

Delridge Way SW - RapidRide H Line Project



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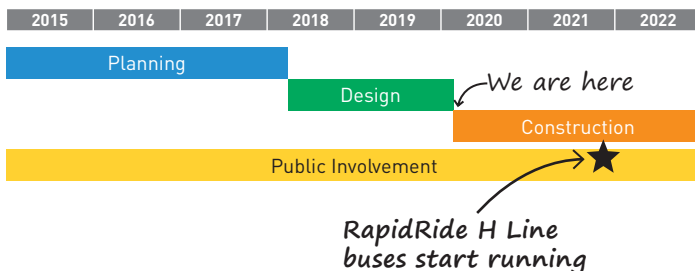
We're creating a better bus street on Delridge Way SW to prepare for the new RapidRide H Line coming in 2021. That means we're rebuilding parts of the street, completely changing how the lanes are laid out, and making walk/bike connections so you can get to better bus service safely.

The RapidRide H Line will upgrade the existing Route 120, which is one of King County Metro's busiest routes, and extend it farther north to South Lake Union. RapidRide buses will come more often and be more reliable, while increasing service on nights and weekends. The upgraded line will decrease travel times by 10-15% between South Lake Union and Burien.

Today, 34% of households along the route don't own a car, making public transportation a critical way for people to get to work, school, activities, and essential services. By 2035, we estimate daily boarding on RapidRide H to increase from 5,200 to over 7,000 per day.

The City of Seattle is partnering with Metro to rebuild Delridge Way SW and make improvements for people walking, biking, and taking transit. This includes rebuilding damaged streets, making improvements for people walking, and adding special bus lane signals to help prioritize transit. Construction will take place from summer 2020 to 2022, with the new RapidRide H line coming into service in 2021.

Project schedule



RapidRide

Public transit is an important part of how we will meet the diverse needs and priorities of our rapidly growing region. The City of Seattle and King County Metro are working to expand Metro's RapidRide transit network to meet growing demand for transit and support access to public transportation that is reliable, fast and on-time.

RapidRide buses get you to your destination faster. They move more and stop less, getting a boost from bus-only lanes, priority bus signals, and street improvements. Buses are equipped with three sets of doors for all-door boarding and exiting. ORCA card readers are located at the stops for easy payment and on-time arrival information so you know exactly when your next bus will arrive.

Benefits of RapidRide

The RapidRide H Line will replace the existing Route 120, which is one of King County Metro's busiest routes. New bus stations will be spaced farther apart to improve service, and will include new shelters, lighting, ORCA card readers, and real-time arrival displays.

RapidRide H Line has been designed to meet the following project goals:

- Improve transit travel time and reliability throughout the corridor
 - Expect to decrease travel times by 10-15%
- Improve safety for people walking, biking, and making connections to transit
 - Includes upgrades to curb ramps and improved connections to Neighborhood Greenways
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
 - Promotes use of alternative modes of transportation to driving alone
- Provide bus service that starts early and runs late, every day
 - Buses come at least every 10 minutes during busiest hours

Delridge Way SW: A better bus street

Levy to Move Seattle dollars will help remake and reimagine what Delridge can be for everyone in the neighborhood. We're committed to getting people walking and biking around the neighborhood and to new bus stops.

Our Delridge Way SW street design includes:

New:

- bus lanes to sail past traffic
- bus signals to hop to the front of the line at red lights
- landscaped medians to green Delridge and calm traffic
- art sculptures for community placemaking
- paving for a smoother ride and long-lasting street
- sewer and water pipes for drinking water and wastewater
- protected bike lanes, crosswalks, bike/walk signals, neighborhood greenway connections, lighting for people walking, and sidewalk repair so people walking and biking can get around the neighborhood and to their bus as safely and conveniently as possible

Parking:

- removal – the new design replaces several full blocks of parking to make space for new bus and bike lanes
- time restrictions in new peak-only bus lanes where cars have to be moved to make way for buses on weekday mornings or evenings

How you've informed the project

Since 2015, we engaged with many people in the community to inform the final design through calls, emails, and the following outreach tactics:

More than 20 open houses and drop-in sessions	6 online open houses and surveys	5 project mailers sent to over 9,000 addresses each
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More than **20** briefings with local schools and businesses

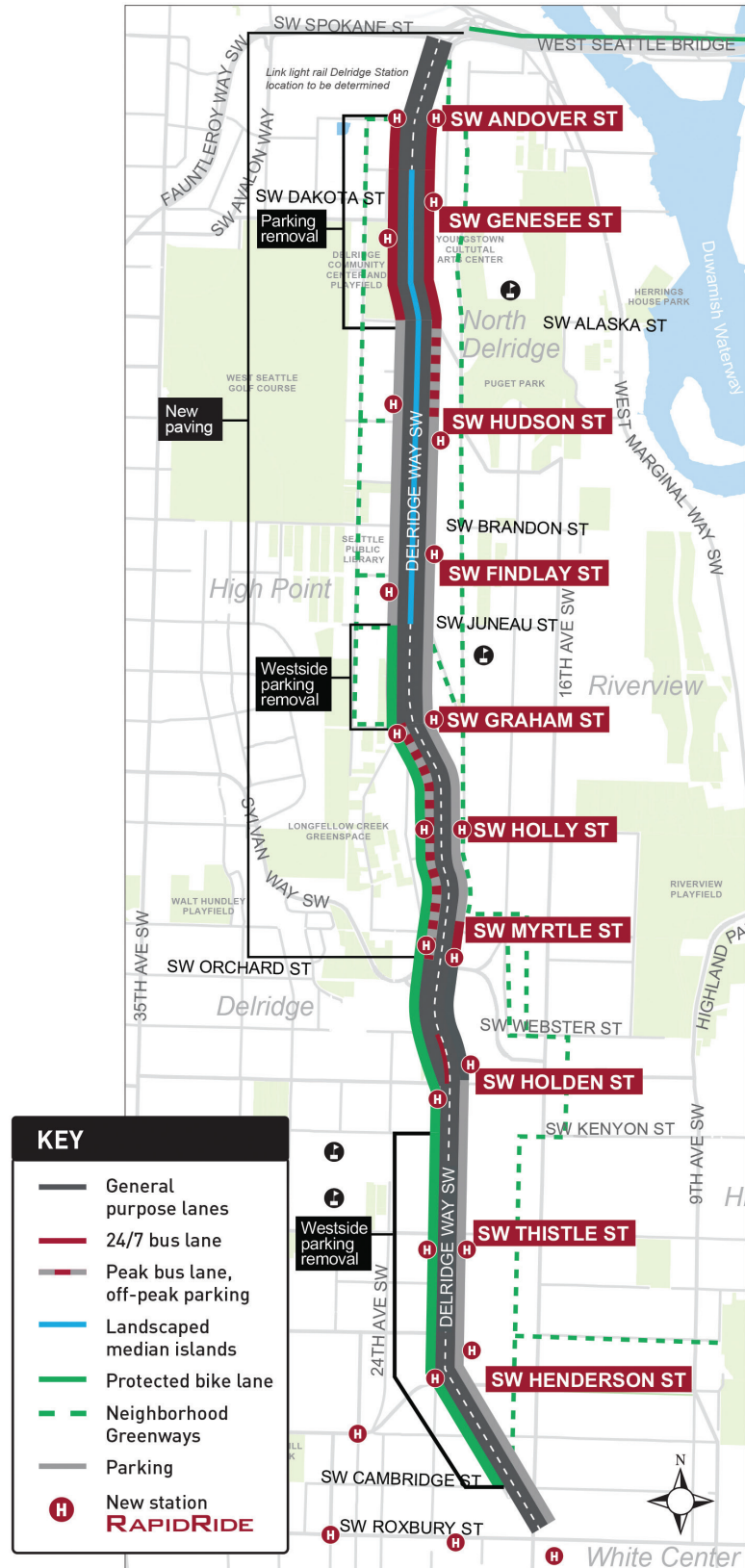


- Translated fact sheets into Arabic, Vietnamese, Spanish, and Somali
- In-language phone calls to self-identified businesses with language needs

Throughout design, we've made a number of changes to help meet the needs and suggestions of the Delridge community, including:

- Adding traffic diverters on the 26th Ave SW Neighborhood Greenway at SW Genesee St and SW Brandon St

- Upgrading parallel neighborhood greenway facilities and improving connections to Delridge Way SW
- Adding new landscaped medians that will be regularly maintained after construction ends
- Installing crosswalks and rectangular rapid flashing beacon at SW Hudson St Allowing off peak parking in bus-only lanes

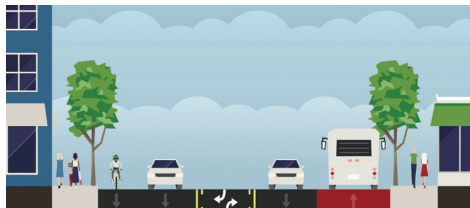


DESIGN FEATURES

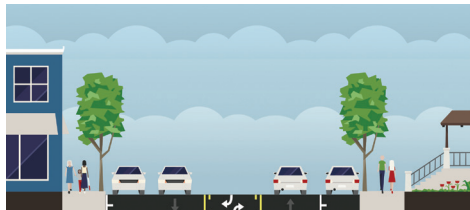
We've designed Delridge Way SW to balance the needs of everyone who uses the corridor, whether they're on a bus, in a car, walking, or riding a bike.

EXISTING

SW Andover St – SW Alaska St



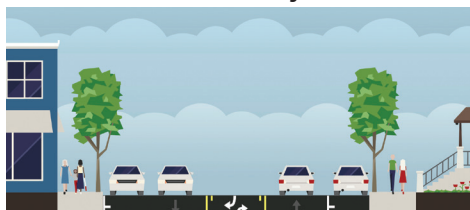
SW Alaska St – SW Hudson St



SW Hudson St – SW Juneau St



SW Juneau St – SW Myrtle St



SW Myrtle St – SW Holden St



SW Holden St – SW Cambridge St



FUTURE



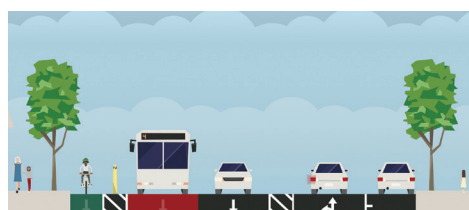
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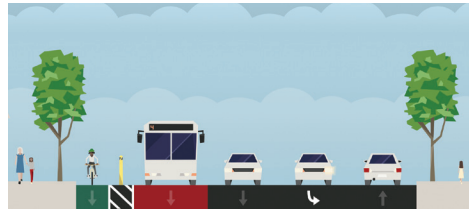
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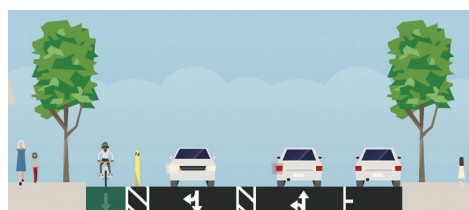
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New RapidRide bus shelters



SW Andover St



SW Andover St



SW Findlay St

More information

Visit our project website to view more details on upgrades to infrastructure for people walking, biking, and taking transit, as well as changes to parking along the corridor.

www.seattle.gov/Transportation/DelridgeTransit

Preparing for construction

We understand that construction can be loud and impactful. With the Delridge community in mind, we have put guidelines in place so our contractor can minimize potential construction impacts to the community. These guidelines come from over four years of community engagement with the Delridge neighborhood. Some of those considerations include:

- Dedicating additional time to translate important construction notices for things like driveway closures.
- Reducing or limiting work during holidays and cultural festivals.
- Installing temporary crosswalks across Delridge Way SW in areas where sidewalks will be closed for a long time. These will be lighted, include painted markings on the street, and be ADA accessible.
- Coordinating utility work near Louisa Boren K-8 school.
- Emphasizing a “good neighbor” policy for the contractor, which includes site cleanliness and staging area considerations.

Live on or near Delridge Way SW and want construction updates in your language?

If you live on Delridge Way SW, please anticipate work nearby or in front of your home. This work can sometimes block driveways, close sidewalks, or happen at night. If you email us with your name, address, best way to contact you, we can translate construction updates for your address and email them to you.

Please email us at DelridgeTransit@Seattle.gov.

Questions?

If you have any questions or comments about the project please don't hesitate to reach out!

Delridge Transit Outreach Team

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What to expect during construction

While the project is under construction from summer 2020 to 2022, with the new H line coming into service in 2021. During this time, please expect:

- General work hours from 7 AM to 7 PM on weekdays
- Noise, dust, and large truck traffic
- Temporary parking restrictions
- Short-term water shut offs. Advanced notice provided
- Temporary driveway impacts
- Nighttime and weekend work to minimize traffic impacts
- Some full closures of major intersections on the weekends
- Temporary side street closures
- Periodic traffic detours
- Vehicle lane shifts around work zones
- Detours around work zones for people walking and biking
- Flaggers to help direct traffic as needed
- Temporary bus detours and stop relocation

West Seattle High-Rise Bridge Safety Project

We are aware of significant impacts to West Seattle at the moment and are working in coordination with the West Seattle High-Rise Bridge Safety Project. If you have any questions about this project, please contact:

Phone: 206-684-7623

Email: 684-Road@seattle.gov

The project is funded by KC Metro and SDOT's 9-year Levy to Move Seattle, approved by voters in 2015. Learn more about the levy at www.seattle.gov/LevytoMoveSeattle.