



Eastlake Layover Facility

Winter 2025

Construction is complete!

Metro has completed construction of the layover location along Eastlake Avenue E in the South Lake Union neighborhood. Layover facilities provide our bus operators with a safe location to take required rest breaks and start their next trip on time. Built in collaboration with the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), the Eastlake Layover Facility (ELF) meets the needs of our operators and improves access for people driving, walking and rolling in one of Seattle's busiest transportation corridors.

Community input played a role in the design of the layover facility. Community engagement involved two separate phases, before the beginning of construction, between 2017 and 2019.

The construction of the ELF has transformed Eastlake Avenue E with the following improvements:

- ▶ Wider shared-use path on the east side of Eastlake Ave E between Roy St and Mercer St
- ▶ New or improved pedestrian crossings
- ▶ New traffic signal at Eastlake Ave E and Republican St
- ▶ New protected bike lanes on the east and west sides of Eastlake Ave E between Fairview Ave and Stewart St

Public input helped inform the design of the ELF, by adding a metal and wood panel exterior, colorful accents and native plants to evoke the landscape of the Pacific Northwest. **We appreciate the community's patience and understanding during the construction along Eastlake Ave E. These improvements will increase the comfort of our operators, decrease traffic congestion, and offer a new atmosphere for those who live, work and travel around our layover space.**