



Delridge Way SW – RapidRide H Line Project

PRE-CONSTRUCTION QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

May 2020

In June 2020, we will begin construction to prepare Delridge Way SW for the new RapidRide H Line coming to Delridge in 2021. Construction will continue through 2022 to allow us to rebuild parts of the street, make significant channelization changes, and improve connections for people walking and biking to safely access bus service.

See below for some frequently asked questions and answers regarding construction.

Q. What are the benefits of this new RapidRide H Line?

A. The RapidRide H Line will replace the existing Route 120, which is one of King County Metro’s busiest routes. New bus stations will be spaced farther apart to improve service, and will include new shelters, lighting, ORCA card readers and real-time arrival displays.

RapidRide H Line has been designed to meet the following project goals:

- Faster and more frequent bus service
 - Travel times are expected to decrease by 10-15%
 - Buses come at least every 10 minutes during busiest hours
- Improved safety for people walking, biking, driving, and riding the bus
 - Upgrades to curb ramps and improved connections to Neighborhood Greenways are included
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
 - RapidRide H Line will help promote use of alternative modes of transportation to driving alone

In order to meet those goals, the Delridge Way SW- RapidRide H Line project includes:

- New bus lanes to allow transit to drive past traffic
- New bus signals that let transit hop to the front of the line at red lights
- New planted medians to green Delridge and calm traffic
- New art sculptures for community placemaking
- New paving for a smoother ride and long-lasting street
- New sewer and water pipes for drinking water and wastewater
- New protected bike lanes, crosswalks, bike/walk signals, neighborhood greenway connections, pedestrian lighting, and sidewalk repair so people walking and biking can get around the neighborhood and to their bus as safely and conveniently as possible



Q. When will you start construction? How long will construction last?

A. Construction is expected to begin in June 2020 and will continue into 2022. The new RapidRide H line service is anticipated to begin running in 2021 while we continue to make improvements to the corridor.

Q. How will I access my home or business during construction?

A. We'll maintain pedestrian access to all homes and businesses in the area. In order to rebuild the road, there will need to be some short-term driveway closures. In that instance, we will notify you prior to restricting access to your driveway.

Q. Will there be night work during construction?

A. Some work will require our crews to work overnight in order to minimize impacts to traffic, especially at major intersections. Our crews will have a noise variance when we do this work, and we will provide advance notice to nearby businesses and residents.

Q. How will this project coordinate with the West Seattle High Bridge Safety Project?

A. The closure of the West Seattle Bridge has impacted access to the Delridge community and how we all get around. Our Delridge Way SW – RapidRide H Line team is committed to keeping streets open and moving as much as possible and doing everything we can to minimize additional disruptions caused by construction and paving. Learn more about the West Seattle High-Rise Bridge Safety project and sign up for email alerts to get the latest about the bridge at seattle.gov/transportation/westseattlebridge.

Q. Can crews work in multiple locations at the same time?

A. In order to complete this project as efficiently as possible, we will work in multiple locations across the corridor at a time.

Q. Will you close my street that intersects with Delridge Way SW during construction?

A. We will have to close side streets intermittently as we work along Delridge Way SW. We will provide advance notice and posted detour routes. Typically, no two consecutive side streets will be closed at the same time.

Q. Who will maintain the new landscaped median (planting strip)?

A. Once installed, we'll maintain the medians at least twice per year along Delridge Way SW. If you see the need for additional maintenance, please reach out through the [Find It, Fix It app](#) or call 206-684-ROAD.

Q. Will bus service be impacted by construction?

A. During construction, your bus may be detoured and have to take alternate routes. We will do our best to minimize impacts to bus service. Delridge Way SW will be maintained with one lane in each direction during construction. Please follow [King County Metro's Rider alerts](#) to stay up to date on any changes to service.

Q. What will it look like when the sidewalk or driveway outside my home is being rebuilt?

A. Typically, driveways and sidewalks will be closed a few times as they are built. First, they will be



closed intermittently as we break up existing concrete, and then we will work to place steel plates down to provide access after working hours if feasible. Second, we will create a frame for the new driveway or sidewalk and pour the new concrete. Driveways and sidewalks are typically closed for a few days from when we frame to when the fresh concrete is dried. We will provide more information about timing, duration and impacts before this work begins near your property.

Q. What will it look like when the concrete road in front of my property is being rebuilt?

A. This will be where we completely rebuild the road. Typically, this work will cause intermittent driveway closures while crews work to demolish and prepare the road directly in front of your driveway. We will use steel plates over the demolished areas to maintain driveway access outside of working hours when feasible.

We will create a form for the new concrete panel and then pour it. This will likely restrict driveway access for a few days as we allow the fresh concrete to cure and dry. When we are not working on the portion of the road directly in front of your driveway, you will experience lane closures and shifts so that people driving can move around our work zone. On-street parking will be closed while we are working in your area. We will provide more information about timing, duration and impacts before this work begins near your property.

Q. What will it look like when the asphalt road in front of my property is being rebuilt?

A. For much of our asphalt work, we will grind away the current pavement to create an even surface, then place the new asphalt roadway on top. This work will require full lane closures and will likely take place at night to minimize traffic impacts. Please do not walk on or allow animals to walk on fresh asphalt; it is extremely hot and will stick to shoes, paws, and hair.

Q. Will water service be affected during construction?

A. We're coordinating with Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) to install a new water main and sewage pipe under some areas on Delridge Way SW and make other underground improvements in the area.

To complete this work, SPU anticipates needing to perform some water shut-offs. SPU will provide notices so that residents are informed and up to date if their water service will be impacted. They will provide advance notice that establishes the boundaries, dates, and times of water service impacts.