

Madison Street Corridor Bus Rapid Transit
Seattle, Washington
Small Starts Project Development
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The City of Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) proposes to construct a 2.4-mile east-west Madison Street Corridor Bus Rapid Transit project that will connect downtown Seattle in the west to the Madison Valley neighborhood in the east. SDOT expects greater than 51 percent of the proposed project to be in dedicated transit lanes. The project will include 18 stations, transit signal priority, a real-time bus arrival information system, and the purchase of eight low-floor electric trolley buses. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$120.0 million. SDOT expects to seek 51 percent, or approximately \$61.2 million from the Small Starts program.

SDOT believes the project will improve transit capacity, travel time, mobility and reliability in a crowded transit corridor. It will provide a vital east-west connection through rapidly growing neighborhoods, while making related improvements to pedestrian and bicycle access in the community.

In February 2016 SDOT selected a locally preferred alternative (LPA) for the Madison Street Corridor Bus Rapid Transit project. A conceptual plan for the project was adopted into the region's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan in June 2015, and SDOT expects the LPA to be selected later in 2016. SDOT expects to complete the environmental review process in fall 2016, receive a Small Starts Grant Agreement in January 2018, and begin revenue service in late 2019.