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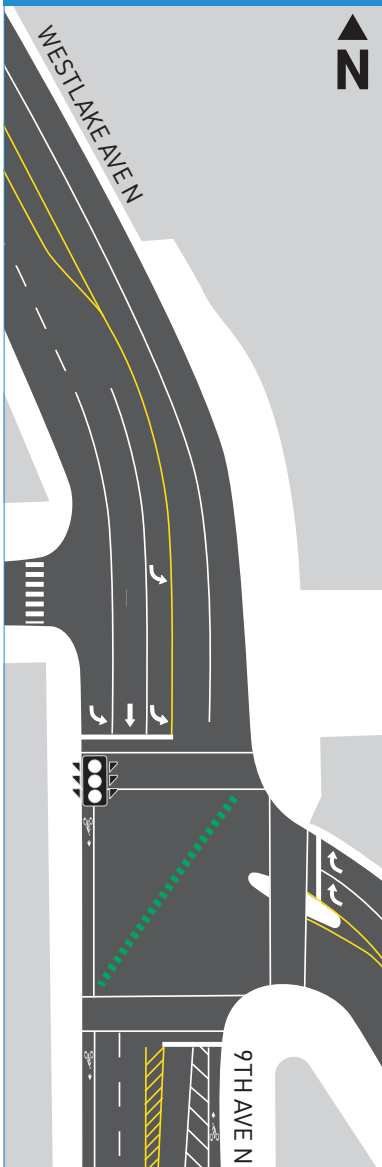
Route 40 Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor

Making bus trips faster, more reliable, and improving safety

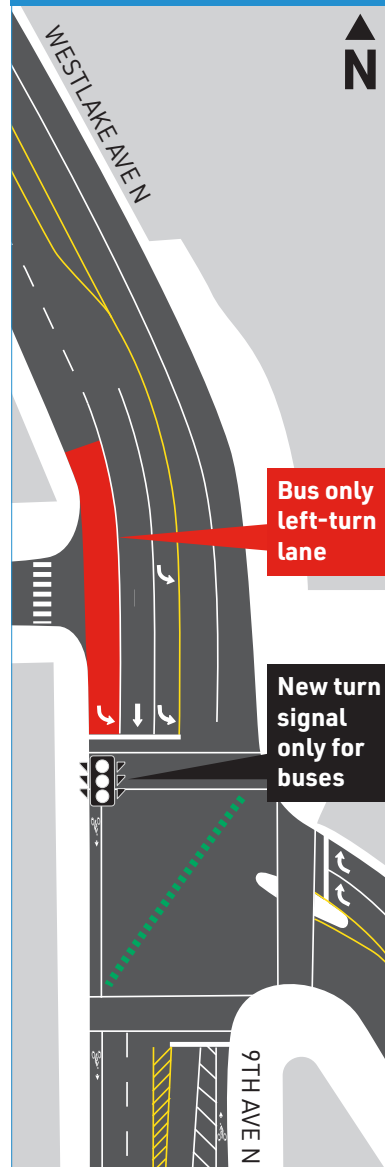
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Plan view of current lanes at Westlake Ave N and 9th Ave N



Plan view of BAT lanes at Westlake Ave N and 9th Ave N



The Seattle Department of Transportation will be adding a **new southbound business access and transit (BAT) left turn lane** to Westlake Ave N and 9th Ave N as part of the Route 40 Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor Project. The left-turn lane and middle through lane will be maintained to match existing conditions.

The upgrades to Westlake Ave N increase transit travel times and reliability for Route 40 by giving it a dedicated lane. Buses currently experience some difficulty merging into the existing turn lane. Therefore, to ensure that buses move through this area smoothly, the project team has decided to move the bus only turn lane back to the curbside lane.

What is a BAT lane?

Business access and transit (BAT) lanes are curbside lanes restricted to buses but also allow people driving to make right turns or access driveways. People biking are allowed to use curbside transit lanes too. Throughout Seattle, implementing bus lanes and transit priority at intersections has a good impact on reducing travel times for buses.

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Project background

Through the Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor program, improvements are being made to the Route 40 corridor, specifically in Westlake, Fremont, Ballard, and Crown Hill.

Project goals include:

- ▶ Reduce bus travel times by 5-10% during peak traffic hours
- ▶ Make it safer and easier to get to and on the bus
- ▶ Improve service reliability to:
 - Make the timing between buses more consistent
 - Ensure that trips during peak and off-peak traffic hours take a similar amount of time

Ridership rates

Route 40 has the fifth highest ridership route in the Metro network with over 8,500 average weekday daily boardings (October 2024) – an 11% increase from October 2023.

What to expect during construction:

- ▶ Noise, dust, and large vehicle traffic
- ▶ Temporary parking restrictions in select areas
- ▶ Periodic traffic detours
- ▶ Vehicle lane shifts around work zones
- ▶ Pedestrian and bicycle detours around the work
- ▶ Flaggers to help direct traffic, as needed
- ▶ Temporary bus detours and bus stop relocations

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Average Weekday Boardings

