

Schedule

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



Eastlake Layover Facility design rendering.

have a say

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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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.

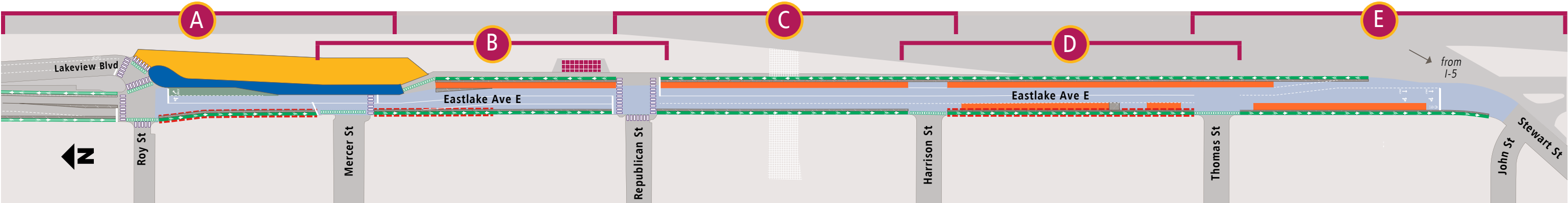
When built, the facility will accommodate 11 new bus layover spaces (six off-street and five on-street), as well as a comfort station that will provide bus operators with secure restrooms and space for taking breaks and performing operations tasks. The site will not be open to the public or transit riders.

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](http://kingcounty.gov/metro/northlink) (kingcounty.gov/metro/northlink) for more information.

LEGEND


Protected bike lane (north segment)


Protected bike lane (south segment)


Shared use path


New right-turn-only lane to Lakeview Blvd


Off-street bus layover space


On-street bus layover space

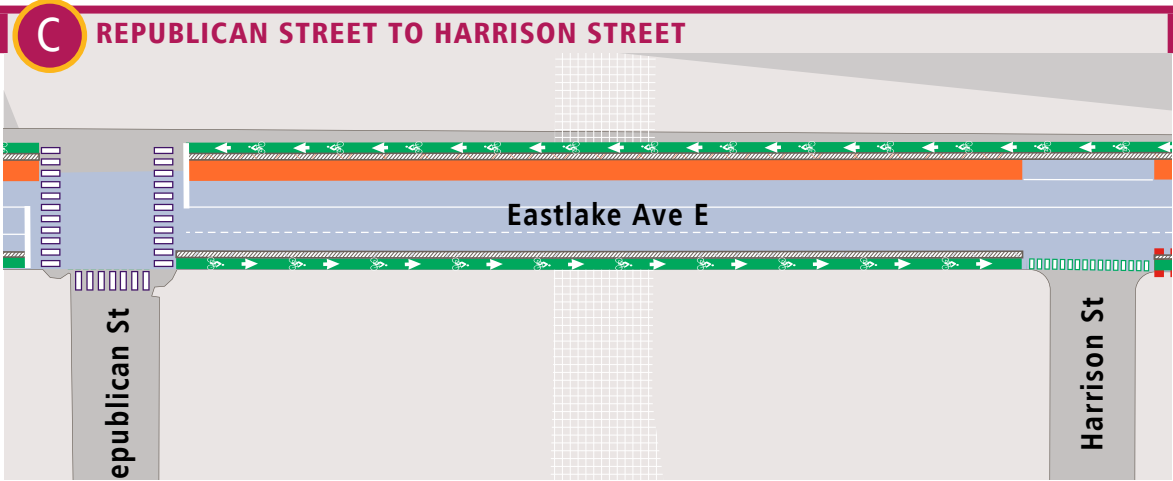
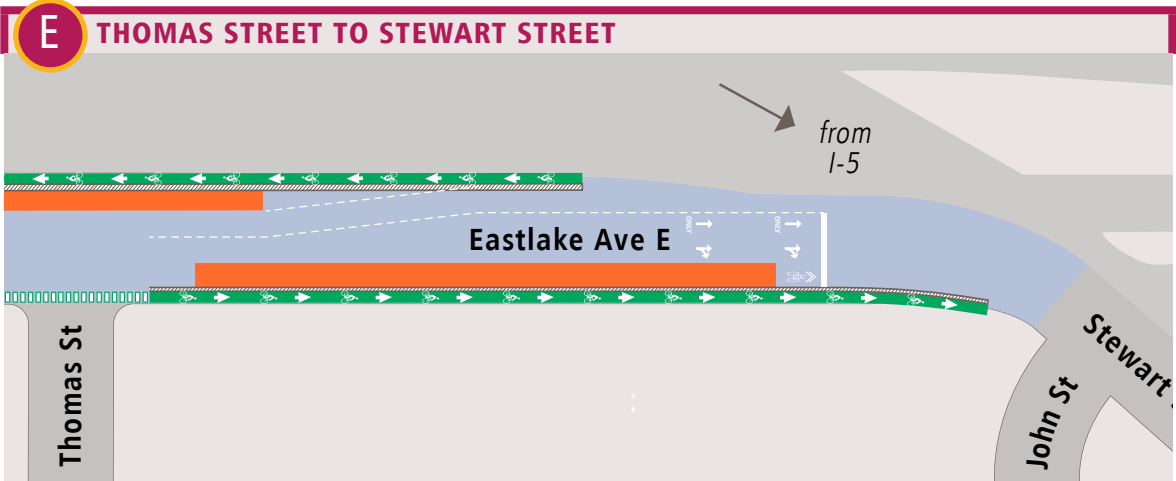
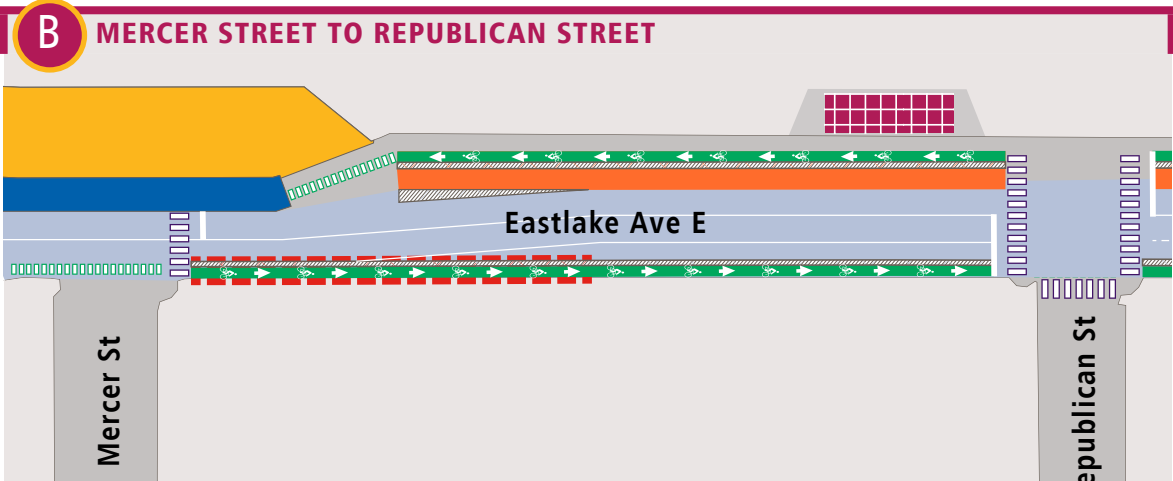
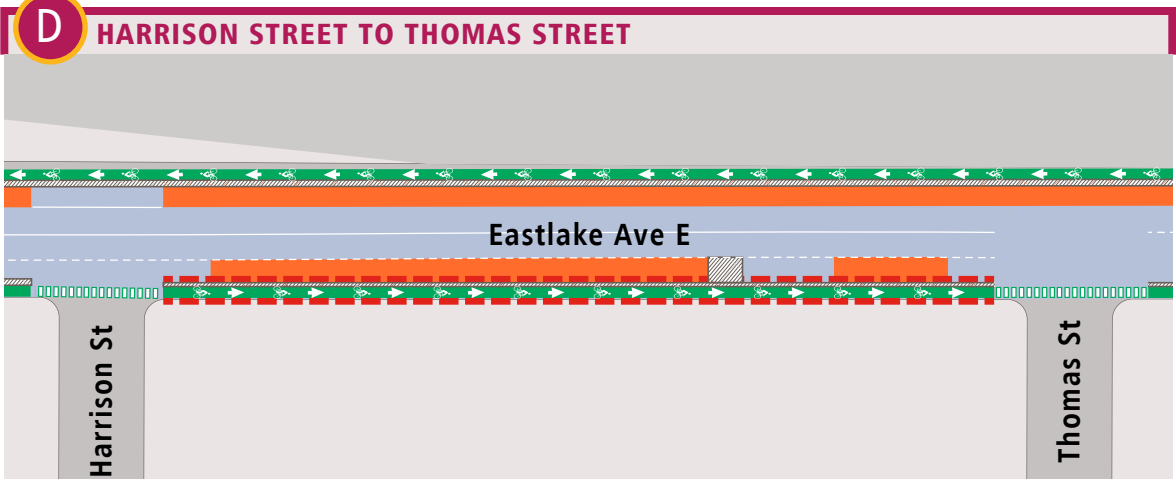
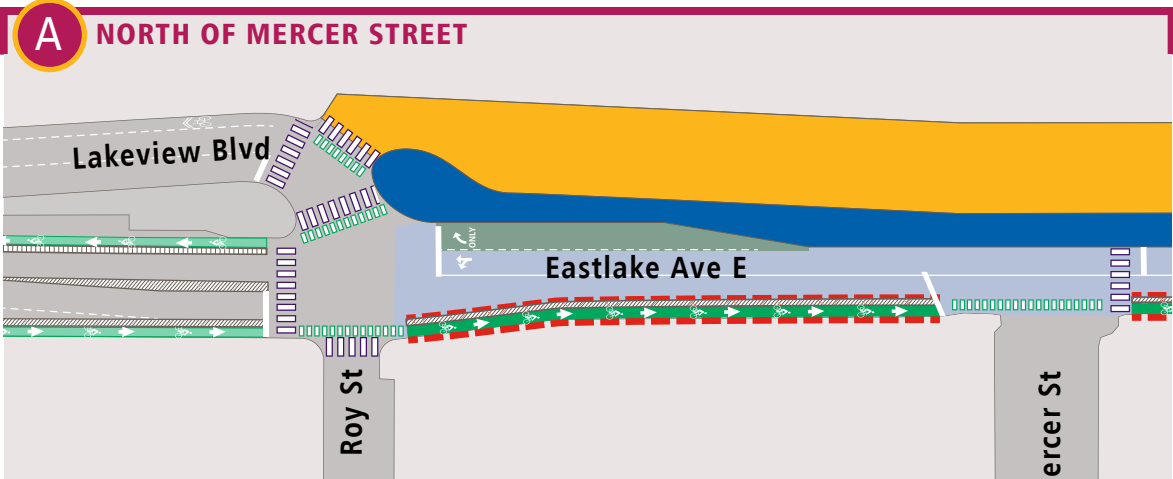

Comfort station


Bike crossing


New/improved crossings


Lane reductions


Parking removal/reduction



Eastlake Layover Facility Mobility Improvements Project

Metro is working in partnership with the Seattle Department of Transportation’s Eastlake Layover Facility Mobility Improvements Project to construct protected bike lanes between Roy and Stewart streets (south segment). The north segment of the Eastlake Layover Facility Mobility Improvements, between Fairview Avenue North and Roy Street, is expected to complete design in spring 2021 and begin construction as soon as summer. Please contact Ching Chan with the Seattle Department of at EastlakePBL@seattle.gov or 206-257-2263 for more information.