

Schedule

We completed final design of the Eastlake Layover Facility in summer 2020. Construction is expected to begin as soon as fall 2020 and last through late 2021 or early 2022.



Eastlake Layover Facility design rendering.



Input from the communities we serve is an important part of Metro's planning process. Learn more about how community input influenced the design of this project by visiting our website.

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

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Eastlake Layover Facility

Helping our buses stay on time



The location of the new bus layover facility along Eastlake Avenue East is ideal because of its central location and proximity to many bus routes. The project also includes multimodal transportation improvements along Eastlake Avenue East.

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 several Metro bus routes.

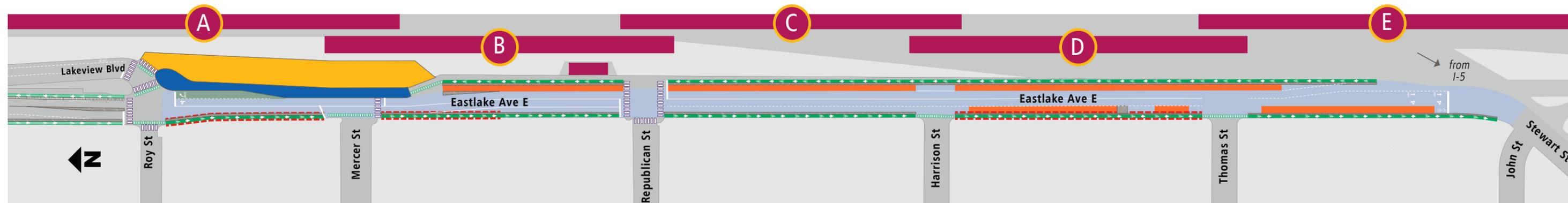
When built, the facility will accommodate 11 new bus layover spaces (six off-street and five on-street), as well as a comfort station that will provide bus operators with secure restrooms and space for taking breaks and performing operations tasks. The site will not be open to the public or transit riders.

In response to feedback we heard in 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.

Benefits of bus layover facilities

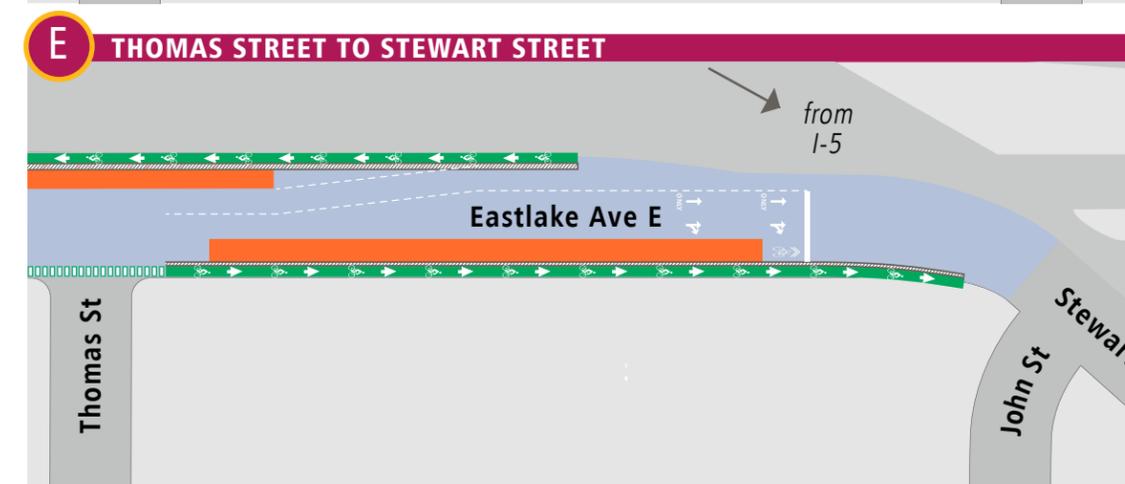
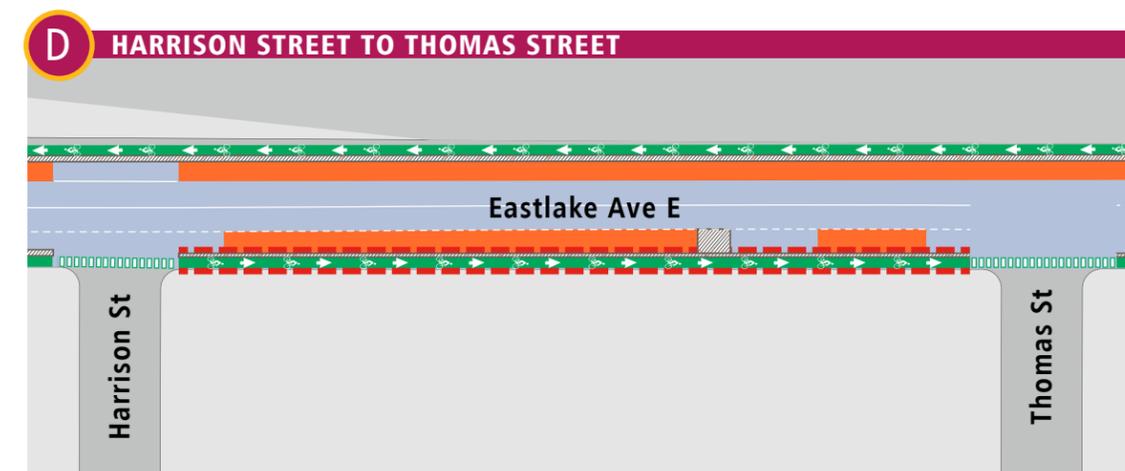
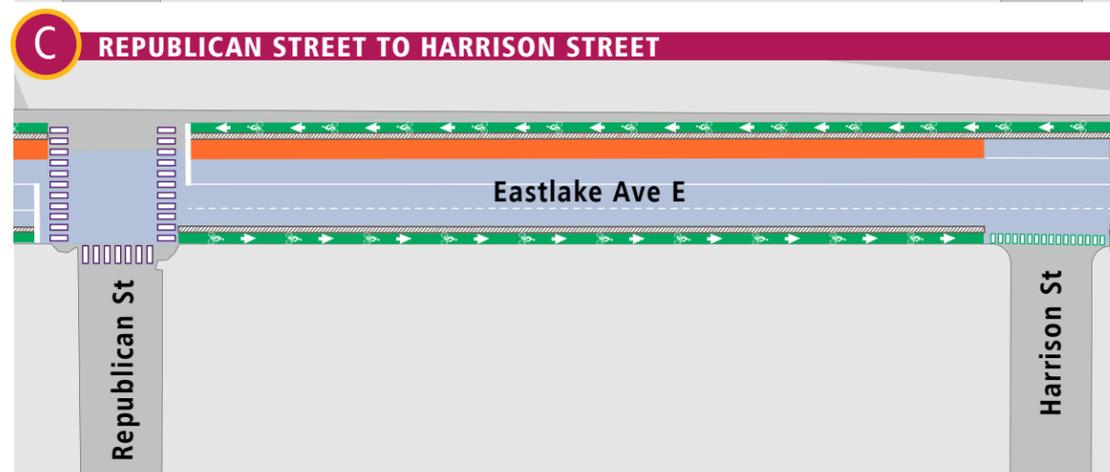
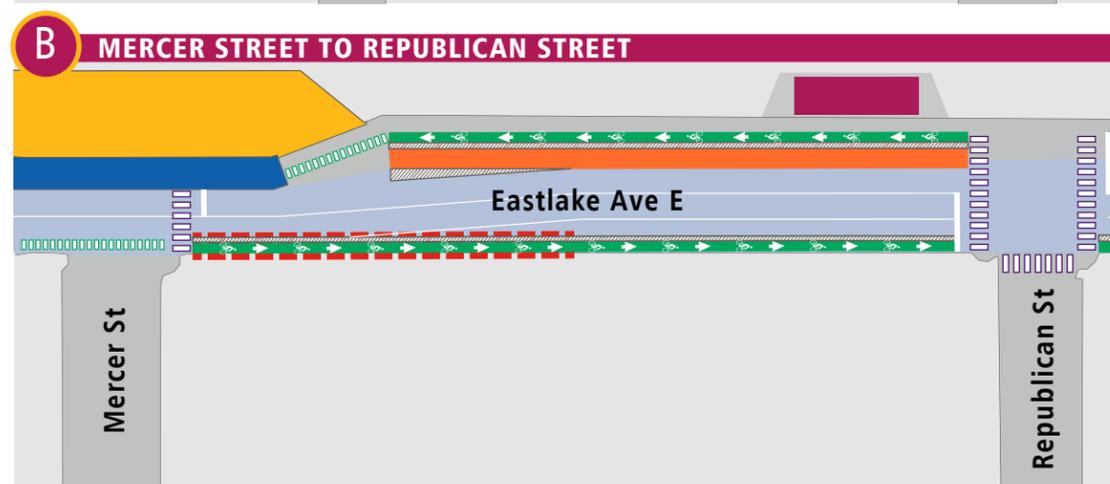
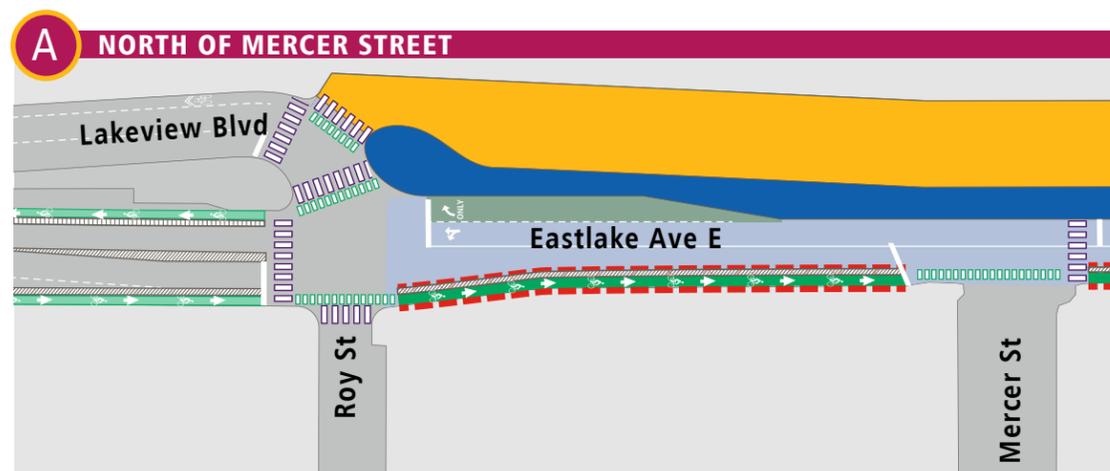
- + Help keep buses on time
- + Free up street space for other uses
- + Move "out of service" buses into off-street sites instead of scattering them on city streets
- + Provide safe and reliable restrooms and break areas for bus operators

ROADWAY CHANGES



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

- Impacts to some on-street parking stalls on the west side of the roadway. Parking will be:
 - 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 (see map A).
- Replacement of the northbound right-turn slip lane to Lakeview Boulevard East with a right-turn-only lane at Roy Street (see map A).
- New or improved pedestrian crossings.
- New traffic signal installation at Eastlake Avenue East and Republican Street intersection (see map B).
- 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 (kingcounty.gov/metro/northlink) for more information.



Eastlake Protected Bike Lanes Project

Metro is working in partnership with the Seattle Department of Transportation to construct 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. The next phase of the protected bike lanes, between Fairview Avenue North and Roy Street, is still in the early design phase. Please visit seattle.gov/transportation/eastlakePBL or contact Ching Chan with Seattle Department of Transportation at EastlakePBL@seattle.gov or 206-400-7570 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) |