



SEATTLE SQUEEZE: CHAPTER 2

Prepare for buses coming out of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel forever on March 23, 2019.

On March 23, 2019, King County Metro bus routes 41, 74, 101, 102, 150, 255 and Sound Transit Express Route 550 buses will no longer use the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel and will operate on surface streets. In all, 15 bus routes will be changing which streets they use. Additionally, all-door boarding will launch on 3rd Avenue and at stops along Westlake Ave N, with 21 of 31 locations active starting March 23. Plan ahead and prepare for changes to your route if taking transit or driving downtown.

The tunnel will now be used by Link Light Rail only.

This permanent change is to connect the new East Link light rail from downtown Seattle to the Eastside in 2023 and to accommodate the expansion of the Washington State Convention Center. This change will ensure reliable and speedy light rail service.

To keep transit reliable, we're making a new peak-only bus lane on 5th and 6th Aves downtown. Reminder: 3rd Ave is reserved for buses only from 6 AM - 7 PM, seven days a week.

These changes are part of the **#SeattleSqueeze**, the period over the next five years where private and public construction projects will put pressure on our transportation system, changing how we all travel through and around Seattle. Plan ahead and give yourself extra time to get to your destination, whether traveling by bike, bus, car, truck, or another mode of transportation.

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Can you change the way you get downtown?
Here are some ideas:



Come in earlier or later.

Most people commute in the morning between 7-9 AM, and in the afternoon between 3-6 PM. Talk to your boss about changing the hours you work.



Leave your car at home.

Try biking, walking, carpool, vanpool, or public transit.



Give yourself extra travel time.

Traffic will be slower and will last longer throughout the day.



Tell us your questions and ideas.

We are here to help.

What is the City of Seattle Doing to Prepare?

SDOT and its partner agencies are working together to manage congestion during this challenging period, limit the impact on commuters and businesses, and keep downtown open for business.

Here are five ways we're keeping people and goods moving safely through downtown Seattle:



Monitoring and managing traffic in real time



Reducing drive-alone trips downtown by encouraging travelers to shift their commuters.



Investing in transit

Learn more about our new transit pathway on 5th and 6th Ave by visiting www.seattle.gov/transportation/5th6thtransit



Managing the public right of way to limit the impact of construction and parked cars



Keeping the public across our region updated

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Changes to Bus Routes

Changing routes	Where you can find them after March 23
41 (all-day)	3rd Ave both southbound and northbound
74 (during peak hours only)	2nd Ave southbound and 5th/6th Ave northbound Additional surface routes will also move to this pathway: 76, 77, 301, 308, 316
255 (all-day)	5th Ave southbound and 5th/6th Ave northbound Additional surface routes will also move to this pathway: 252, 257, 311
101 (all-day)	2nd Ave southbound and 4th Ave northbound
102 (during peak hours only)	
150 (all-day)	
550 (all-day)	

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