting for a bus at night, may be provided at these stops. Rapidride also includes consolidating existing stops where they are closer together than is compatible with fast, efficient operation.

After RapidRide service begins, Metro’s plan is for buses to arrive every 10 minutes during the busiest morning and evening travel hours. At other times between 5 a.m. and 10 p.m., buses will come every 15 minutes or better. Between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m., buses will arrive at least every 30 minutes.

Buses will be easily recognizable with the RapidRide design and color scheme. All buses will be high-capacity, diesel-hybrid vehicles designed especially for RapidRide.



Bus Rapid Transit is Coming to **West Seattle**



BRIDGINGtheGAP

The City of Seattle and King County Metro are working together to plan transit improvements for West Seattle. RapidRide Bus Rapid Transit is scheduled to begin service in 2011.

RapidRide is designed to connect communities and keep people moving quickly throughout the day in this heavily used transit corridor. These transit improvements are made possible by the City’s Bridging the Gap and Metro’s “Transit Now” voter-approved funding measures.

Visit Metro’s website at <http://transit.metrokc.gov> for more information on Rapidride.

Transit Improvement Timeline

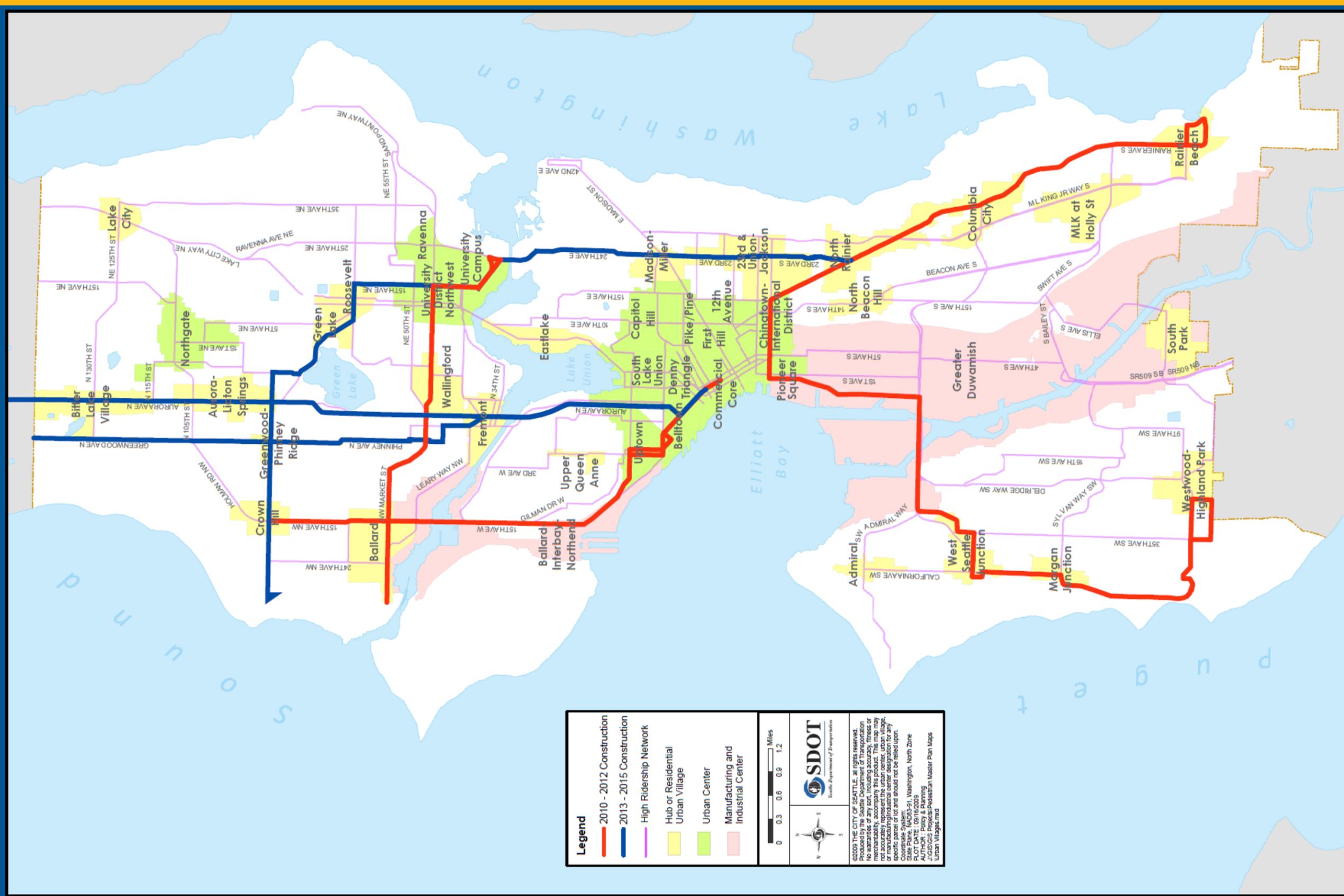
2008 - 2010	Design
2011 - 2012	Permitting and Construction
2012	RapidRide Service Begins

Questions?

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