

Schedule

The project is still in the design phase. We expect design to be complete in spring 2020, with facility and roadway construction starting as soon as late 2020.

For more information, please visit: kingcounty.gov/metro/eastlakelayover

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Eastlake Layover Facility

Helping our buses stay on time

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

Today, some buses lay over along Eastlake Avenue East between trips. But with the growing demand for other street uses, such as pedestrian access and bike lanes, and the desire to keep bus operators safe and comfortable, a layover facility is needed.

What will the Eastlake Layover Facility be like?

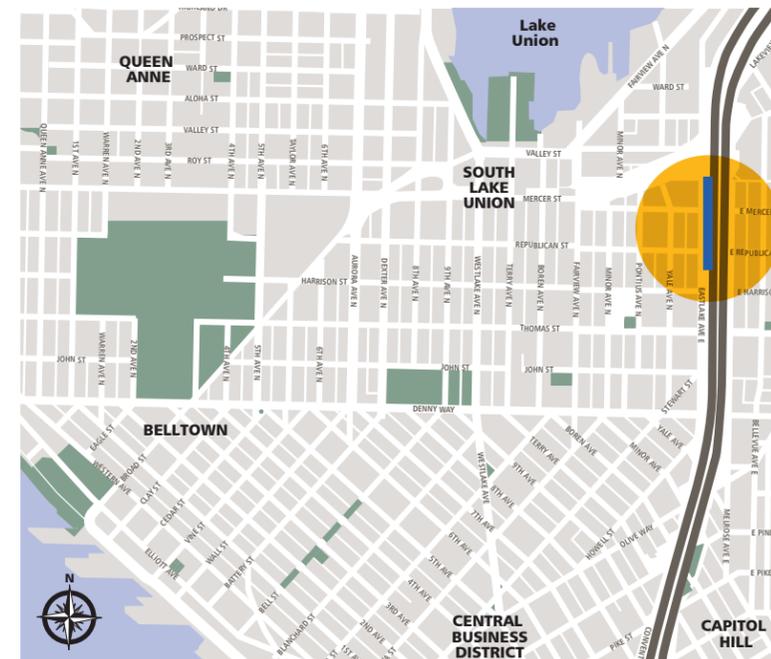
The Eastlake Layover Facility will be on the east side of Eastlake Avenue East on state-owned land next to Interstate 5, between Roy and Republican streets. The site is ideal for a new facility because of its central location and its proximity to high-demand bus routes.

When built, the facility will accommodate 11 new bus layover spaces (six off-street and five on-street), as well as a comfort station 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.

In response to feedback from our initial public outreach, the comfort station will be built with a metal and wood panel exterior and will incorporate colorful accents and native plants evoking the landscape of the Pacific Northwest.



Eastlake Layover Facility design renderings.
Design is subject to change.

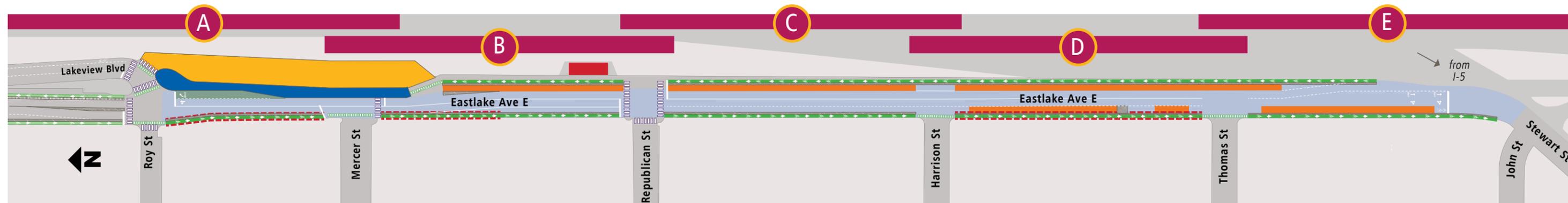


Input from the communities we serve is an important part of Metro's planning process. We look forward to working with your neighborhood as we design this new facility to fit in with your surroundings.

Benefits of bus layover facilities

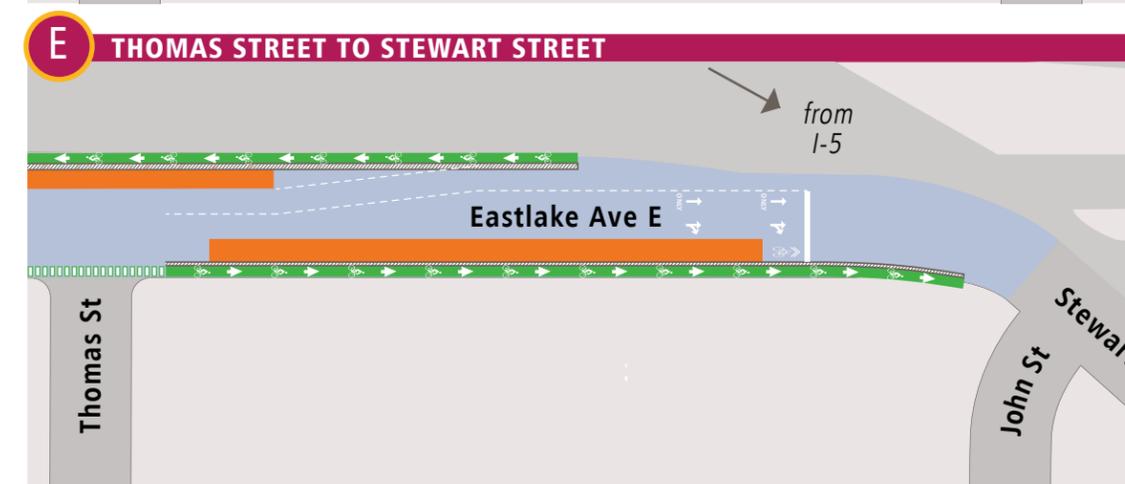
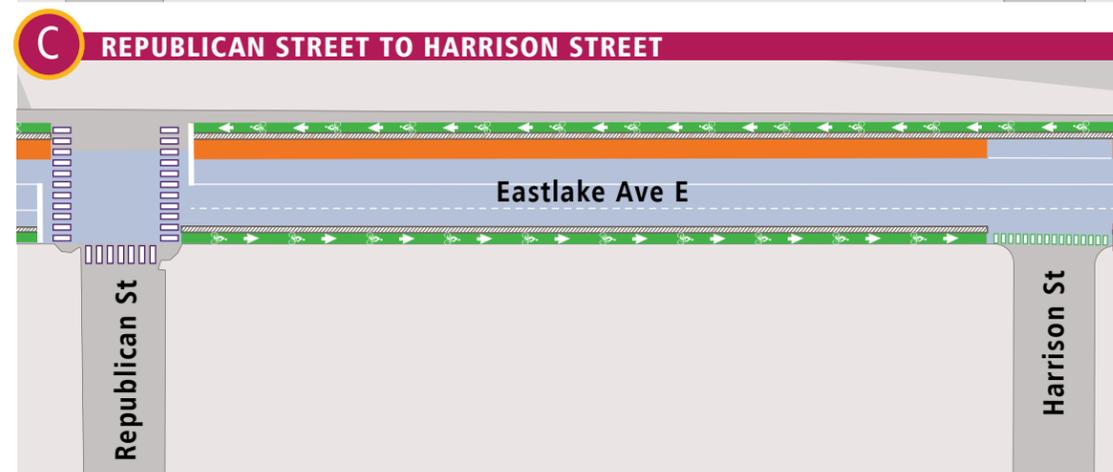
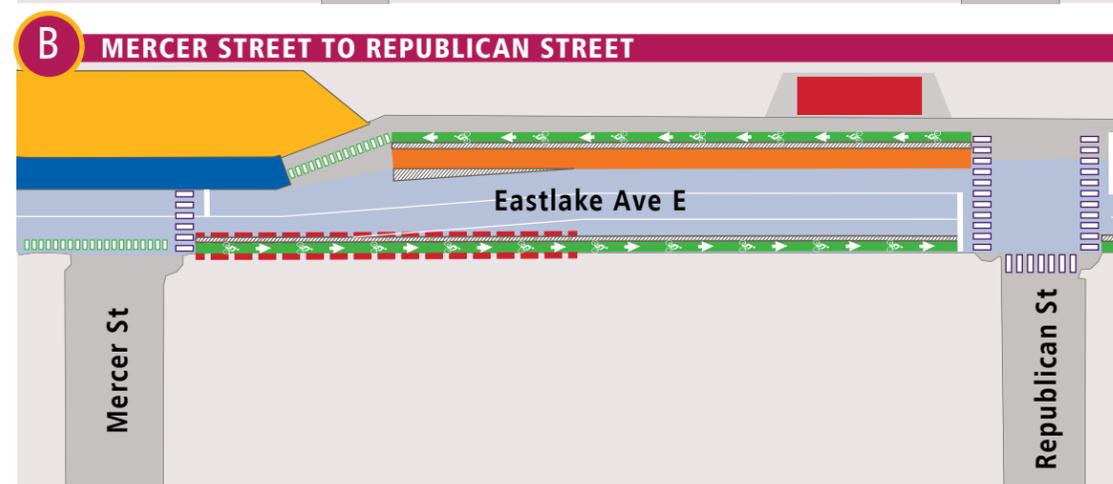
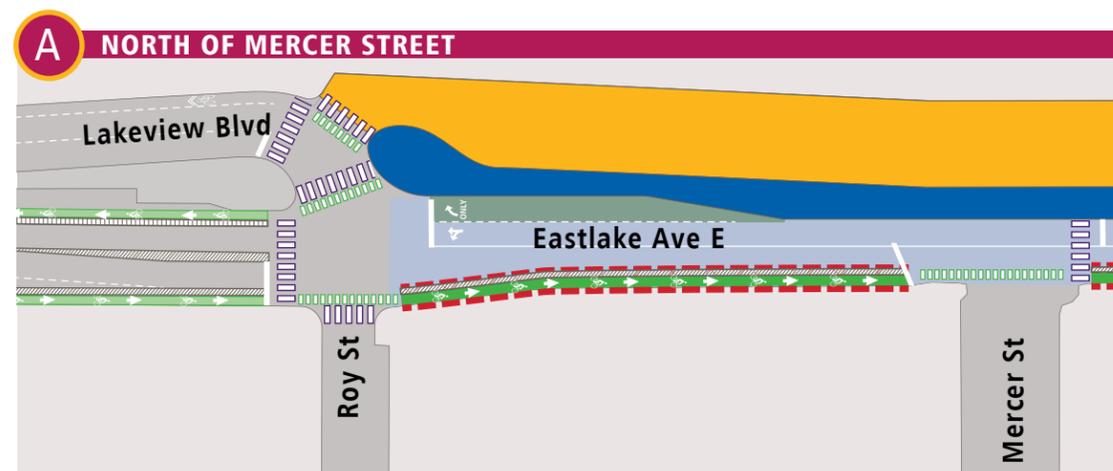
- + Help keep buses on time
- + Free street space for other uses
- + Move "out of service" buses into off-street sites instead of scattering them on city streets
- + Provide safe and reliable restrooms and break areas for bus operators

ROADWAY CHANGES



There will be several roadway changes for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists once the project is complete. These changes will include:

- Some on-street parking stalls will be impacted on the west side of the roadway:
 - Removed between Roy and Mercer streets
 - Reduced between Mercer and Republican streets
 - Removed between Harrison and Thomas streets
 - Restricted to weekend only between Thomas and John streets
- Permanent lane reductions – from four to two lanes – between Roy and Stewart streets.
- A shared-use path on the east side of Eastlake Avenue East between Roy and Mercer streets.
- Replacement of the northbound right-turn slip lane to Lakeview Boulevard East with a right-turn-only lane at Roy Street.
- New or improved pedestrian crossings.
- New traffic signal installation at Eastlake Avenue East and Republican Street intersection.
- Removal of the existing bus stop at Mercer Street and Eastlake Avenue East (which serves routes 355 and 304). An alternative stop will be Route 70 at Mercer Street and Fairview Avenue. Please refer to Metro's [North Link Connections Mobility Project](http://kingcounty.gov/metro/northlink) (kingcounty.gov/metro/northlink) for more information.



Eastlake Protected Bike Lanes Project

Metro is working in partnership with the Seattle Department of Transportation to deliver Phase 1 of the Eastlake protected bike lanes and bike crossings on the east and west sides of the roadway between Roy and Stewart Streets. Phase 2 will be installed between Fairview Avenue North and Roy Street as early as spring 2021. Please visit seattle.gov/eastlakePBL or contact Adonis Ducksworth with Seattle Department of Transportation at Adonis.Ducksworth@seattle.gov for more information.

LEGEND

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| Eastlake protected bike lanes (Phase 1) | Off-street bus layover space | Bike crossing | Lane reductions |
| Shared use path | On-street bus layover space | New/improved crossings | Parking removal/reduction |
| New right-turn-only lane to Lakeview Blvd | Comfort station | | Eastlake protected bike lanes (Phase 2) |