



Center City Layover Project

SDCI, King County Metro, and SDOT are working together on potential legislation that would:

- Define bus layover facilities in the Land Use Code
- Provide a process for permitting those facilities
- Include appropriate standards to help them fit into the North Downtown, South Lake Union, and Uptown neighborhoods

Layover facilities house **Metro buses** that have finished one trip and not yet started their next one. These spaces are essential to enable buses to stay on schedule. Layovers also allow drivers to take breaks and use the restroom. Metro uses many layover sites throughout the city and county. Some are on-street and others are in off-street facilities such as transit centers.

By 2040, Metro expects added bus service to increase need for layover space by 50 percent. At the same time, development, deliveries, and increasing traffic in and near the downtown Seattle core will be competing for on-street space. Metro is beginning to plan and design new **off-street bus layover facilities** in this area.

New off-street bus layover facilities are likely to be dedicated **temporary or permanent ground-level facilities**. It's also possible that a permanent layover area would be **part of a mixed-use facility where it shares space with housing, retail, or offices**.

The Goals of the Center City Layover Project are to:

- Improve bus schedule reliability
- Free up on-street curb space that can be used for short-term parking, loading, or vehicle travel
- Provide clean, safe, facilities for bus drivers that fit in with the surrounding neighborhoods



Next Steps:

- Fall 2017: Metro and SDCI websites launch; stakeholder meetings begin
- Winter 2018: Draft legislation provided for public review; SEPA decision
- Spring 2018: The City Council's Planning, Land Use, and Zoning (PLUZ) Committee will likely hold deliberations on the legislation.

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Legislation Website: www.seattle.gov/DPD/codesrules/changestocode/buslayover