

A nighttime photograph of a city street in Seattle. In the foreground, a bus stop shelter is visible with several people waiting. The background shows city buildings and the iconic Space Needle tower illuminated against the dark sky. The entire image has a blue color overlay.

# Covid Recovery Bus Lanes – Aurora and Rainier Ave S

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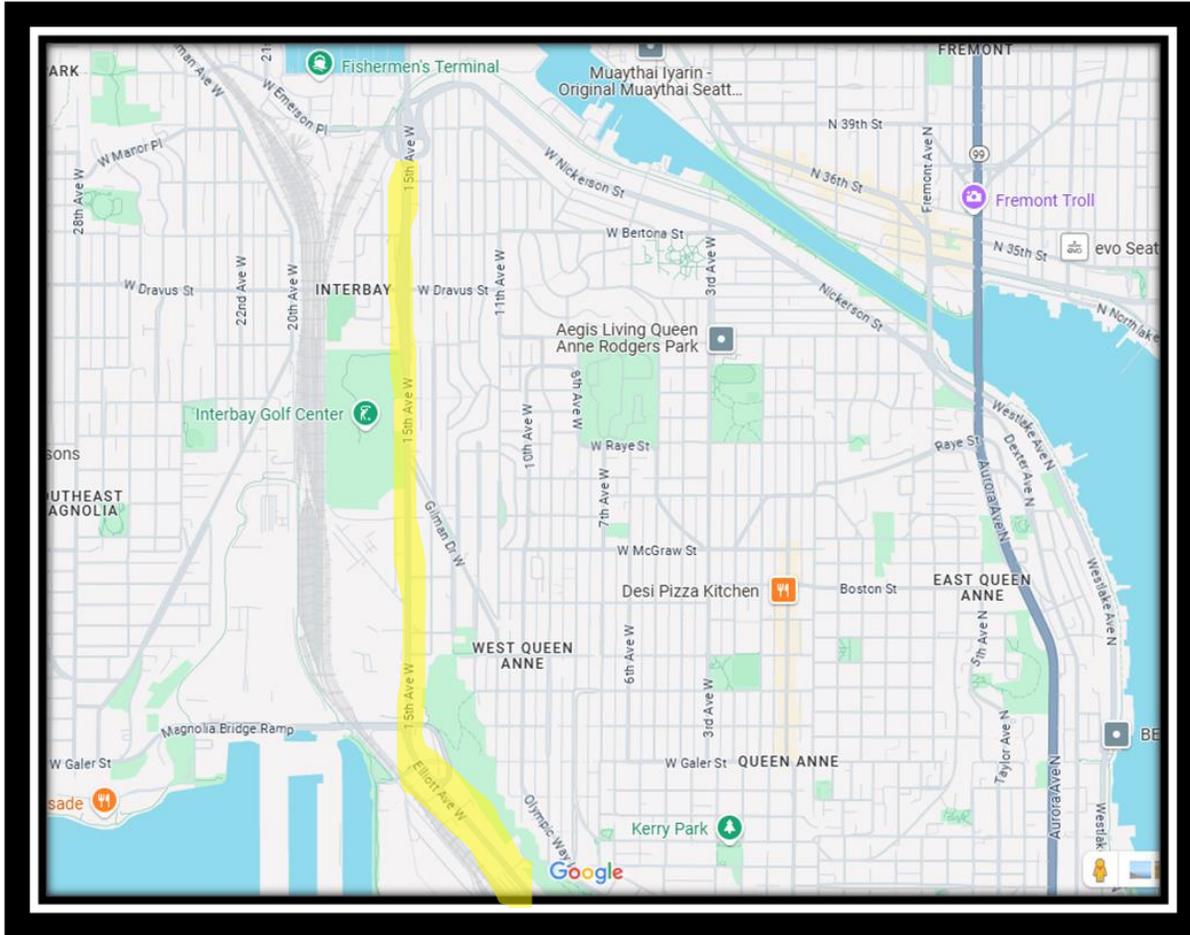
# Project History/Background

2021: Transit Lane improvements identified for 3 corridors: 15<sup>th</sup> Ave W, Aurora, Rainier Ave S

- Using Seattle Transit Measure funds to improve transit for essential workers during Covid and for post Covid Recovery on transit networks
- Select high ridership Corridors that have had some level of Bus Only lane planning previously

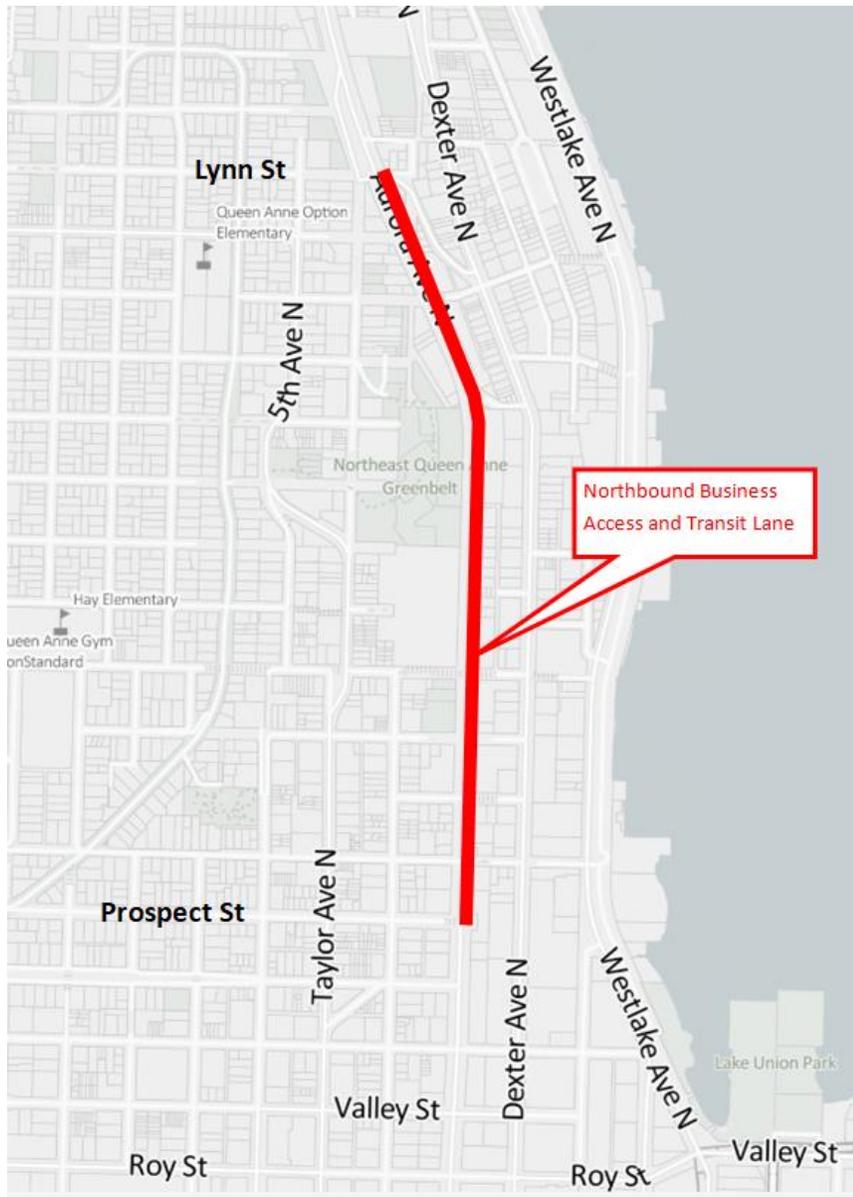


# 15<sup>th</sup> Ave W and Elliot Ave W



- D Line operates on this corridor
- Existing peak hour, peak direction parking restrictions for Bus Only Lanes
- 2022 Change signs to allow for Bus Only Lanes in both directions during peak hours (6-9am; 3-7pm)

# Aurora Ave N



- E Line operates on this corridor
- 2019 Existing southbound 24 hr red bus lanes installed after the tunnel opened
- Aurora Ave / SR99 is a WSDOT facility that allows improvements to be made by SDOT (with WSDOT approval)
- Planning a northbound, 24 hr red Bus Only Lane from Prospect to Lynn
- WSDOT approval December 2024
- Planned installation in 2025

# Rainier Ave S

Rainier Ave S divided into Phase 1 and Phase 2

Phase 1 installed in 2022

- Adding a northbound bus-only lane between S Alaska St and S Walden St
- Adding a southbound bus-only lane between S Oregon St and S Edmunds St



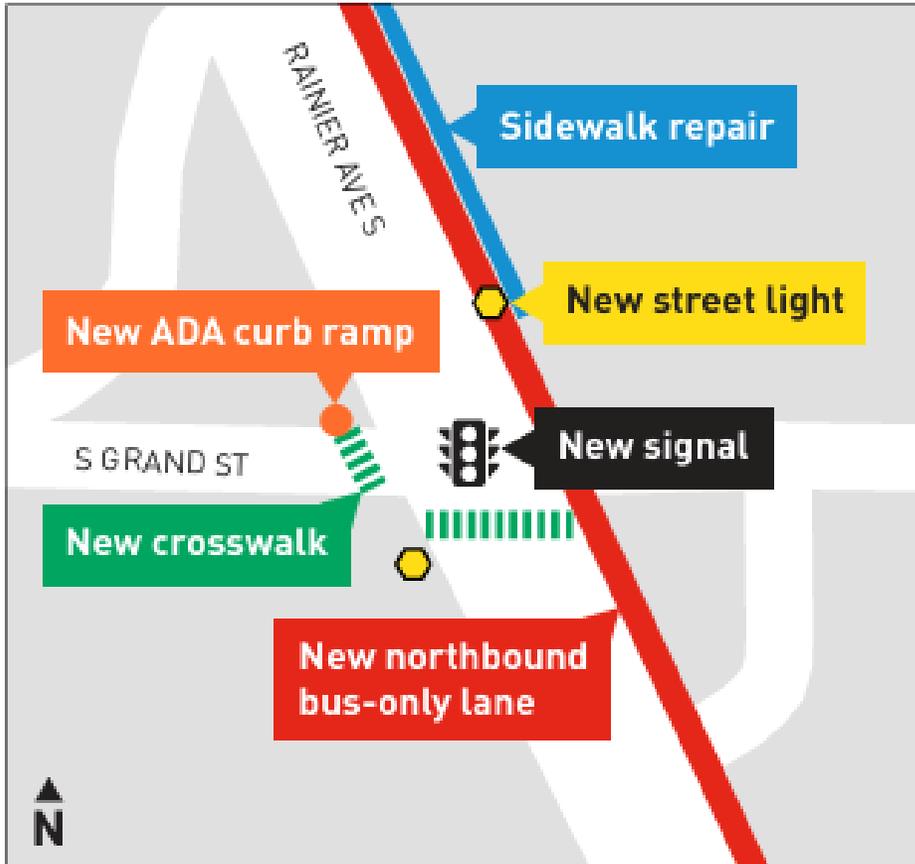
# Rainier Ave S

Phase 2 planned for 2024/25

We are extending the northbound bus lane on Rainier Ave S from S Walden St to S Grand St. Our goal is to make transit an accessible, convenient, and reliable transportation choice. We're working with King County Metro toward this goal

The project includes:

- New red painted bus lane between S Walden St and S Grand St in the northbound direction
- Sidewalk repair in high transit rider and pedestrian locations on Rainier Ave S
- At S College St and S Grand St:
  - New signals to make it easier and safer for people to cross the street
  - New marked crosswalks
  - ADA-compliant curb ramps
  - New streetlights

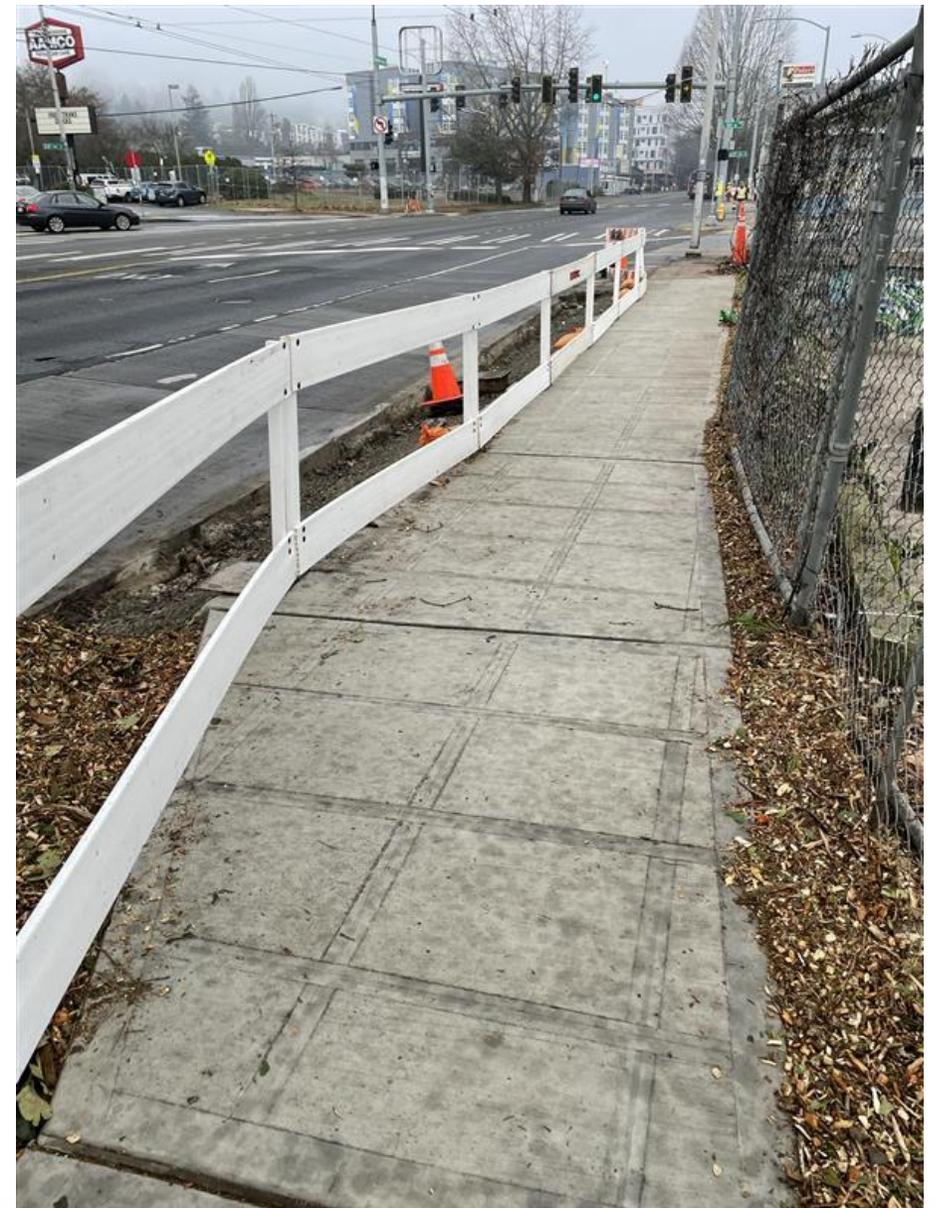


*Safety improvements at the Rainier Ave S and S Grand St intersection.*

# Rainier Ave S - Phase 2

Outreach and quick response was important on this project to help with pedestrian access. Construction mitigation near 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave S was adjusted to help employees at Lighthouse for the Blind navigate the construction zone

Contractor installed a low kick-rail so that those pedestrians using a cane or other assistance could detect the edge of the sidewalk during construction



# Questions?

- [Transit Lanes - Transportation | seattle.gov](https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/transit-lanes)
- [Rainier Ave S Bus Lane - Transportation | seattle.gov](https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rainier-ave-s-bus-lane)
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**Thank you!**