Route 40
Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor

Making bus trips faster and more reliable, and improving safety

Background
With 3 million annual rides, King County Metro’s Route 40 has the third-highest ridership of all Metro bus routes. It runs 13.5 miles north to south, serving the Northgate, Crown Hill, Loyal Heights, Ballard, Fremont, South Lake Union, downtown Seattle, and Pioneer Square neighborhoods.

The Route 40 serves more than 13,000 weekday riders and ridership is growing. Between 2016 and 2018, weekday rides increased more than 10%. On average, Route 40 is late approximately 20% of the time, but at certain times of the day, the average percent of late trips spikes to 35%.

Project overview
Route 40 corridor improvements were first identified as part of the Levy to Move Seattle and King County’s METRO CONNECTS program. Based on the results of the 2018 Levy Workplan Report, Route 40 will not be transitioned to RapidRide as part of this project. In response, SDOT and Metro will implement transit speed and reliability upgrades in this corridor.

The Seattle Department of Transportation and Metro plan to make the following improvements to this vital corridor:

▶ Reduce peak transit travel time by 5% to 10%
▶ Improve service reliability by:
  – Making the time between buses more consistent
  – Helping ensure that no matter the time of day, trips take about the same amount of time

Schedule
This project is in the early planning phase, which includes reviewing the corridor needs and identifying community priorities to determine which improvements are most beneficial and feasible. The selected improvements will move forward to final design and construction, with work scheduled to be complete in 2024.
Funding
This project is being funded by a combination of local and state funds. The source of the local funding is the 9-year Levy to Move Seattle, approved by voters in 2015 to improve safety for all travelers, maintain our streets and bridges, and invest in reliable, affordable travel options for a growing city. SDOT is also seeking additional grant opportunities to allow more investment in the corridor. Learn more about the levy at www.seattle.gov/LevyToMoveSeattle.

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