

Events & Announcements

In memory of Mark McLaughlin

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King County Metro to Pause Bus Service Nov. 23 in Remembrance of Transit Operator Mark McLaughlin

King County Metro will briefly pause all bus service at 3:20 p.m. Nov. 23, for a moment of reflection and remembrance to honor the memory of transit operator Mark McLaughlin. McLaughlin was killed in the line of duty Nov. 27, 1998, while driving Route 359. He was shot and his bus plunged from the Aurora Bridge at 3:20 p.m. One other passenger died, the shooter took his own life and 32 passengers were injured. McLaughlin was 44 when he was killed. He joined Metro in 1979 and was a transit operator for 19 years. Coworkers called him a simple, humble man, a gentle giant who was known for handing out bubblegum to his passengers.

Buses participating in the moment of remembrance will stop only where and when it is safe to do so. Buses will not pause service if they are traveling on highways, in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel or on roadways where there is no place to safely pull over. Metro will notify riders via transit alerts and on-board announcements in the days leading up to the moment of remembrance. In publicizing in advance our intent to pause service, Metro also extends its appreciation to riders for respecting and supporting these efforts and assures riders that transit service will quickly restart at the conclusion of the moment of remembrance.

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Red Line isn't running, creates a 24-hour connection to the airport. Line 20-Burnside/Stark, one of our two 24-hour bus lines, also connects to Line 272.

TriMet runs on special schedules on holidays, and on Nov. 22, buses and MAX will operate on Sunday schedules. TriMet's Trip Planner and TransitTracker will be updated for trips planned for Thanksgiving Day and all other holidays.

Passengers can reach the agency's Rider Support team 24 hours a day via text message at 503-238-7433 and on Twitter at @trimethelp. Staff also answers phones and will reply to your online submissions (sent to <https://support.trimet.org/hc/en-us>) from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. seven days a week.

Seattle News Briefs

King County Metro Transit Delayed Nov. 23

On Nov. 23, transit service that operates through downtown Seattle along 4th Avenue and near Westlake Center will be rerouted or delayed due to street closures and traffic associated with the Macy's Holiday Parade in the morning and the Westlake Tree Lighting in the evening.

Metro routes 10, 11, 41, 43, 47, 49, 74, 76, 77, 111, 114, 143, 157, 158, 159, 177, 178, 179, 190, 192, 212, 214, 216, 217, 218, 219, 252, 257, 268, 301, 311, 312, 316 and Sound Transit Express routes 522, 545 and 554 will be directly affected by these events. It is expected that most other transit service in the downtown Seattle area will experience schedule delays due to crowds and traffic.

Visit Metro's Service Advisories page (<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/alerts-updates.aspx>) for complete information about revised bus service, routing and stops for all planned events. Transit reroute start and end times may be subject to change.

Visit Metro's online regional Puget Sound Trip Planner (<http://triplanner.kingcounty.gov/>) to plan your travel, and for bus stop, schedule and other information, including predicted times at stops.

Thank you for riding and for using Metro's services.

Durkan Announces Seattle Will Invest in 91 New Affordable Homes

on City-Owned Property in Uptown Adjacent to Seattle Center

Mayor Jenny A. Durkan was joined this week by Uptown community members, housing advocates, labor leaders, and arts and cultural district representatives as she announced the City of Seattle will invest approximately \$6.9 million to build 91 new affordable homes for people experiencing long-term homelessness at a City-owned site adjacent to Seattle Center.

The building will be developed by Plymouth Housing following the permanent supportive housing model and providing 91 affordable apartments for men and women experiencing long-term homelessness. All residents will have a housing case manager to help provide tailored on-site services that may include nursing and medical care, connections to behavioral health treatment, hospice care, veterans counseling, and money management.

In 2018, the City of Seattle has invested approximately \$90 million in affordable housing. By 2021, the City expects to have more than 2,500 new affordable homes.

The building will pilot a Community Workforce Agreement, which help provide true economic opportunity into underserved communities by working with labor unions, local governments can establish hiring standards to bring people from low-income areas, people of color, and women – populations that are historically underrepresented in the building trades – into the construction industry, providing access to apprenticeships, high-wage jobs, and benefits.

The building will also include a ground floor arts and cultural space. Path with Art will manage the ground floor area of the building as an arts space available to residents and Path with Art students, as well as a community arts resource for other community-based arts organizations. Path with Art uses creative engagement to bring dignity, awareness, and healing to the complexities of the issues surrounding homelessness and recovery from trauma. The City's Office of Housing and the Office of Arts and Culture worked with the Uptown Arts and Culture Coalition and the Uptown Community Alliance to engage community members and stakeholders on creating a building that would both maximize affordable housing outcomes and create opportunities for arts and cultural uses. This project is the first time the City has made a joint housing and arts investment as part of the same funding award.

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City of Seattle Launches Free-Floating Bike Share Plan

Community Calendar 2018

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WHITE DANCING ELEPHANTS: White Dancing Elephants is Chaya Bhuvaneshwar's debut story collection, with 16 new works chronicling the everyday realities of diverse women of color and the sexual harassment and racial violence they face. Bhuvaneshwar will be joined in conversation by Reema Zaman, author of the forthcoming memoir, *I Am Yours*. 7:30 p.m., Powell's Books on Hawthorne, 3723 SE Hawthorne.

RYAN STOA READING: In *Craft Weed*, Ryan Stoa examines the history of marijuana farming in the United States and utilizes an array of interviews with growers, politicians, activists, and investors to speculate on the future of the industry in a post-legalization landscape. Reading at 7:30 p.m., Powell's City of Books, 1005 W. Burnside.

Seattle Metro

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

SEATTLE TURKEY TROT: Before you feast on turkey and stuffing, help feed the hungry through Ballard Food Bank by running in Seattle's annual turkey trot. Starts at 9 a.m., Golden Gardens Park, 8498 Seaview Pl. NW.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

MACY'S HOLIDAY PARADE: In celebration of the 2018 holiday season, Macy's 28th Annual Holiday Parade will step off in downtown Seattle at 7th Avenue and Pine Street. It travels west down Pine Street to 5th Avenue, south on 5th Avenue to University Street, west on University to 4th Avenue, north on 4th Avenue and ends at Macy's when Santa leaves his sleigh and opens Santaland. Starts at 9 a.m. and lasts approximately one hour.

FREE STATE PARK DAY: On State Parks Free Days, you can picnic and play at any of the 140 Washington State Parks for free. Please note, free days apply only to day use (not overnight stays or rented facilities).

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - 25

NATIVE GIFT FAIR & ART MARKET: Find gifts for loved ones by local Native artists and makers at this annual market. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Duwamish Longhouse, 4705 W Marginal Way SW.

At Mayor Jenny A. Durkan's direction, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has officially launched its ongoing free-floating bike share program after a successful permit pilot program. SDOT has issued a permit to JUMP, one of three vendors who are approved to operate their free-floating bike share programs in Seattle. SDOT anticipates issuing permits to Lime and Lyft in the coming weeks, giving Seattle residents and visitors additional options for getting around Seattle and accessing transit hubs. Those vendors will pay a total of approximately \$1,000,000 to the City of Seattle for their annual permits in 2018-2019.

Under the new permits, each vendor is permitted 6,666 bikes, which could ramp up to nearly 20,000 available bikes by Spring 2019. With their full fleet sizes, vendors are required to make bikes available throughout Seattle and will also focus on areas around transit hubs.

In July, at Mayor Durkan's direction, SDOT recommended to the City Council that it adopt an annually renewable permit program, which was approved on July 30.

Building on the success and analysis of the initial free-floating bike share pilot program in Seattle, the new annually renewable bike share program reflects four key improvements, including:

1. A designated parking area program;
2. Centralized reporting tools to ensure bikes aren't blocking the right-of-way like sidewalks and bus stops;
3. More focus on equity and affordability; and,
4. Fair payments by bike share companies to support the program and increase mobility.

During the bike share pilot phase, free-floating bike share provided over two million rides. During peak summer months like July, riders took more than 9,000 rides. Most people surveyed about using bike share services used them before or after riding public transportation to get to their final destinations.

Visit our resources online to learn more on Seattle's free-floating bike share programs.

