



Roosevelt Line



Environmental Assessment Notice of Availability

RapidRide Roosevelt Project (RapidRide J Line)

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Comments on the Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Analysis must be postmarked or submitted online by **5 PM on Friday, February 14, 2020**.

If no significant issues are identified during the comment period, FTA would make the determination to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). A FONSI allows the project to move forward with final design. During final design, SDOT will continue to work with community members on strategies for mitigating parking impacts, relocating load zones, and other concerns.

Project description

The RapidRide Roosevelt Project (RapidRide J Line) is a partnership between the City of Seattle and King County Metro to implement bus rapid transit serving the neighborhoods from Downtown to Roosevelt.

The purpose of the project is to improve transit travel times, reliability, and capacity to increase high-frequency, all-day transit service and enhance transit connections between Downtown Seattle and five neighborhoods (Belltown, South Lake Union, Eastlake, University District, and Roosevelt).

The project would also improve pedestrian and bicycle connections and access to RapidRide stations and would improve safety for both non-motorized and motorized travelers along the corridor.

Environmental Assessment

The Environmental Assessment evaluated the project's potential effects and proposed mitigation strategies related to:

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| • Transportation | • Hazardous materials |
| • Noise and vibration | • Section 4(f) (park) resources |
| • Socioeconomics | • Cultural resources |
| • Visual and aesthetic resources | • Indirect and cumulative impacts |
| • Stormwater/water quality | • Environmental justice |

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Project features:

- 26 new RapidRide stations (13 per direction of travel) from 3rd Ave to NE 65th St with service to existing stations along 3rd Ave in Downtown Seattle. Stations would be identifiable as part of the RapidRide system and would include a real-time arrival information system display and all-door boarding. Stations would meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.
- 33 signalized intersections (including transit signal priority and/or adaptive signals) with 5 transit queue jumps.
- Approximately 0.2 mile of new transit-only lanes and 2.1 miles of new business access and transit (BAT) lanes, for a total of 2.3 miles of transit lane improvements.
- Approximately 360 to 410 new overhead contact system (OCS) poles and 3.4 to 3.8 linear miles of overhead wires north of the University Bridge (to power electric trolleybuses) depending on the northern bus turnaround option selected.
- One new traction power substation (the source of electric power), a potential adjacent utility transformer to control voltage, and an upgraded communications cabinet.
- A new northern bus layover, where buses would park between runs; this layover area would need to accommodate a maximum of 4 bus spaces.
- Approximately 5 miles of protected bicycle lanes along 11th/12th Avenues NE, Eastlake Ave E, and Fairview Ave N.
- New and upgraded sidewalk improvements to meet ADA accessibility requirements including ADA-compliant curb ramps and pedestrian push-buttons.
- Up to approximately 3.4 miles of paving along sections of 11th/12th Avenues NE, Eastlake Ave E, and Fairview Ave N.
- Ten stormwater detention facilities, with a total capacity of approximately 25,400 cubic feet, are required to meet flow control code requirements per the City of Seattle Stormwater Manual.

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Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Analysis:

REVIEW AND COMMENT

Online: www.seattle.gov/Transportation/RapidRideRoosevelt

Drop-in sessions:

January 28, 5-9PM, REI
222 Yale Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109

January 29, 12-4PM, Starbucks
2344 Eastlake Ave E, Seattle, WA 98102

January 30, 9AM-12PM, Starbucks
6417 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115

February 1, 9AM-12PM, University Family YMCA
5003 12th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105

In person or by mail:

Darrell Bulmer, Seattle Department of Transportation
700 Fifth Ave, Suite 3800 (SMT-38-00)
PO Box 34996, Seattle, WA 98124

REVIEW

At the following Seattle public libraries:

- Central Library 1000 Fourth Ave, Seattle, WA 98104
- University Branch 5009 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105

By requesting a free CD copy or a hard copy of the Environmental Assessment from RapidRide@seattle.gov. Hard copies of the Environmental Assessment are \$25 and each appendix is \$15.



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RapidRide Roosevelt Project area and highlights



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