PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SDOT is adding bus-only lanes to Rainier Ave S to help improve transit reliability and travel times. This work will occur in two phases. Phase 1 of this project includes:

- 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
- The curbside travel lane will be converted into the new bus-only lane

Phase 1 will be constructed in July 2022. The Phase 2 project would extend the northbound bus-only lane from S Walden St to S Massachusetts St. Phase 2 is in the early stages, and we plan to start community outreach later in 2022 to gather feedback to inform the project.

SCHEDULE

**SPRING 2022**
Complete design and begin outreach for Phase 1.

**SUMMER 2022**
Construction of Phase 1 and begin outreach on Phase 2.

**2023-2024**
Final design and implementation of Phase 2.

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PROJECT BENEFITS

• Improve transit reliability on Rainier Ave S, including frequent routes with high ridership such as the Routes 7, 48, and 106

• Help people riding the bus get to where they are going on-time and experience more consistent travel times

• Allow transit to continue to be a lifeline and better serve the Rainier Valley community as we collectively recover and rebuild from the pandemic

• Smoothly connect people on the bus to the new Judkins Park Light Rail Station opening in 2023, in addition to existing transit hubs like the Mt Baker Light Rail Station and the McClellan St Metro Transit Station

RELATED PROJECTS

Bus-only lanes are one way we’re making Rainier Ave S a more complete street by building on safety and mobility improvements built as part of the Rainier Ave S Vision Zero project and Route 7 Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor (TPMC) project.

FUNDING

This project is possible thanks to Seattle voters passing the Seattle Transit Measure (Proposition 1) in November 2020, which created a revenue source for more frequent, reliable, accessible bus service in our city.

Example of red bus-only lane.

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