

Strategies to move to and through downtown

Period of maximum constraint 2018-2024

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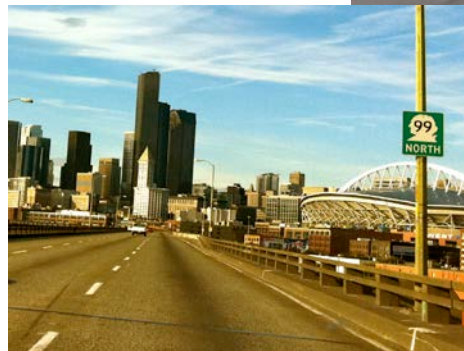
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Major projects in the Center City 2018-2024

PERIOD OF MAXIMUM CONSTRAINT



Where we are headed



Pike Pine Renaissance



Central Waterfront



WA State Convention Center



Key Arena



Growing light rail system

How will you be impacted?

- 90K travelers using the Viaduct today need to find another route
- Longer travel times and less reliable travel for bus riders and vehicle drivers
- More passengers waiting on already busy sidewalks
- Added delay and increased costs for freight/goods movement
- Impacts to everyone who comes downtown



Our five pillars for downtown mobility



System Monitoring and Management of Real-Time Operations



Reduce Drive-Along Trips Downtown



Transit Investments: Meeting Demand and Expanding Access



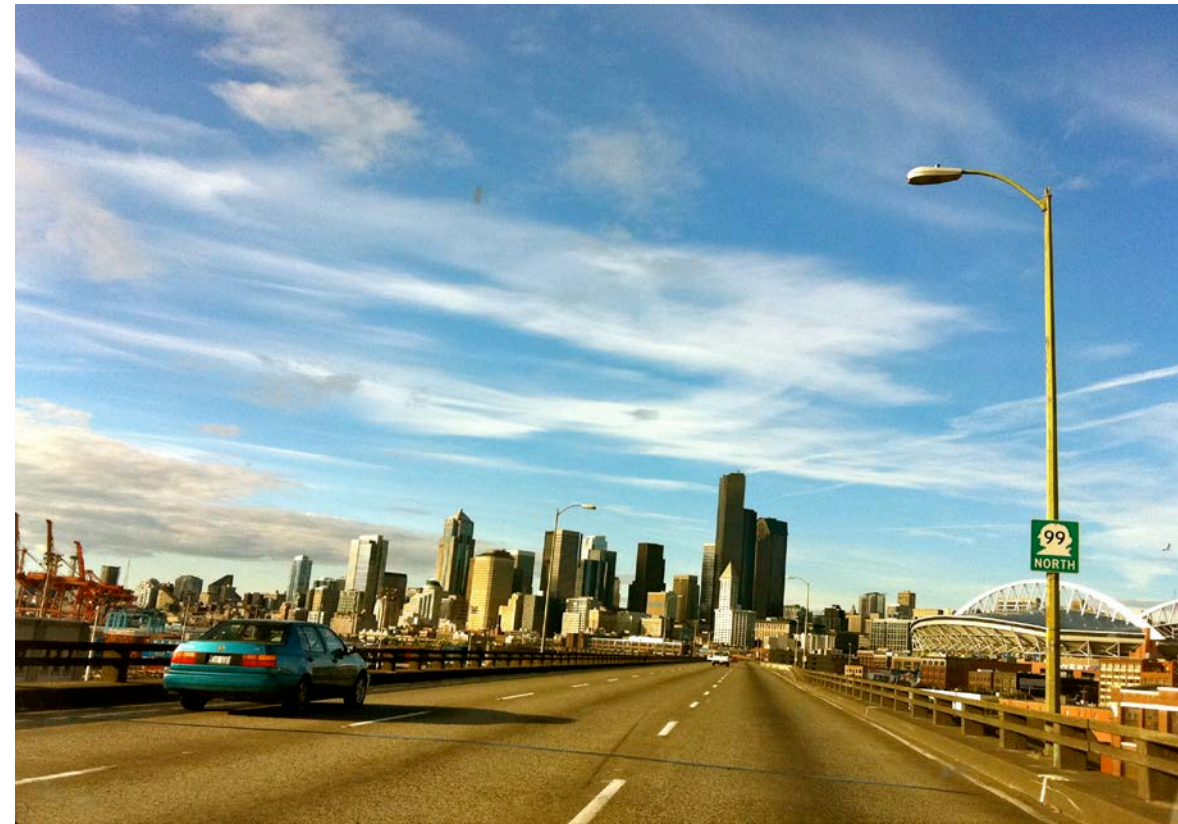
Manage the Public Right of Way



Coordinated Regional Communications Campaign

SR-99 Viaduct closes/Tunnel opens

- Permanent Viaduct and Battery Street Tunnel closure scheduled for January 11, 2019
- SR-99 tunnel will open about 3 weeks later – significant traffic impacts for 6 weeks
- Viaduct removal begins soon after tunnel opens
- Impact: Increased traffic volumes and travel times throughout the region
- Information:
<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Viaduct/realign99>



Responding to permanent viaduct closure



Staff Transportation Operations Center 24/7 and deploy police at key transit intersections



Extend transit priority hours on 3rd Avenue to 6AM to 7PM and add bus trips on key Metro routes



Modify and schedule permitted construction work for maximum travel capacity



Encourage flexible work schedules and locations



Brief local and regional elected officials this fall



March 2019: Seattle Transit Tunnel for Light Rail ONLY

- Supports light rail expansion and Convention Center addition
- Brings routes 41, 74, 101, 102, 150, 255 and 550 to downtown surface streets
- Adds 72 buses per peak hour (both directions) affecting 15,000 passengers during the PM peak (3-7 pm)
- Actions underway to alleviate impacts to transit speed and reliability
- Opportunity: Near Term Action Plan actions are expected to increase total transit capacity in downtown
- Information: <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/tops/tunnel/>



Preparing for Seattle Transit Tunnel being for Light Rail ONLY



Share real-time construction and traffic information with web map providers



Add off-board fare payment on 3rd Ave for quicker boarding and build a new transit path on 5th and 6th Avenues



Limit SDOT construction and maintenance work downtown



Encourage and support ORCA LIFT sales



Coordinated, timely and accessible information provided through many tools



One Center City Near-Term Action Plan

- \$30M joint investment in projects (2017-2024)
- Focus on need to keep transit riders moving at current or improved speeds
- Includes 5th/6th transit pathway, signal improvements, all-door boarding on 3rd Avenue, public realm enhancements
- Pilots strategies for urban goods access

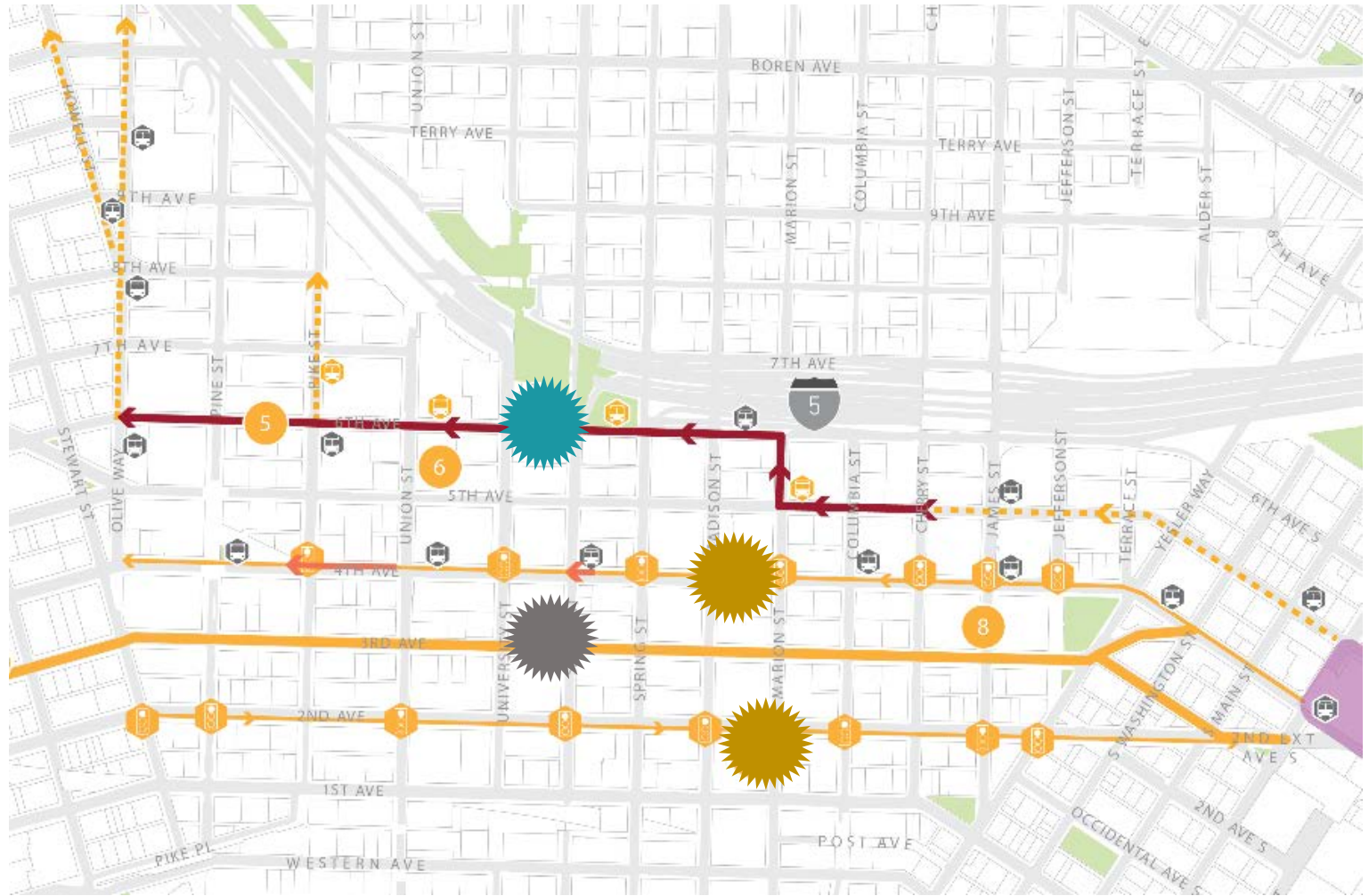


Key downtown Seattle transit projects

5th & 6th Avenue
Northbound Transit
Pathway

3rd Ave Transit
Improvements

2nd and 4th Ave Signal
Improvements



3rd Ave Transit Corridor Improvements

Improvements will:

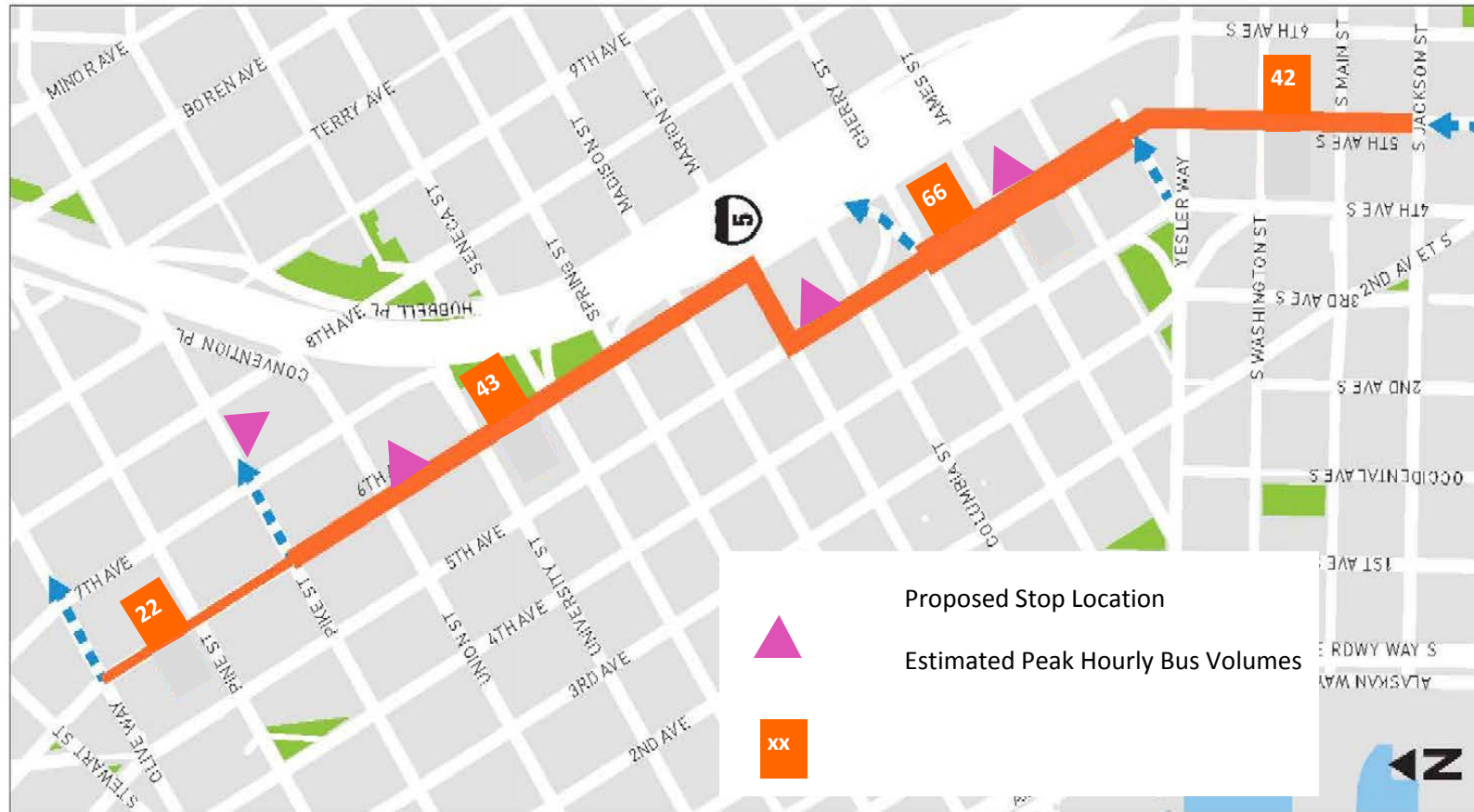
- Keep buses running on-time
- Improve safety by separating cars and buses
- Simplify signage and wayfinding on 3rd Avenue
- Help riders get on the bus faster

Projects Include:

- August 2018: Extend bus-only hours to 6 am – 7 pm every day
 - Cars, taxis and rideshare allowed from 7 pm to 6 am daily (no lefts)
 - Commercial vehicles allowed 9 am – 3 pm and 7 pm – 6 am daily (no lefts)
- March 2019: Every 3rd Ave bus stop will have ORCA card readers; moved and new bus stops



Proposed 5th/6th Routing, Stops and Volumes



Downtown Bus Volumes

PM Peak Hourly Bus Volumes	September 2018	March 2019
5 th /6 th Avenue (NB)	0	43
5 th Avenue (south bound)	10	15
4 th Avenue (north bound)	110	88
3 rd Avenue (north bound and south bound)	230	245
2 nd Avenue (south bound)	110	130

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<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/programs-projects/transit-corridors-parking-and-facilities/third-ave-improvements.aspx>

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