



Covid Recovery Bus Lanes – Aurora and Rainier Ave S

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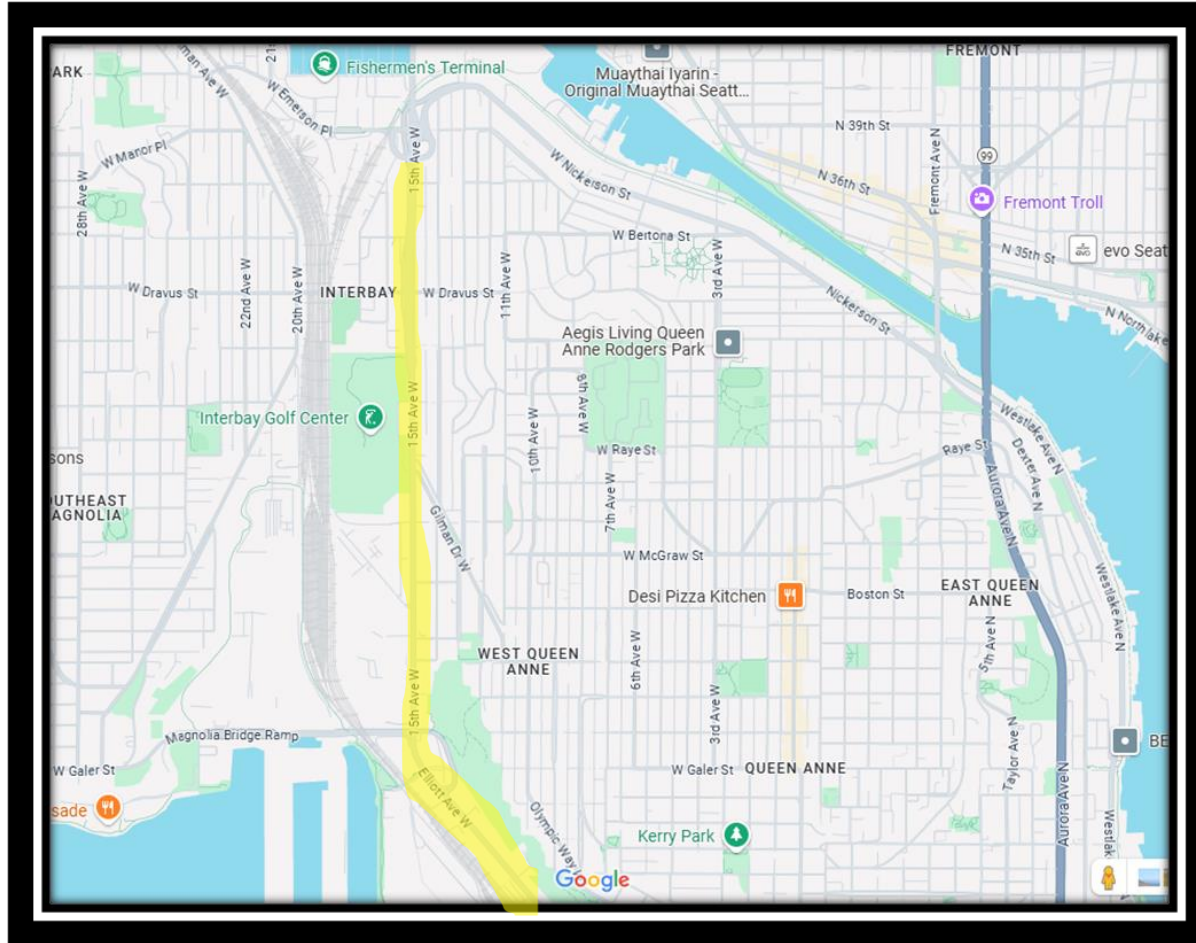
Project History/Background

2021: Transit Lane improvements identified for 3 corridors: 15th 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

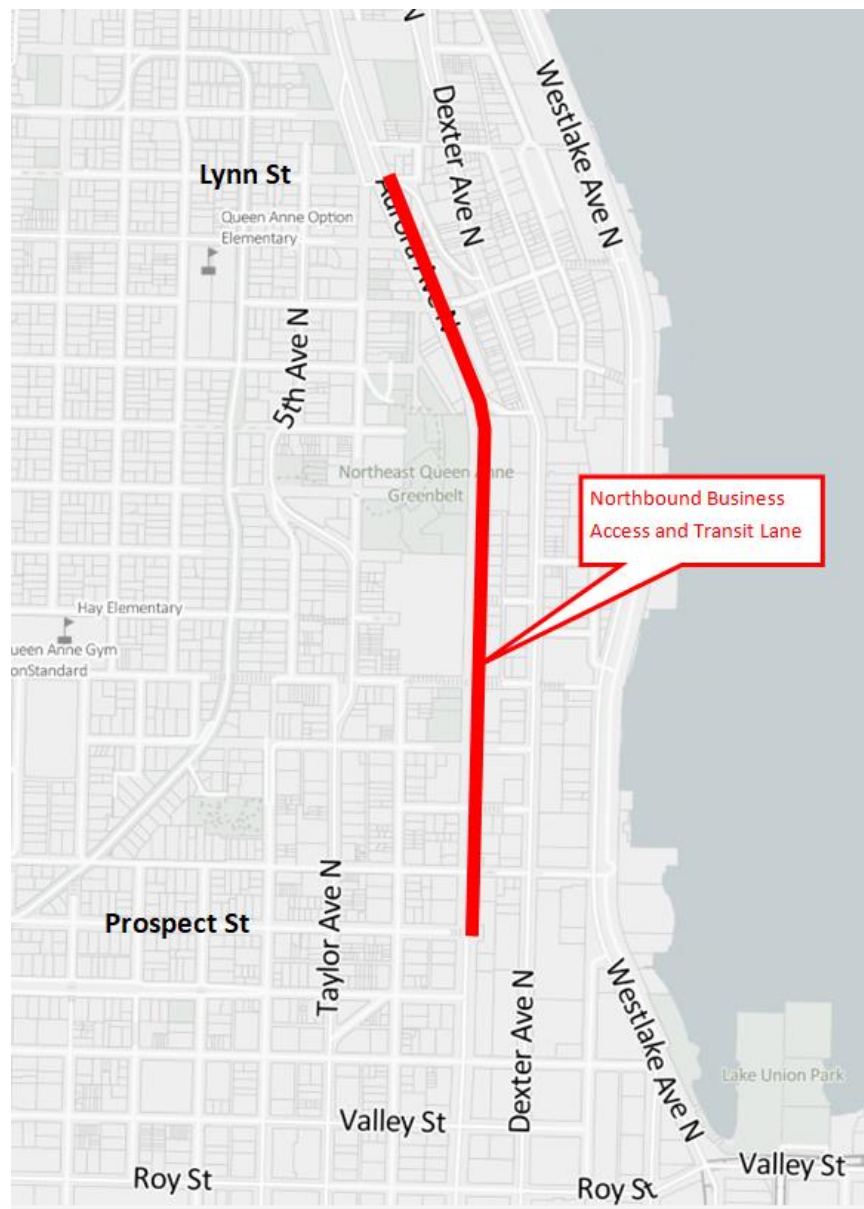


15th Ave W and Elliot Ave W



- 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



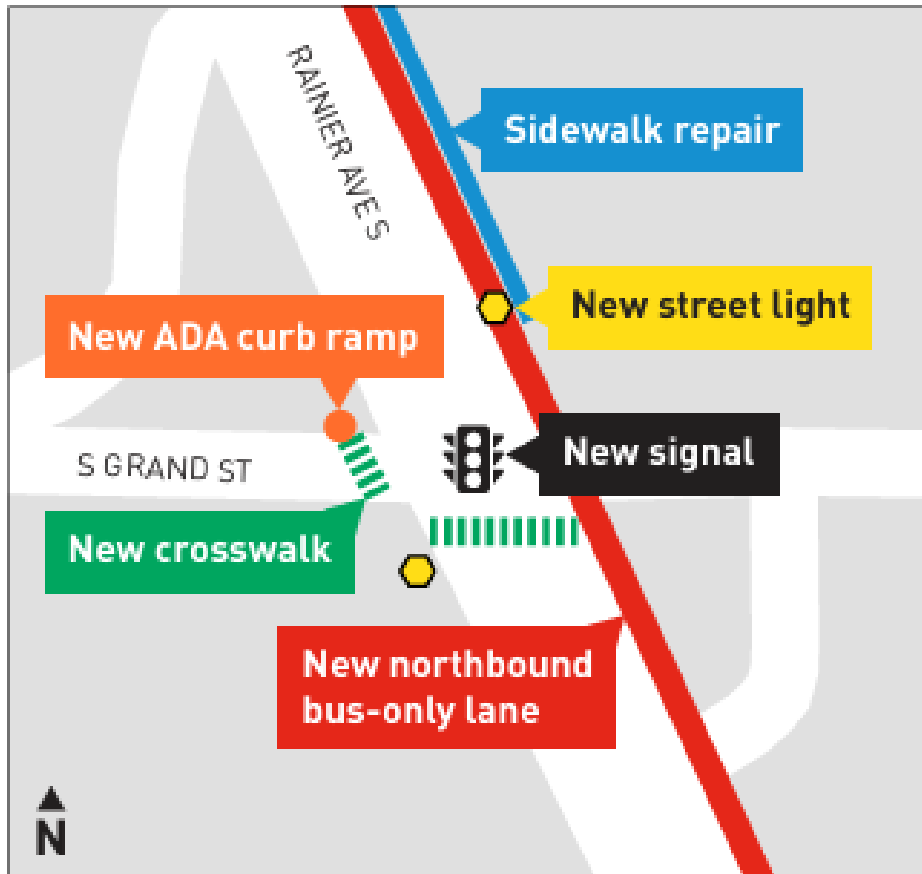
Rainier Ave S

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 23rd 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://seattle.gov/transportation/transit-lanes)
- [Rainier Ave S Bus Lane - Transportation | seattle.gov](https://seattle.gov/transportation/rainier-ave-s-bus-lane)
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A blue-tinted photograph of a city street scene. In the foreground, a group of pedestrians is walking on a sidewalk. A tram is moving along the street, featuring a colorful advertisement for the 'Jim Henson Exhibition' at the 'MUSEUM OF POP CULTURE' with the tagline 'Imagination Unlimited'. The tram's destination sign reads 'LAFAYETTE UNION'. In the background, there are modern buildings, a construction crane, and traffic lights.

From the entire SDOT Team:
Thank you!