COLUMBIA ST 2-WAY TRANSIT CORRIDOR

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
As soon as December, we’ll start demolition and reconstruction of Columbia St from 1st Ave to 3rd Ave. Project features include new concrete paving to support higher-weight bus traffic, changes to curb-lines, signal updates, and a new water main.

Street reconstruction is scheduled to wrap up in spring 2018. We plan to keep at least 2 lanes of Columbia St open during construction, and will communicate any weekend full closures or additional lane restrictions ahead of time.

PROJECT BACKGROUND
This work prepares Columbia St for conversion from a 1-way street to a 2-way transit pathway in a few years to move thousands of people a day into and out of downtown Seattle after the viaduct is replaced.

The new pathway will connect the 3rd Ave transit spine to Alaskan Way and destinations in West Seattle and southwest King County once the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement and Waterfront Seattle programs are complete.

For the next few years, the reconstructed street will be striped the same way it is today.

PROJECT SCHEDULE
Construction will begin as soon as December and is scheduled to wrap up spring 2018. We’ll provide advanced notice to adjacent properties with information about the construction schedule and any access impacts prior to groundbreaking later this fall.

PROJECT FUNDING
Funding for this project is provided by a grant from the Federal Transit Administration. This project is a partnership between King County Metro Transit and the City of Seattle.

PLANNED WATER SHUTDOWNS
As a part of the street reconstruction, a new water main will be installed on Columbia St from 1st Ave to 3rd Ave.

This will require temporary water shutdowns for some customers. Seattle Public Utilities will work with property managers and businesses to determine the best times for shutdowns and provide advanced notice to impacted customers.