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Welcome to our online open house!

Short layovers between trips help keep our buses running on time. We're planning to build several off-street facilities for bus layovers near downtown Seattle in the near future. These "bus hubs" will free up curb space on Seattle streets where many of our buses lay over today. They'll also accommodate more buses as we increase service to meet growing demand.

At this online open house, you can learn more about the Metro Bus Hub Program and also weigh in on design features for our first bus hub.

Feel free to spend as long as you like here. We'll be open through January 31, 2018.

How you participate

- ▶ Review the information on each page and give feedback when prompted.
- ▶ Use the "Go to next page" button, or choose a tab at the top of the page to jump to a specific topic.
- ▶ Sign up for project emails by scrolling to the bottom of each page.



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What's a bus hub?

Today, Metro and the City of Seattle work together to find layover spaces for buses along city streets. But the growing demand for bus service means more buses will need to lay over between trips. Meanwhile, the city is growing, too, and has other uses for its on-street spaces.

So Metro is creating new off-street layover facilities, called bus hubs, for buses to use while getting ready for their next trips.

Why do we need bus hubs?

After finishing their trips, Metro buses often wait for a few minutes before starting their next trips. These planned layovers are important. They help late buses start their next trips on time. They also allow bus drivers to take their breaks, helping them stay alert behind the wheel.

Today, bus layovers are scattered around downtown Seattle.



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What will Metro bus hubs be like?

Some will be designed as surface facilities for buses only. Others may combine bus layovers with other uses like shopping, restaurants, offices, or housing.

Different kinds of bus hubs

Co-Development



Surface Facility



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Benefits of bus hubs

- + Help keep buses on time
- + Free street space for other uses
- + Move "out of service" buses into off-street hubs instead of scattering them around city streets
- + Provide safe and reliable restrooms and break areas for bus drivers
- + Support future extensions of bus service to new neighborhoods

Other uses for curbside space

When bus layovers are moved off the street, other uses for the space could include parking, bike lanes, bike racks, outdoor restaurant seating, etc.



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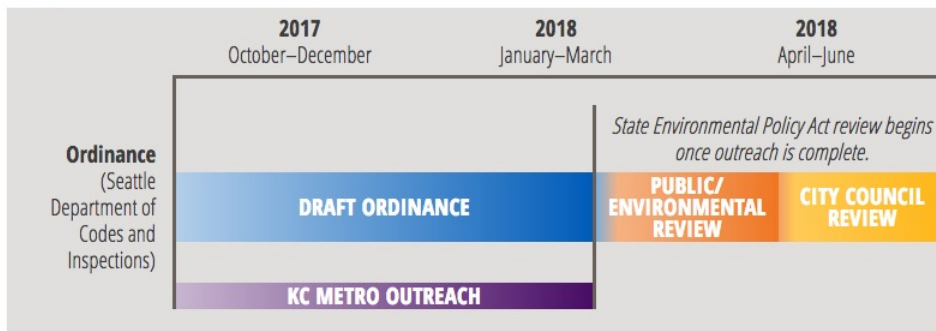
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Seattle Land Use Code

Metro and the City of Seattle are working together to create potential legislation that would:

- ▶ Define bus layover facilities in the Land Use Code
- ▶ Create a process for permitting them
- ▶ Include standards to help bus hubs fit into three neighborhoods (South Lake Union, Uptown, and the area north of downtown Seattle)

Legislative activity timeline



For more information, please see our [bus layover legislation page](#).



Your feedback will help the City of Seattle build appropriate standards for layover facilities into the Seattle Land Use Code.

PLEASE NOTE: once you begin the survey, you must submit your answers before closing this page.

Select all answers that apply.

What features would help a layover facility fit into South Lake Union, Uptown, and the area north of downtown Seattle?

- Screening
- Lighting
- Landscaping
- Other (please provide details below)

Feature that would help a layover facility.

Layover facility search area



What do you think is most important in designing a layover facility?

Most important aspect of designing a layover facility.

Do you have any concerns about a bus layover facility?

My concerns about a bus layover facility.

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Eastlake Site

We're designing our first bus hub on Eastlake Avenue E. It'll be a surface-level facility on the east side of the street, next to I-5, between Roy and E Harrison streets.

When built, it'll accommodate approximately 12 buses, as well as small offices that will provide bus operators with secure restrooms, break space, and operations space. The site will not be open to the public or transit riders, but we are incorporating public feedback into its design.

The Eastlake site is targeted to be operational in 2020.

Go to the next page to see examples of potential site features and give your input on design elements.





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We want the site to reflect the community's preferences. We are seeking feedback on features such as pavement and wall character, shape and style of the operations offices, and sidewalk screening and neighborhood amenities.

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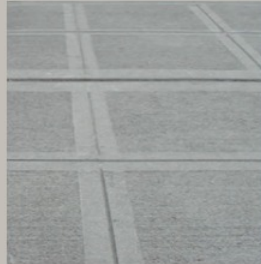
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For each feature, which option do you prefer?

Paving

Plain concrete



Textured concrete



Colored concrete



What do you like about the type of feature you chose?

Onsite operations offices

Modern



Classic



Artistic



What do you like about the type of feature you chose?

Screening at sidewalk in front of Eastlake site

Vegetation only

Vegetation with a low screen

Vegetation with a tall vertical screen



What do you like about the type of feature you chose?

Retaining wall (along I-5) texture

Vegetation from top of wall

Texture

Art pattern



What do you like about the type of feature you chose?

Neighborhood amenities

Lending library

Seating

Educational signage



Other amenity ideas:

2

Which features are most important to you?

We will work to make the Eastlake site representative of the community it serves. Rank top 3 from 1-3, with 1 being favorite, and tell us why.

- Features of paving
- Features of onsite operations offices
- Features of screening at sidewalk in front of Eastlake site
- Texture of retaining wall (along I-5)
- Neighborhood amenities

Why these features are important to me:

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Demographics and household information

(optional)

What is your ZIP code?

- 98104
- 98109
- 98119
- 98121
- Other (please specify):

My ZIP code

What neighborhood do you live or work in?

- Uptown
- Denny Triangle
- South Lake Union
- Belltown
- Other (please specify):

My neighborhood

What is your gender identity?

- Female
- Male
- I would rather not say
- Other (please specify):

My gender identity

What is your age?

- 15 or younger
- 16-17
- 18-19
- 20-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75 or older
- I would rather not say

If you have what you consider to be a disability, please indicate what kind (check all that apply).

- Vision
- Hearing
- Cognitive
- Mobility
- Intellectual or developmental
- Physical
- Mental health diagnosis
- None
- I would rather not say
- Other (please specify):

My disability

Do you consider yourself... (check all that apply)

- Asian-American/Pacific Islander
- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Black or African-American
- Spanish, Hispanic, Latino (Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano, or Latino)
- Multiple ethnicities
- White or Caucasian
- I would rather not say
- Other (please specify):

I consider myself to be...

What is the primary language you speak at home?

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese, etc.)
- English
- Korean
- Oromo
- Russian
- Spanish
- Somali
- Tagalog
- Tigrinya
- Ukrainian
- Vietnamese
- I would rather not say
- Other (please specify):

The primary language I speak at home

What is your annual household income?

- Less than \$7,500
- \$7,500 to \$15,000
- \$15,001 to \$25,000
- \$25,001 to \$35,000
- \$35,001 to \$55,000
- \$55,001 to \$75,000
- \$75,001 to \$100,000
- \$100,001 to \$150,000
- More than \$150,000
- I don't know
- I would rather not say

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