Strategies to move to and through downtown
Period of maximum constraint 2018-2024
Major projects in the Center City 2018-2024

PERIOD OF MAXIMUM CONSTRAINT

2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 - 2024
Where we are headed

Pike Pine Renaissance

Central Waterfront

WA State Convention Center

Key Arena

Growing light rail system
How will you be impacted?

- 90K travelers using the Viaduct today need to find another route
- Longer travel times and less reliable travel for bus riders and vehicle drivers
- More passengers waiting on already busy sidewalks
- Added delay and increased costs for freight/goods movement
- Impacts to everyone who comes downtown
Our five pillars for downtown mobility

- System Monitoring and Management of Real-Time Operations
- Transit Investments: Meeting Demand and Expanding Access
- Reduce Drive-Alone Trips Downtown
- Manage the Public Right of Way
- Coordinated Regional Communications Campaign
SR-99 Viaduct closes/Tunnel opens

- Permanent Viaduct and Battery Street Tunnel closure scheduled for January 11, 2019
- SR-99 tunnel will open about 3 weeks later - significant traffic impacts for 6 weeks
- Viaduct removal begins soon after tunnel opens
- Impact: Increased traffic volumes and travel times throughout the region
- Information: http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Viaduct/realign99
Responding to permanent viaduct closure

Staff Transportation Operations Center 24/7 and deploy police at key transit intersections

Extend transit priority hours on 3rd Avenue to 6AM to 7PM and add bus trips on key Metro routes

Modify and schedule permitted construction work for maximum travel capacity

Encourage flexible work schedules and locations

Brief local and regional elected officials this fall
March 2019: Seattle Transit Tunnel for Light Rail ONLY

- Supports light rail expansion and Convention Center addition
- Brings routes 41, 74, 101, 102, 150, 255 and 550 to downtown surface streets
- Adds 72 buses per peak hour (both directions) affecting 15,000 passengers during the PM peak (3-7 pm)
- Actions underway to alleviate impacts to transit speed and reliability
- Opportunity: Near Term Action Plan actions are expected to increase total transit capacity in downtown
- Information: http://metro.kingcounty.gov/tops/tunnel/
Preparing for Seattle Transit Tunnel being for Light Rail ONLY

- Share real-time construction and traffic information with web map providers
- Add off-board fare payment on 3rd Ave for quicker boarding and build a new transit path on 5th and 6th Avenues
- Limit SDOT construction and maintenance work downtown
- Encourage and support ORCA LIFT sales
- Coordinated, timely and accessible information provided through many tools
One Center City Near-Term Action Plan

- $30M joint investment in projects (2017-2024)
- Focus on need to keep transit riders moving at current or improved speeds
- Includes 5th/6th transit pathway, signal improvements, all-door boarding on 3rd Avenue, public realm enhancements
- Pilots strategies for urban goods access
Key downtown Seattle transit projects

5th & 6th Avenue Northbound Transit Pathway

3rd Ave Transit Improvements

2nd and 4th Ave Signal Improvements
3rd Ave Transit Corridor Improvements

Improvements will:
• Keep buses running on-time
• Improve safety by separating cars and buses
• Simplify signage and wayfinding on 3rd Avenue
• Help riders get on the bus faster

Projects Include:
• August 2018: Extend bus-only hours to 6 am – 7 pm every day
  • Cars, taxis and rideshare allowed from 7 pm to 6 am daily (no lefts)
  • Commercial vehicles allowed 9 am – 3 pm and 7 pm – 6 am daily (no lefts)
• March 2019: Every 3rd Ave bus stop will have ORCA card readers; moved and new bus stops
Proposed 5th/6th Routing, Stops and Volumes
## Downtown Bus Volumes

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