



# Route 40



# Route 40 Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor

*Making bus trips faster, more reliable, and improving safety*

## Working with Seattle Public Utilities to upgrade your watermain

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is working with Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) to replace a 100-year-old waterline under Fremont Ave N between N 34th St and N 35th St. This collaboration between SDOT and SPU will aim to minimize traffic impacts while completing these crucial replacements to the area’s aging watermain.

In 2025, SDOT will demolish and upgrade the concrete street on Fremont Ave N between N 34th St and N 35th St. Under the street, there is a watermain that needs to be upgraded. While the street is demolished, SDOT will work with SPU to upgrade the watermain before the street is restored and the Route 40 improvements are installed.

Completing the watermain upgrades and the street upgrades at the same time will help reduce impacts to the community by coordinating major construction projects. It also helps reduce travel impacts, minimize construction costs, and shorten construction timelines compared to the projects being completed separately.

### Preparing for construction

Nearby neighbors and business owners will be notified about the watermain construction before work begins.

Before construction begins, inspectors will evaluate the construction area and decide how they will prepare the site, including the removal of any plants and trees that are within a meter of service boxes. Sometimes tree roots can infiltrate small cracks in the lines over time. These lead to breaks in the pipes that can be very costly to repair.

Planned water shutoffs are necessary to connect the new watermain to SPU’s existing system. Water shutoffs are targeted to not affect businesses during working hours, and will usually occur at night or on weekends. Affected neighbors and business owners will receive advanced notice of a water shutoff and a physical doorhanger at least 5 days in advance of the shutoff.

### What is a watermain?

Water flows through the Fremont neighborhood in large transmission pipelines and enters a grid of over 1,600 miles of distribution watermains – major lines in the neighborhoods water supply system – buried below the city streets. These bring water from our protected watersheds to you. SDOT and SPU often work together during construction projects like this one to reduce costs and minimizes construction impacts on the community.

Upon project completion, Fremont Ave N water main upgrades are expected to:

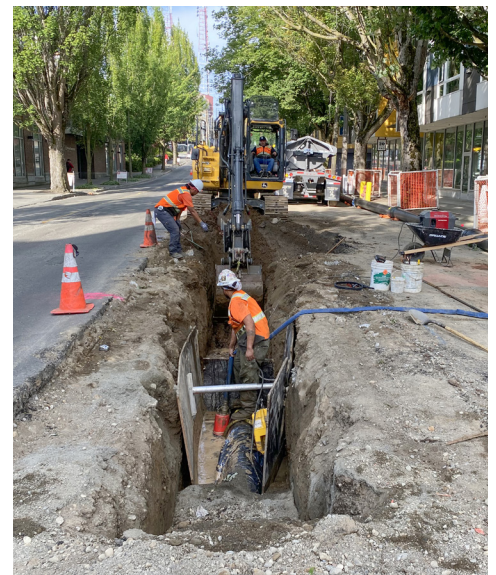
- ▶ Improve capacity to deliver drinking water in your neighborhood
- ▶ Improve water system flow and pressure
- ▶ Ensure water service reliability and reduce disruptions

### What to expect during construction

During construction, you can expect:

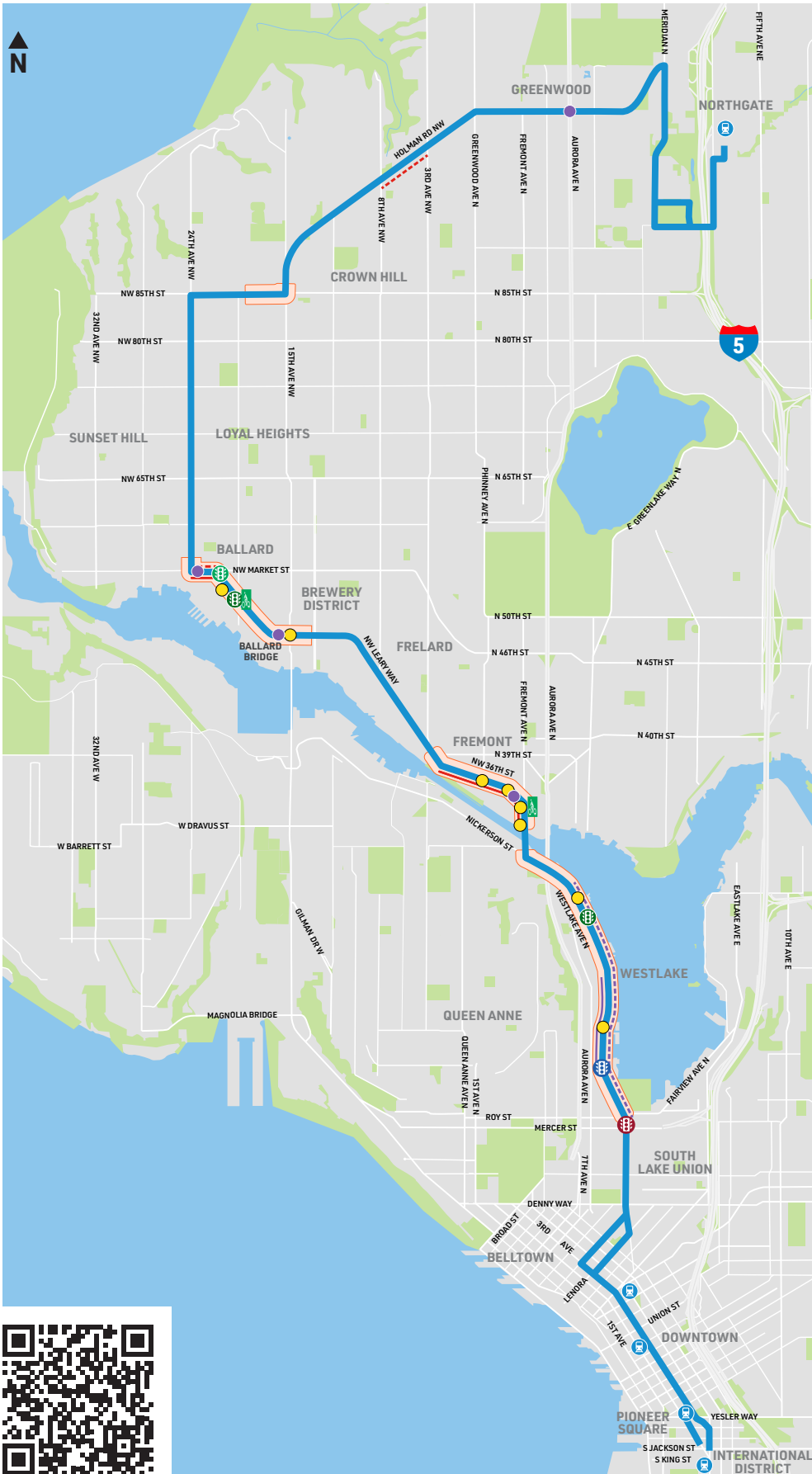
- ▶ Lane closures while crews dig trenches for the upgraded watermain
- ▶ Temporary sidewalk closures and detours for people walking, rolling, or biking
- ▶ Increased noise, dust, and vibration
- ▶ Advanced notification if any planned water shutoffs are required when crews connect the upgraded watermain to the existing system

Once completed, crews will repair any damage necessary to allow for roadway construction to begin as part of the Route 40 improvements. This work is weather dependent.



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*Crews replace a 120-year-old watermain along E Madison St as part of RapidRide G*



## Route 40 Improvements

- ▶ 3 total miles of BAT or FAB lanes
- ▶ 5-10% transit travel time reductions
- ▶ 47 upgraded curb ramps
- ▶ 8 new bus bulbs
- ▶ 6,000+ feet of upgraded sidewalks
- ▶ 3 new or upgraded crosswalks

## LEGEND

-  Route 40. Makes all regular stops.
-  Northbound Freight-and-Bus (FAB) Only Lanes
-  Southbound Freight-and-Bus Only Lanes
-  Northbound Business Access and Transit (BAT) Lanes
-  Southbound Business Access and Transit Lanes
-  Street improvements (striping and some street repairs)
-  Existing bus priority signal
-  New bus priority signal
-  Bus stop improvements
-  Curb ramp upgrades
-  New signalized crosswalk
-  Upgraded signalized crosswalk
-  New bike connections

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