



FACT SHEET

# 5TH/6TH TRANSIT PATHWAY

## Investing in transit to meet demand and expand access

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### BACKGROUND

A new era of tough traffic will begin when the WA State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) permanently closes the Alaskan Way Viaduct in early 2019.

Even after the new SR 99 tunnel opens, transportation challenges will continue as buses move out of the transit tunnel to make room for the Washington State Convention Center addition and extending light rail; our region continues to grow; and private and public projects reduce capacity on our streets. We'll all have to adjust to a new normal.

But there's good news. The City, WSDOT, King County Metro, Sound Transit and the Port of Seattle are working together to keep people and goods moving and when work is done we'll have a world-class downtown.

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

A new transit pathway on 5th Ave and 6th Ave from Cherry St to Olive Way will provide more transit capacity and improve travel time and reliability for northbound buses.

The existing, northbound transit lane on 5th Ave will be extended 2 blocks to Marion St, where it will connect to 6th Ave and continue north to Olive Way.

The pathway will consist of an east side painted bus lane in effect 3-7 PM, Monday-Friday. We'll install 3 new bus stops, widen existing lanes, add right-turn signals, and remove or alter some parking.

Bus service will be outbound only, and mostly in the evening peak period. **The King County Metro routes that will use the new transit pathway to access I-5 northbound include:**

74, 76, 77, 252, 255, 257, 301, 308, 311, 316.



### PARKING CHANGES

Some on-street parking will be removed and new time limits will be added to some remaining parking spaces. On-street loading zones, and access to alleys, off-street parking garages, and loading bays will also be maintained on most blocks. See the map on reverse side for details.

### BENEFITS

Creating an exclusive, transit-only pathway boosts reliability, travel speed, and capacity. This helps balance the street network so that the travel mode that carries the most people—transit—gets more dedicated space.

### SCHEDULE

We'll start updating signals, painting lanes, and building new bus stops early in 2019 so the new pathway can open March 23, 2019.

### CONTACT

We've been working with 5th Ave and 6th Ave corridor stakeholders. Reach out today to get on our contact list, schedule a meeting to discuss your building or business needs, and ask questions.

#### PROJECT INFORMATION & CONTACT

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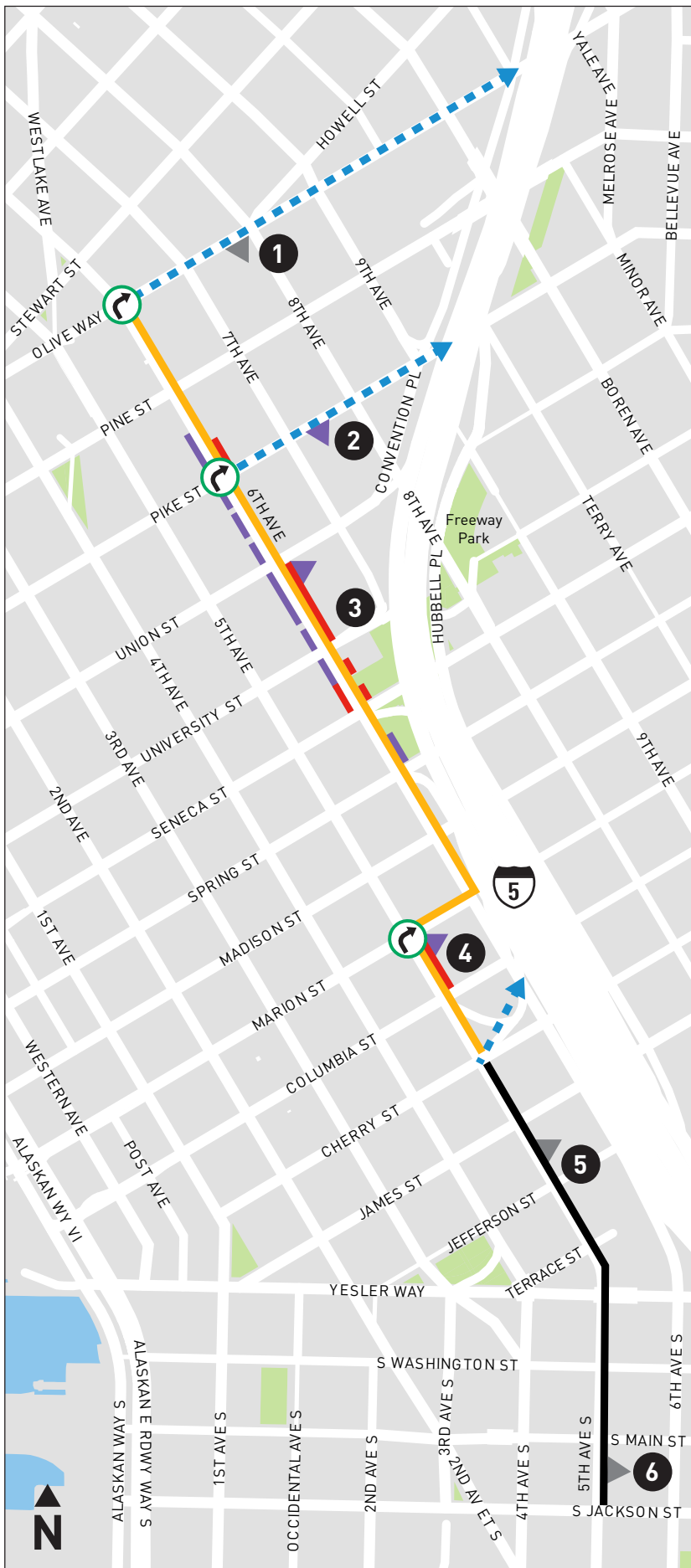


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# PROJECT MAP



## LEGEND

- New transit pathway
- Existing transit pathway
- - - Transit connections to I-5 north
- ▲ New bus stop
- ▲ Existing bus stop
- Parking restriction: No parking 3-7 PM, M-F
- Parking removal: No parking 24/7
- ↻ New right turn signal

The 5th/6th Transit Pathway will be northbound only, 1 lane wide, and in effect 3-7 PM, Monday-Friday.

## BUS SERVICE

Bus stop	Location	Routes
1	Olive Way & 8th Ave	212, 214, 216, 218, 219, 252, 255, 257, 268, 311, 545
2	Pike St & 7th Ave	74, 76, 77, 301, 308, 316
3	6th Ave & Union St	74, 76, 77, 252, 255, 257, 301, 308, 311, 316
4	5th Ave & Marion St	74, 76, 77, 252, 255, 257, 301, 308, 311, 316
5	5th Ave & James St	74, 76, 77, 252, 255, 257, 301, 304, 308, 311, 316, 355, 412, 413, 416, 421, 425, 435
6	5th Ave S & S Jackson St	74, 76, 77, 252, 255, 257, 268, 301, 308, 311, 316