



Eastlake Layover Facility

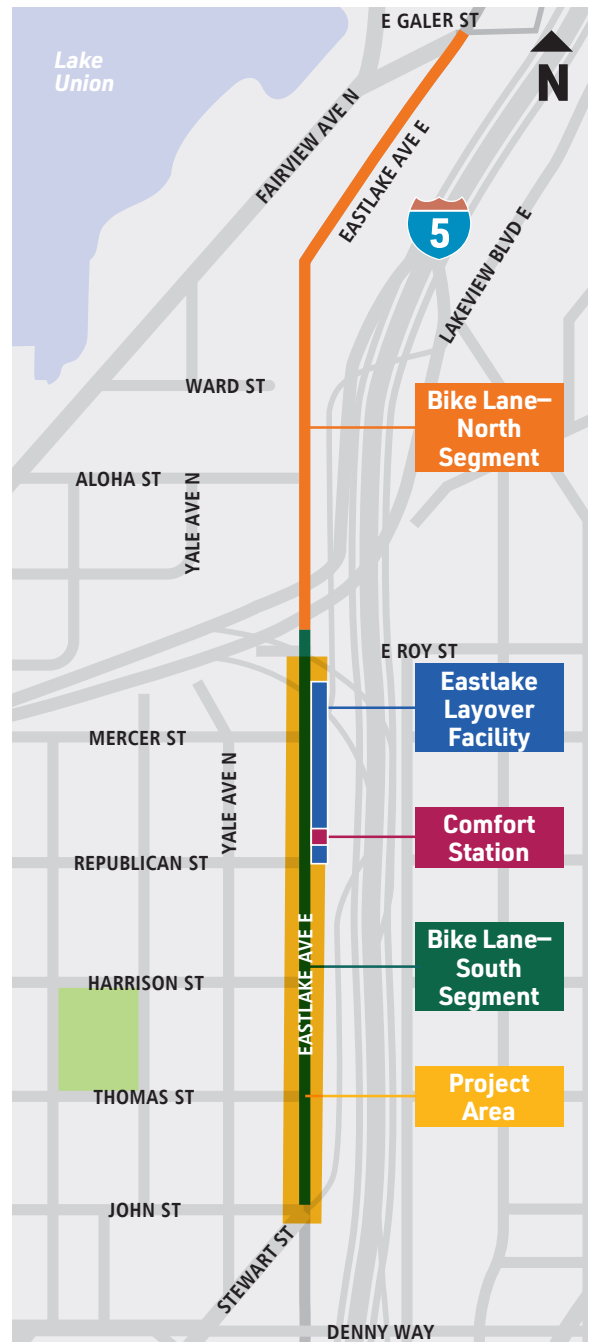
Fall 2022

What is the Eastlake Layover Facility?

After finishing a trip, Metro buses often stop temporarily along Eastlake Avenue East before starting the next trips, giving bus operators their mandated rest break to help them stay alert behind the wheel. This is an increasingly busy corridor, where people driving vehicles, walking, or riding bicycles intermix with buses on layover.

To keep everyone safe on the streets in this area, King County Metro is building a facility on the east side of Eastlake Avenue East, next to Interstate 5, between Roy and Republican streets. When built, the facility will accommodate 11 bus layover spaces and provide a place for bus operators to take breaks, access safe restroom facilities, and perform operations tasks. Though the site will not be open to the public or people riding the bus, public input had a role in the design of the location. Members of the public recommended installing a metal and wood panel exterior, colorful accents and native plants evoking landscape of the Pacific Northwest. The project also includes multimodal transportation improvements along Eastlake Avenue East.

The construction will transform the layover location, improving pedestrian access with the creation of new pedestrian crossings and updating some of the current crossings. Cyclists will travel on the east and west side of Eastlake Ave E between Fairview Ave N and Stewart St. There will also be a shared-use path on the east side of Eastlake Avenue East between Roy and Mercer streets for pedestrians and cyclists.



Moving forward together

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.

What to expect during construction

Construction is expected to begin fall 2022 and last until summer 2024. Typical work hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Some nighttime and weekend work may be required.

- ▶ Temporary parking restrictions
- ▶ Periodic lane closures
- ▶ Flaggers to direct traffic around the work areas
- ▶ Detours for people walking, rolling, and biking
- ▶ Construction staging and parking impacts near the construction site
- ▶ Some sidewalk, intersection and lane closures
- ▶ Typical construction impacts, such as noise, truck activity and dust and debris

Why is a layover facility important?

- ▶ Keeps buses on schedule
- ▶ Frees street space for other uses
- ▶ Moves "out of service" buses off the street instead of taking valuable curb space
- ▶ Ensures bus operators have safe and reliable access to restroom and break facilities

How will this project change Eastlake Ave East?

Once the layover facility is completed, there will be roadway changes to Eastlake Ave East. Some of these changes include:

- ▶ Shared-use path on the east side of Eastlake Ave East between Roy St and Mercer St
- ▶ New or improved pedestrian crossings
- ▶ New traffic signal at Eastlake Ave E and Republican St
- ▶ Reduced and restricted parking in some areas
- ▶ Removal of a bus stop at Mercer St and Eastlake Ave E
- ▶ Metro is working in partnership with the Seattle Department of Transportation to construct protected bike lanes on the east and west sides of Eastlake Ave E between Fairview Ave N and Stewart St

For more details about roadway changes, visit the project website at kingcounty.gov/metro/EastlakeLayover.



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Schedule

July 2020
Final design

Fall 2022 – Winter 2024
Construction

Summer 2024
Open for bus service

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design rendering.



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