

RapidRide G Line (Madison St BRT)

First Hill Improvement Association –
Transportation Committee Briefing

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Seattle Department of Transportation



City of Seattle

Tonight's agenda

1. Project background
2. Recent milestones
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4. Questions



Our mission, vision, and core values

Mission: deliver a high-quality transportation system for Seattle

Vision: connected people, places, and products

Committed to **5 core values** to create a city that is:

- Safe
- Interconnected
- Affordable
- Vibrant
- Innovative

For **all**



Project purpose and need

- RapidRide G (Madison Street Bus Rapid Transit BRT) service will provide fast, frequent, reliable, and safe public transportation from First Ave to Madison Valley
- Serves neighborhoods experiencing rapid growth and historically underserved areas
- Connects riders to dozens of other bus routes, the First Hill Streetcar, and ferry service at the Colman Dock Ferry Terminal



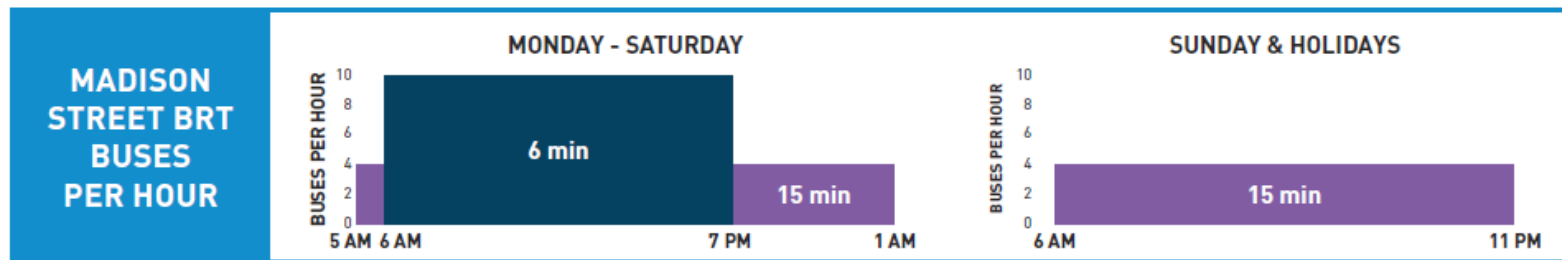
Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor Program

- Improve mobility along 7 high-priority transit corridors by making a variety of transit and multimodal improvements
- Identified by the Transit Master Plan as important corridors to improve mobility throughout the city
- Funded by 2015 voter-approved Levy to Move Seattle
- SDOT will partner with King County Metro to deliver 3 of these lines as RapidRide lines within the Levy timeframe



RapidRide G Line

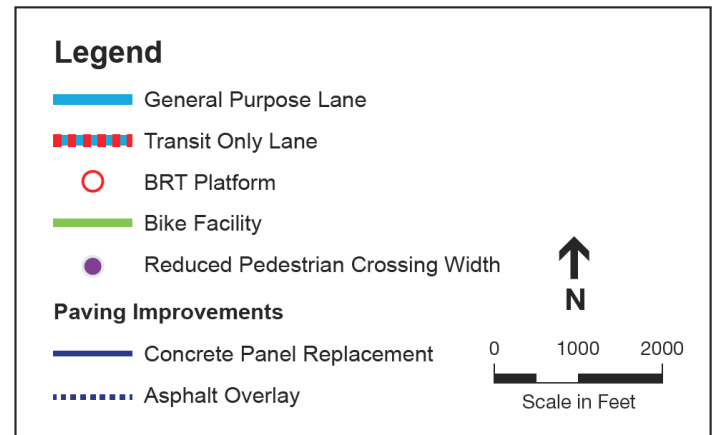
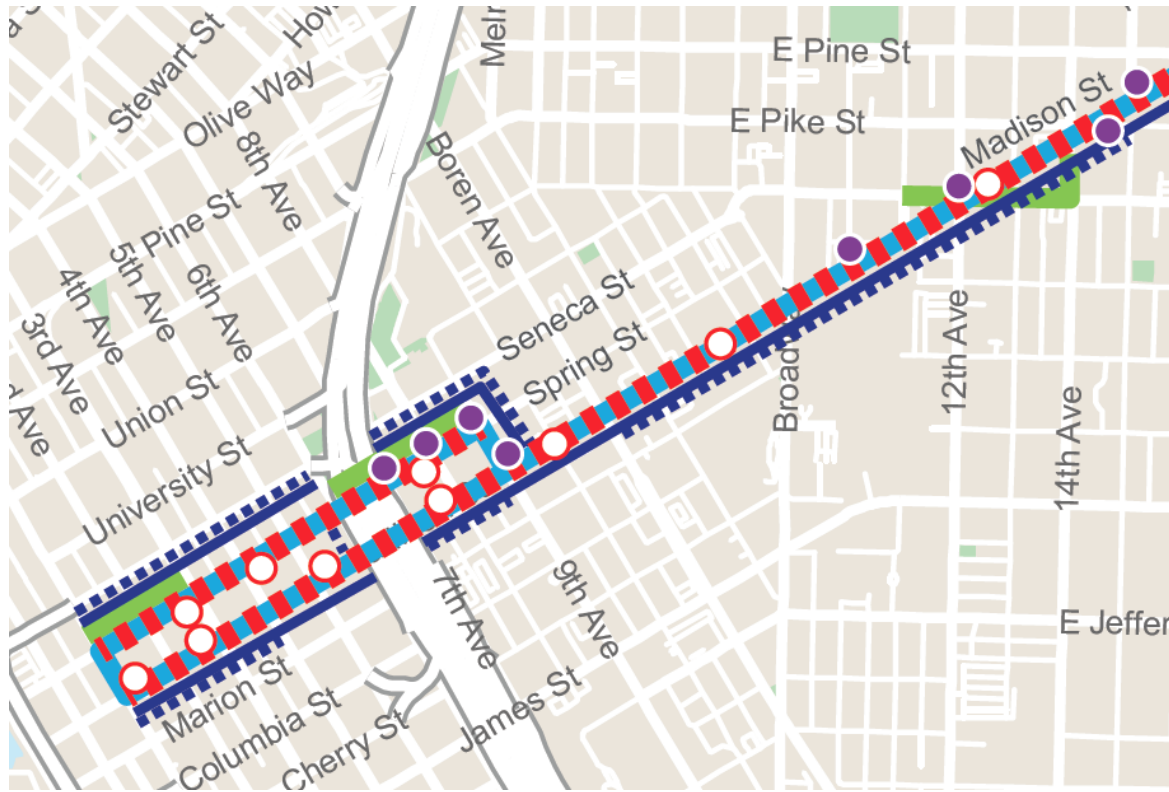
- RapidRide provides more frequent, reliable and high-quality service. This includes investments like:
 - Bus lanes, transit signal priority and off-board fare payment to speed up buses
 - RapidRide stations with real-time information and weather protection
 - More frequent and reliable bus service day and night
- Coordinating with Seattle City Light to upgrade the street lighting
- Shortened pedestrian crossings



RapidRide G Line

- SDOT and King County Metro are planning RapidRide investments to Madison St
- King County Metro will operate service on Madison St as the RapidRide G Line
- Funding is contingent on FTA Small Starts grant funding, as well as funding opportunities from other partner agencies; current opening as soon as 2022 depending on time to secure Small Starts funding

Zooming in; First Hill



Project history – public involvement

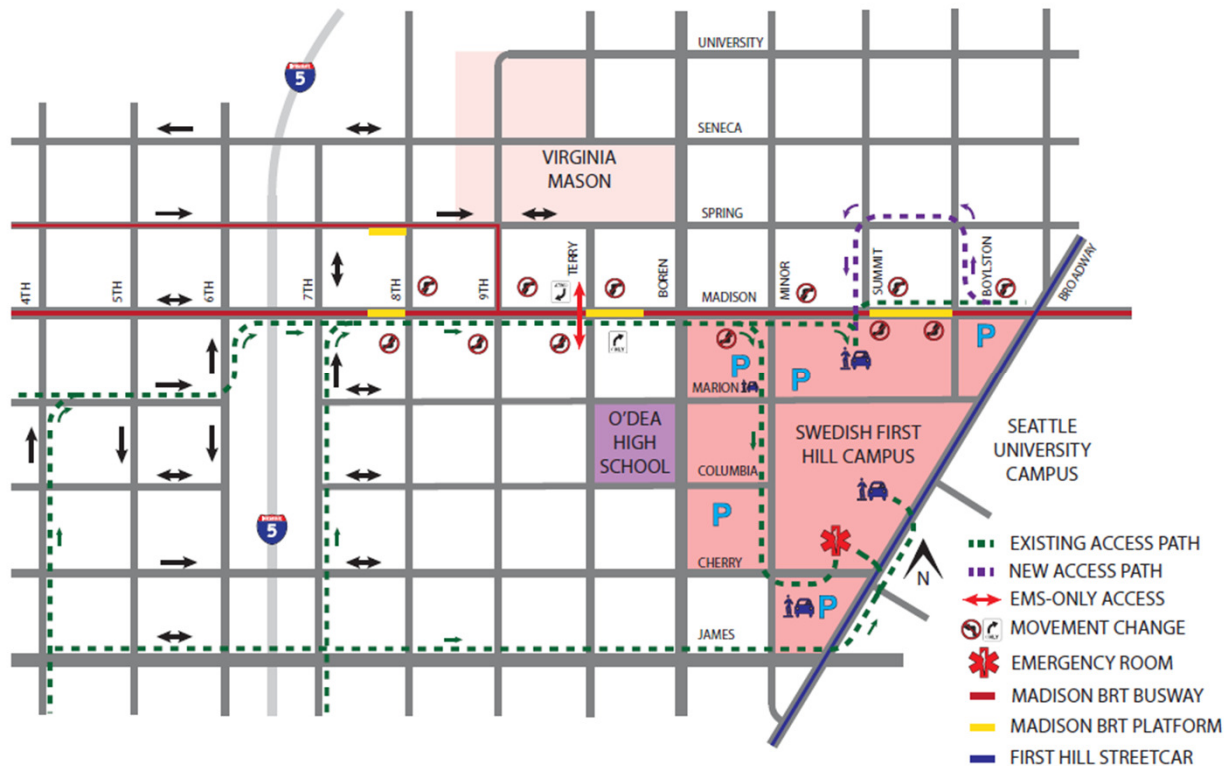
- 2014 – 2015: Conducted community engagement on concept design alternatives
- February 2016: City Council approved Locally Preferred Alternative
- 2016-Present: Conducted community engagement including briefings, open houses, online open house, property owner and business outreach along the corridor
- December 2017: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approved NEPA document
- February/March 2018: SEPA Determination of Non-Significance comment period



Hospital Access



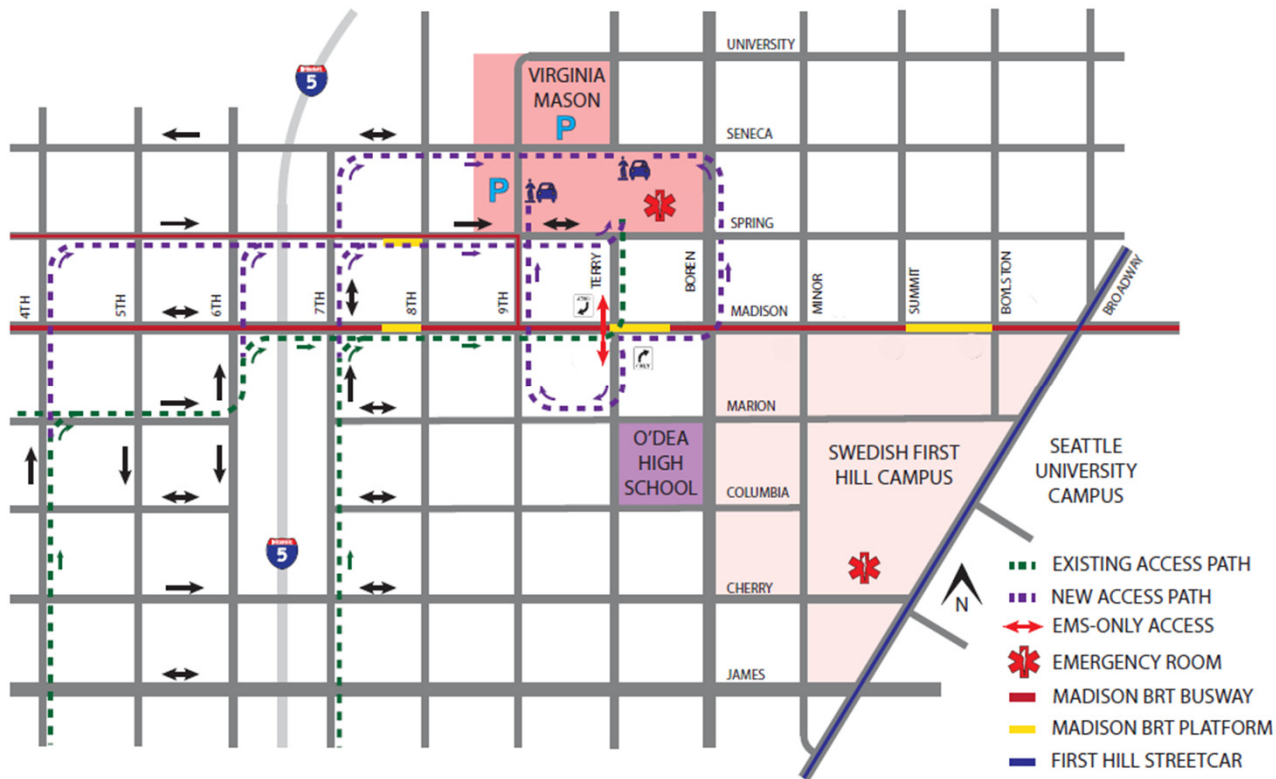
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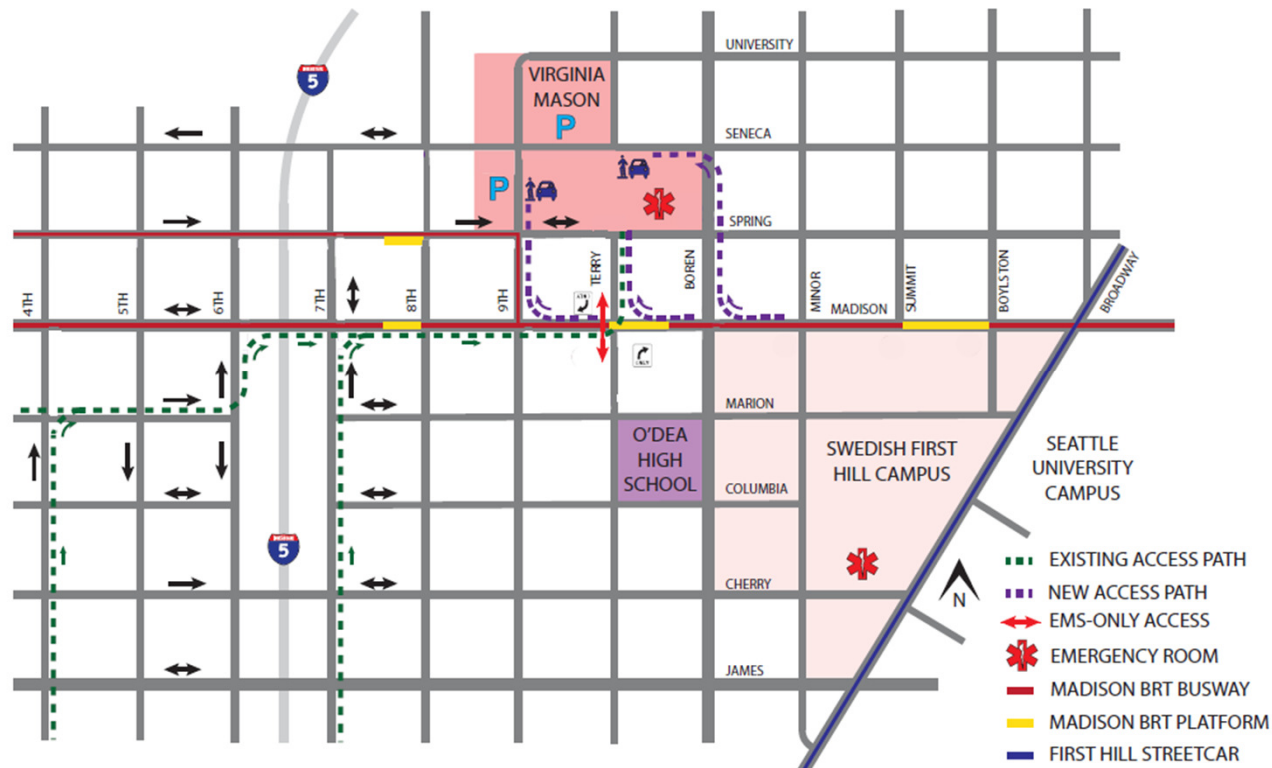
Virginia Mason Access



Virginia Mason Access - Eastbound



Virginia Mason Access - Westbound



Design updates



Design updates - 90%

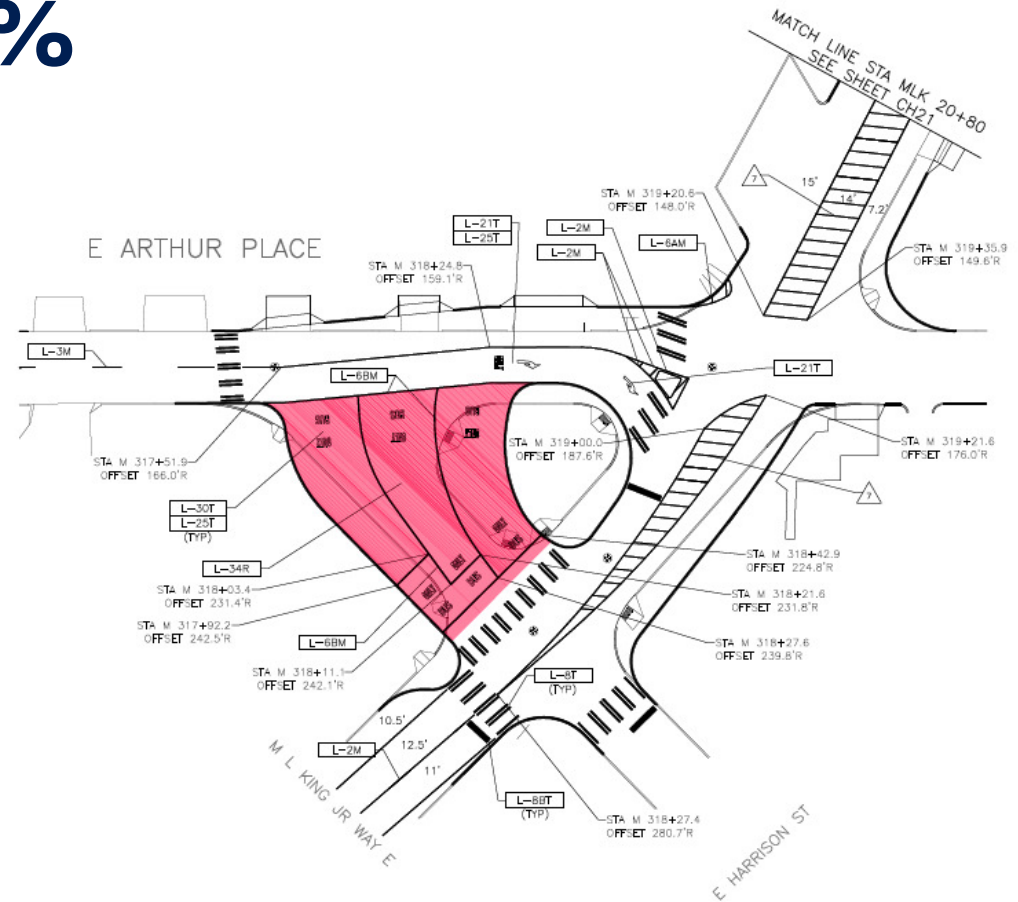
Fleet type

- RapidRide G buses will be a diesel-hybrid fleet, removing the need for the overhead contact system (OCS) on the corridor
- Low/no emissions



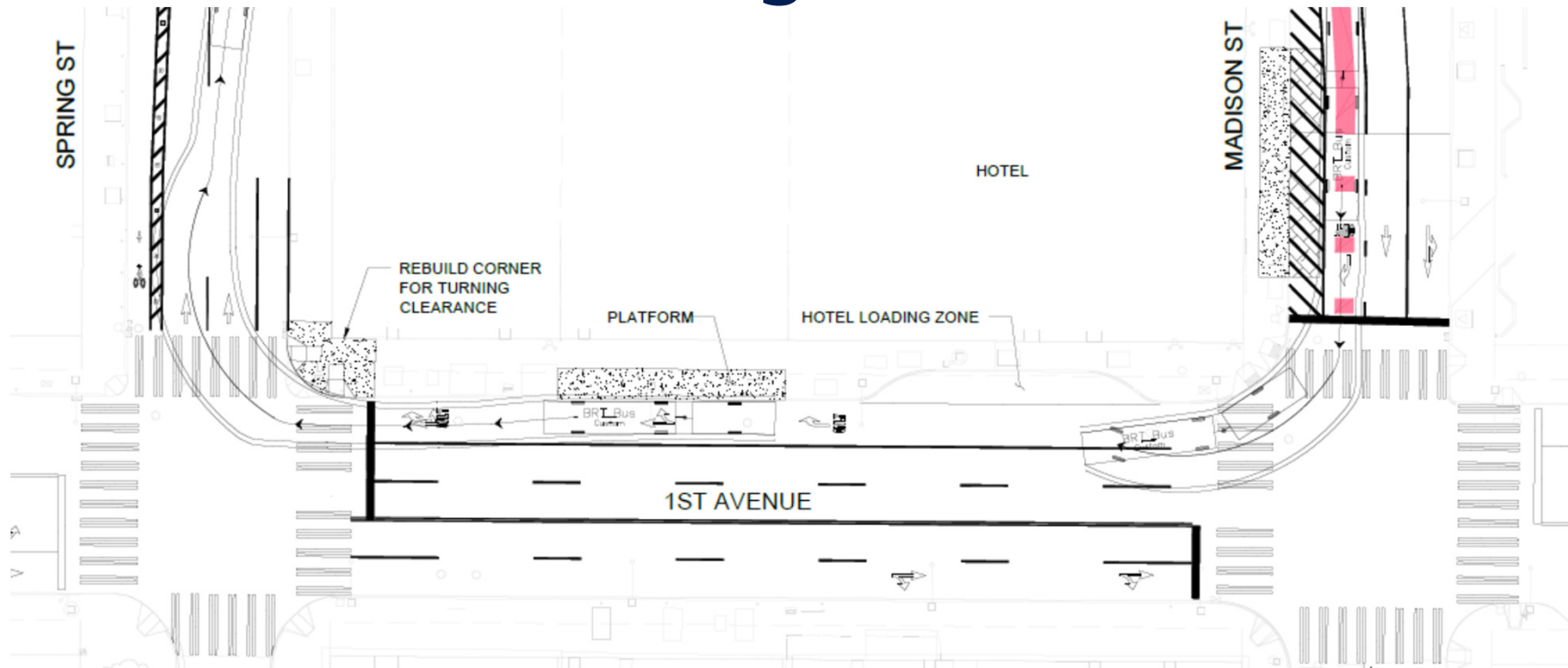
Design updates - 90% Bus layover

- Layover at E Arthur Place and Martin Luther King Jr Way E in Madison Valley



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Station location change - 1st Ave



Next steps

- 2019: Complete final design; continue coordination with FTA to update NEPA document and secure Small Starts grant funding
- 2020-2022: Construction in phases along the corridor
- 2022: RapidRide G Line service begins

Community outreach will continue throughout the next phases of the project design and construction

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