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WELCOME

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and King County Metro are making RapidRide investments in multiple corridors as part of SDOT's [Levy to Move Seattle Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor Program](#) and [King County Metro's RapidRide program](#).

MADISON ST BRT - RAPIDRIDE G LINE – DOWNTOWN SEATTLE TO FIRST HILL TO MADISON VALLEY

The Madison St corridor is busy, dense, and still growing. Bus rapid transit (BRT) will provide frequent, reliable, and safe bus service. SDOT will make street improvements to Madison St that will allow King County Metro to operate the service as RapidRide G Line. RapidRide G Line will use diesel-hybrid buses and buses will come more often and be more reliable, while increasing service on nights and weekends. New bus stops will be spaced farther apart to shorten transit trips and will include new shelters, lighting, ORCA card readers, and real-time arrival displays.



Passengers boarding a RapideRide bus in downtown Seattle

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

We have an updated project design! Navigate through each tab of the online open house to learn more about what's changed and where you can provide your feedback. Final design is expected to be completed later this year. **Construction is scheduled to begin as soon as 2020 and to be complete in 2022.**

HOW TO USE THIS ONLINE OPEN HOUSE

- Visit the tabbed sections to learn more about what's happening
- Visit the site as many times as you wish
- Share this site with others who may be interested in the project
- Look for tabs with the comment bubble to know where you can share feedback

TELL US MORE ABOUT YOU!

All questions are optional.

What is your age?

- ☐ 19 or younger
- ☐ 20-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65 or older
- ☐ I would rather not say

Do you have a disability? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Mobility
- ☐ Vision
- ☐ Hearing
- ☐ Cognitive
- ☐ None
- ☐ Other (please specify)

What race/ethnicity best describes you?

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ Black or African-American
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ White or Caucasian
- ☐ Two or more races
- ☐ I'd rather not say
- ☐ Other (please specify)

What gender do you identify with?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Agender/Nonbinary/gender queer
- ☐ I'd rather not say
- ☐ Prefer to self-describe

What is your annual household income?

- ☐ \$7,500 or less
- ☐ \$7,501 to \$15,000
- ☐ \$15,001 to \$25,000
- ☐ \$25,001 to \$35,000
- ☐ \$35,001 to \$55,000
- ☐ \$55,001 to \$75,000
- ☐ \$75,001 to \$100,000
- ☐ \$100,000+

How did you learn about this project? (Pick all that apply)

- ☐ News media
- ☐ Neighborhood blog
- ☐ City of Seattle / SDOT email
- ☐ City of Seattle / SDOT website
- ☐ City of Seattle / SDOT mailer
- ☐ Twitter
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Nextdoor
- ☐ Poster
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- ☐ My employer
- ☐ An organization I'm involved with
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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TALK TO US IN-PERSON AT A COMMUNITY EVENT

Open houses

Thursday, July 18, 2019, 11 AM-1 PM

[Downtown Seattle Public Library](#),
[Washington Mutual Room \(Floor 4\)](#)
[1000 4th Ave | Seattle, WA 98101](#)

Add to Calendar

Wednesday, July 24, 2019, 6:30-8:30 PM

[Miller Community Center](#)
[330 19th Ave E | Seattle, WA 98112](#)

Add to Calendar

Check out the [project website](#) for a full list of events we're attending this summer.

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OVERVIEW

Madison St BRT - RapidRide G Line is a partnership between the City of Seattle and King County Metro. King County Metro will operate service on Madison Street as RapidRide G Line.

RAPIDRIDE FEATURES

Upgrading bus service to a RapidRide Line will include:

- More buses, including on nights and weekends
- New diesel-hybrid buses
- More spacing between stops and all-door boarding so you get to your destination faster
- New bus shelters, lighting, ORCA card readers, and real-time arrival displays

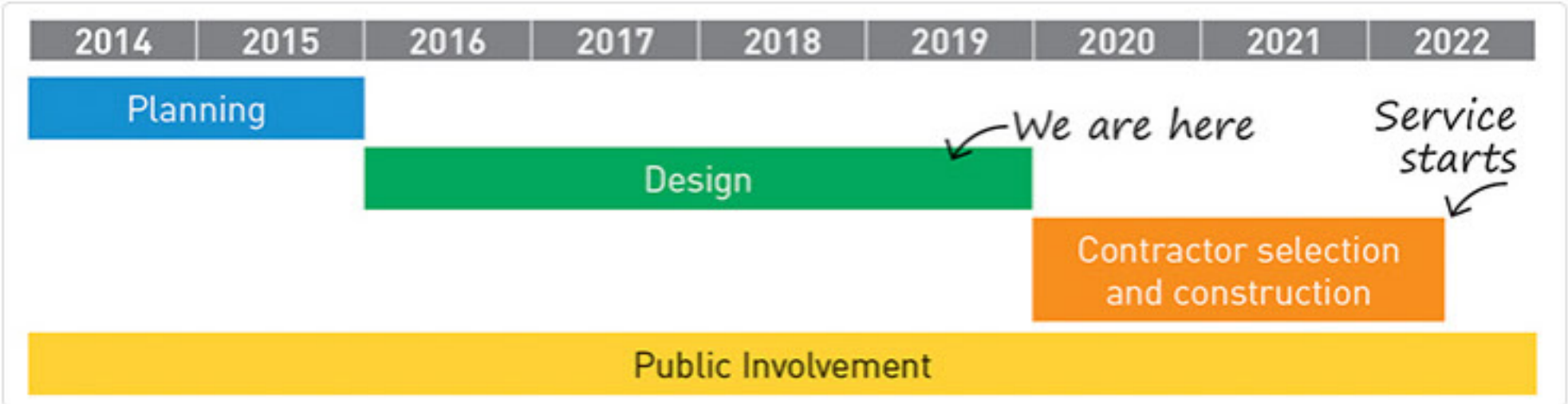


Passengers can pay their fare before they board the bus. Buses allow all-door boarding, so you get to your destination quicker.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Improved transit travel time by up to 5 minutes in the eastbound direction and up to 10 minutes in the westbound direction
- Increased ridership, serving over 12,000 riders per day
- Station platforms are accessible and level with the bus for quick and easy boarding
- Buses will have more doors and allow riders to board from both sides with new center-running stations (between 9th Ave and 13th Ave)
- New traffic signals so buses get to travel through intersections before other vehicles
- New art and landscaping for community placemaking
- New paving for a smoother ride and longer-lasting street
- New bike facilities to connect to the [existing bike network](#)
- Improved sidewalk and crosswalk connections for people walking so they can get around the neighborhood and to their bus as safely and conveniently as possible

SCHEDULE



BUDGET AND FUNDING

This project is partially funded by the voter-approved Levy to Move Seattle, the voter-approved Sound Transit 3 (ST3) package, and state and federal grants. We are pursuing Federal Transit Administration funding to be able to deliver this project. The project budget is \$121 million.

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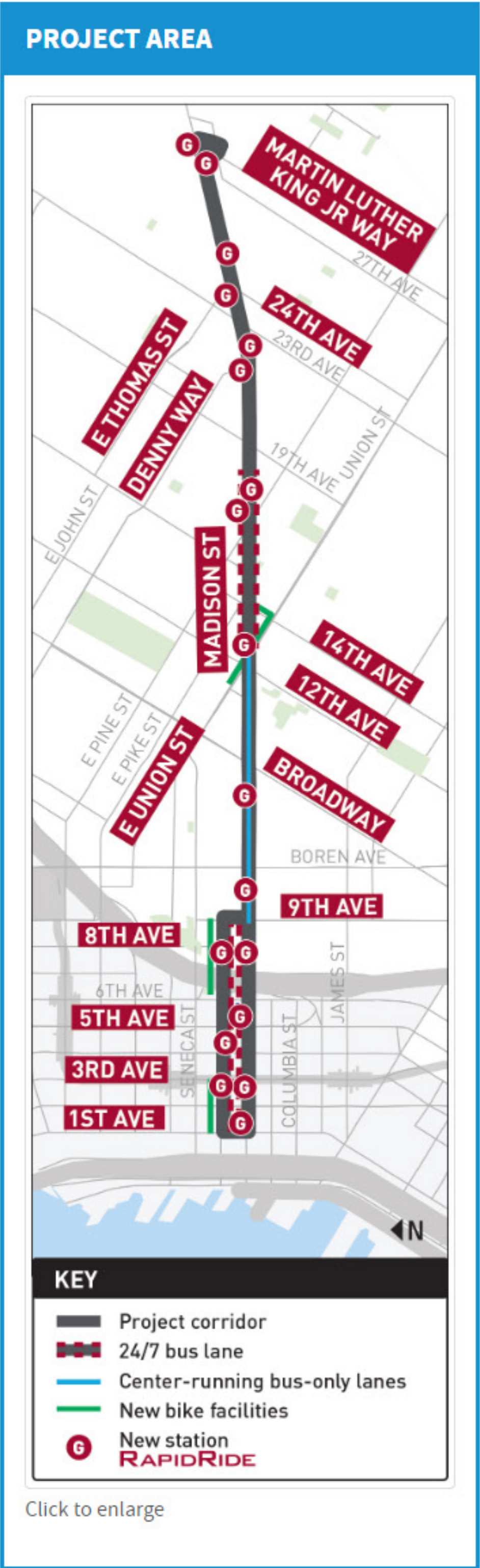
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


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DESIGN

We've been working with the community and agencies since 2014 to create a design that meets the needs and vision of the corridor. In early 2016, the Seattle City Council adopted the [Locally Preferred Alternative](#) design, and since then the project has held two rounds of open houses in 2016 and 2017. We held community walking tours to discuss two critical intersections with Madison St, at 12th Ave and at 24th Ave. We have also continually engaged local businesses to better understand access, loading and parking needs. Check out the updated design elements below!

DESIGN ELEMENTS:

- **Shorter crosswalks** at key intersections so people walking have time to get to the other side of the street
- **New diesel-hybrid bus fleet** which eliminates the need to extend the overhead trolley wire from 19th Ave to Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr Way. This also removes the small power supply converter (TPSS) from the design at Madison St and E John St.
- **New curbside bus stop** on 1st Ave between Madison St and Spring St
- **Updated bus layover station** at E Arthur Pl and MLK Jr Way with fewer poles and overhead wires
- **New pedestrian signal** at 10th Ave to help people cross Madison St to get to Seattle University and other destinations
- **New underground stormwater detention tank** on 10th Ave between Madison St and E Union St

WANT DETAILS?

View the full design roll plots:

- [1st Ave to 9th Ave](#) (PDF 8.8 MB)
- [Boren Ave to 13th Ave](#) (PDF 8 MB)
- [14th Ave to E Denny Way](#) (PDF 8.7 MB)
- [E Denny Way to MLK Jr Way](#) (PDF 8.6 MB)

Maps are large files that may take awhile to load.

MADISON ST/12TH AVE/E UNION ST



Illustration of a center-running station

MADISON ST/24TH AVE/E JOHN ST



Aerial illustration of the intersection of Madison St, 24th Ave, and John St

ARTHUR PL BUS LAYOVER



Aerial illustration of the bus layover station



Illustration of the bus layover station, including the driver comfort station

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CONSTRUCTION

Construction will begin as soon as 2020 and will happen in phases along the corridor to help reduce impacts to residents and businesses.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION:

- Noise, dust, and vibration
- Potential nighttime and weekend work
- Pedestrian detours
- Transit impacts such as delays, detours, and temporary stop relocations
- Temporary driveway and road closures
- Temporary utility shut offs

CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE*:

- January 2020: Project contractor selection process begins
- April 2020: Contractor is selected to build the project
- June 2020: Construction begins in phases
- June 2022: Construction complete and service begins

**Construction timelines are subject to change.*

INFORMATION FOR BUSINESSES

We are committed to working with businesses to help keep them thriving during construction. In 2017, we met with groups of businesses to hear about ways to minimize construction impacts. We realize things may have changed since then. Fill out our survey to the right so we can better understand your current needs and preferences during construction.

CONSTRUCTION PHASING & STAGING

While roadway improvements benefit the community, we recognize that it is also important to minimize construction impacts to the greatest extent possible. After a contractor is selected, we will be able to determine:

- Work schedule and working days
- Staging sites to reduce the amount of street right-of-way needed to store construction equipment
- Construction sequencing (how work will progress through the corridor)
- Traffic control plans (e.g. intersection closures and detours)

STAY CONNECTED

Sign up for [email updates](#) or text alerts (text “Madison” to 33222) to stay informed on the latest construction details. You can expect to hear from us through a variety of ways before and during construction.



Business and parking signage during detours



Advance notices and regular updates



Text service and 24-hour hotline



Neighborhood and property briefings



Community liaisons



Translated materials

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SURVEY

Select which category you best identify with? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Owner of a business on the project corridor
- ☐ Employee of a business on the project corridor
- ☐ Customer of a business on the project corridor
- ☐ None of the above

Do you have specific business access concerns that we should know about?

General comments/questions

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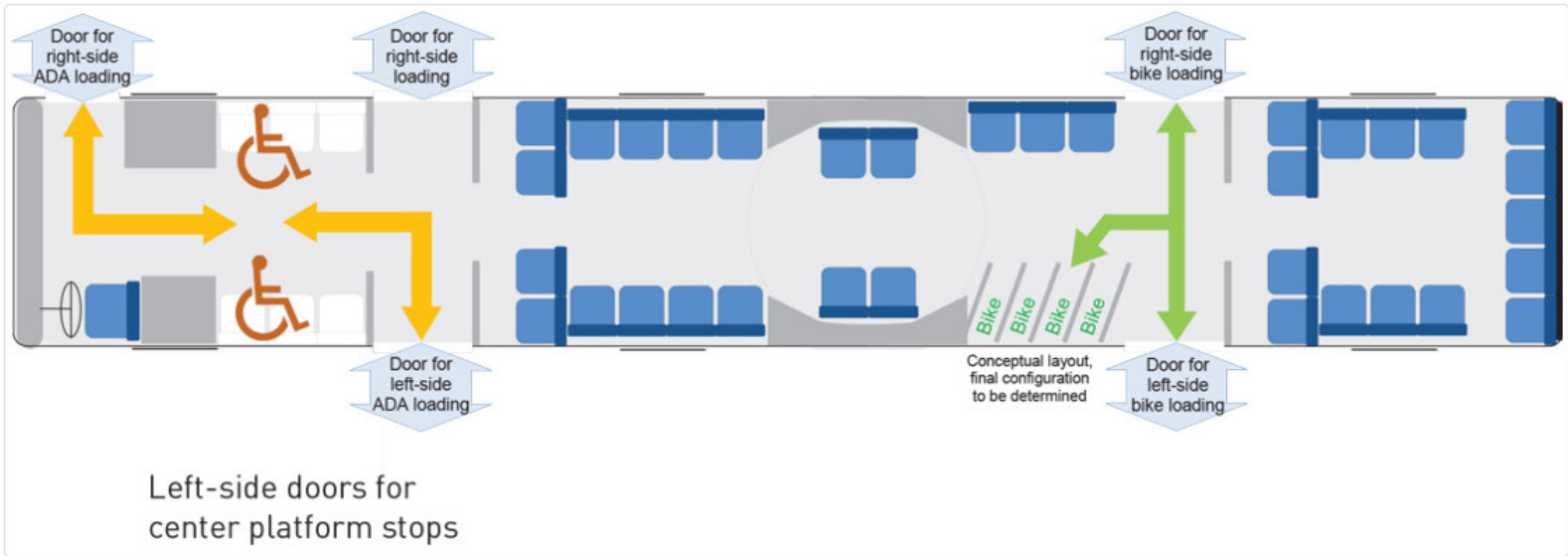
BUS FLEET

King County Metro will operate the RapidRide G Line using diesel-hybrid buses. Diesel-hybrid buses do not use overhead trolley wires. Existing trolley wire on the project route will not be removed, so that it can continue to support trolley buses using Madison St for other routes.

The diesel-hybrid buses will have multiple doors on both sides, allowing passengers to load and unload more quickly. The bus will visit both curb-side bus stops and stops on a platform that runs through the center of the street.



Illustration of a center-running platform bus station on Madison St



Conceptual layout of the bus

STATION FEATURES

RapidRide stations will include:

- New shelters with lighting and weather protection
- Real-time arrival information
- ORCA card readers
- Level platform with the bus floor for quick and easy boarding
- Striping on the platform to indicate door locations



Illustration of a typical RapidRide G curb-side stop with station amenities

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PARKING

The project design requires removal of approximately 160 parking spaces to make room for new bus-only lanes and bike lanes.



Click to enlarge map

SURVEY

Share your comments on the proposed parking and load zones:

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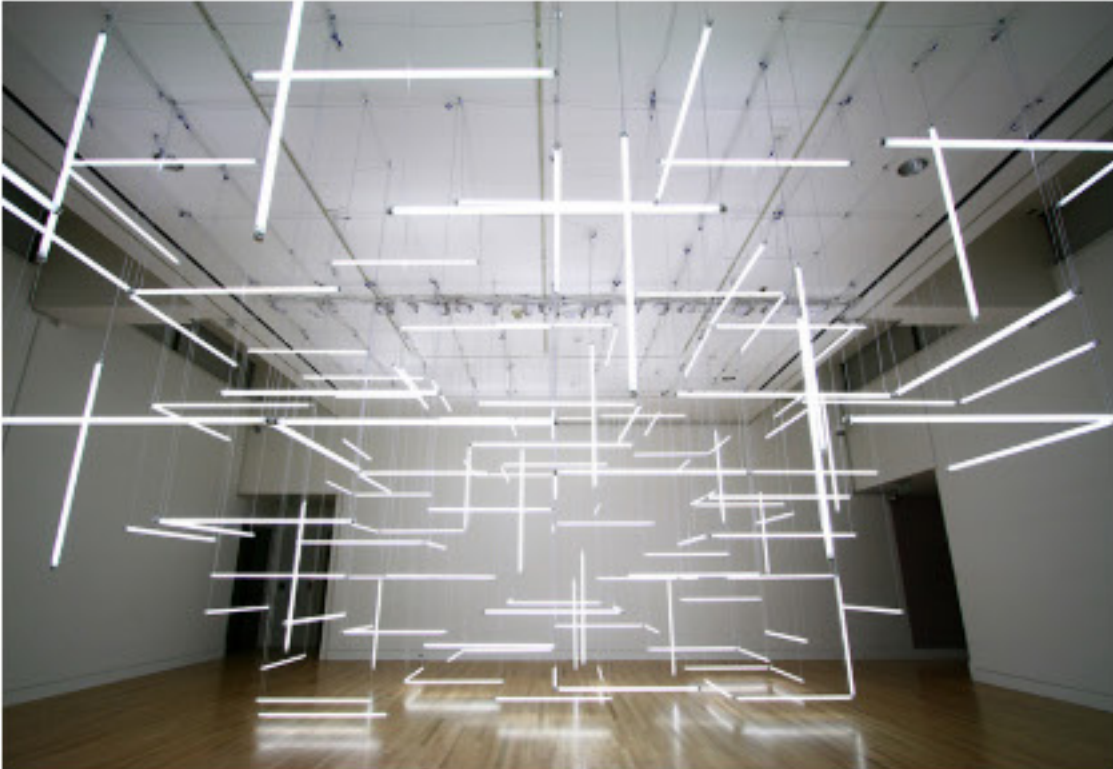
URBAN DESIGN

CORRIDOR ART AND PLACEMAKING

SDOT is working with the Office of Arts and Culture to enhance the urban design and streetscape along the corridor, as part of the One Percent for Art ordinance. We're working with a local Seattle artist, Ben Zamora, who was chosen to create public works of art for the Madison St corridor.



Ben Zamora, INVISIBLE
12th Avenue South and S Elmgrove Street,
Seattle, Washington



Ben Zamora, NEVER FINISHED
2014, Seattle, Washington
Photo credit: Mark Woods

LANDSCAPING

New landscaping will create a more attractive place to walk, bike, and drive, as well as create a safety buffer between the street and sidewalk. SDOT will also plant 2 trees for every 1 tree removed in the corridor during construction.



SDOT crews planting trees

MADISON BY BIKE

The project is improving and expanding the existing bike network to create more accessible stations and safer commutes for those on bikes. Bicycle facilities and improvements included in the Madison St BRT – RapidRide G Line construction contract include:

- Protected bike lanes (PBL) on Spring St between 1st Ave and 3rd Ave
- PBL on Spring St between 6th Ave and 9th Ave
- PBL on E Union St between 11th Ave and 14th Ave
- Sharrows on 14th Ave between E Union St and Madison St
- Crossbike and bike box at Madison St and 24th Ave E

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WHAT'S NEXT

Thank you for visiting the Madison St BRT - RapidRide G Line online open house. We appreciate your feedback on the project.

The best way to stay up to date with the project and prepare for construction is to [sign up](#) for email updates. We'll provide advanced notice before construction begins.

GET INVOLVED

Have additional questions or want a briefing for your organization? Email or call the project team.

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Check out other nearby projects happening in the area!

- [Union St Protected Bike Lanes](#)
- [23rd Ave Vision Zero](#)
- [Central Ridge Neighborhood Greenway](#)
- [Safe Routes to School: Lowell-Meany Greenway](#)

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Any additional thoughts you want to share with us?

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