



Route 48



Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor

Making bus trips faster, more reliable,
and improving safety

Background

The King County Metro Route 48 in the 23rd Ave/24th Ave corridor is one of the main north-south transit routes in the heart of Seattle, serving and connecting the Mount Baker, Beacon Hill, Judkins Park, Central District, Capitol Hill, Montlake, and University District neighborhoods. 5,600 people ride the Route 48 every weekday and that number is growing, making this a priority route for investment. Plus, the Judkins Park Station opens in 2023 and will bring more ridership to the area. The improved Route 48 will better connect riders with light rail at the Mount Baker Station, future Judkins Park Station (2023), University of Washington Station, and the University District Station.

Project Overview

SDOT's Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor (TPMC) program works to further complete connections across Seattle for people who ride buses, bike, walk, and roll, and we're doing so in a way that is responsive to the needs and considerations of each community. The Route 48 TPMC project is an investment in Route 48 corridor to make bus trips between Mt. Baker and the University District faster, safer, more accessible, and more reliable. The Route 48 TPMC project will focus on identifying improvements in segments of the route that have not been previously studied by other projects in the corridor.

Improvements will include:

- Adding bus lanes and traffic signals that prioritize transit in key areas along the corridor to make bus trips between Mt. Baker and the University District faster and more reliable.
- Investing in curb ramp upgrades and enhanced crossings along the Route 48 corridor to help community members walk and roll through intersections and access transit stops more safely.



