

- King County Metro identifies potential properties needed to build RapidRide.
- Metro collaborates with agency partners and the community to plan RapidRide service between Renton, Kent, and Auburn.
- Metro evaluates potential project impacts during the National Environmental Policy Act environmental review process.

- **Field Work**
  - Metro contacts property owner requesting right to enter some properties to better understand the project area and potential impacts.
- **Property acquisitions process**
  - Metro mails letter to property owners expressing interest in acquiring properties to build RapidRide.
- **Appraisal/review process**
  - Independent appraiser sends appraisal inspection letter and invites property owners to attend inspection.
  - Appraisal reviewer and Metro approve appraisal and confirm fair market compensation value.
- **Negotiations**
  - Metro makes a written offer in person, if possible, based on appraised fair market value.
  - Metro makes reasonable attempts to negotiate and acquire properties.
  - If negotiations with property owners stall after multiple communications, Metro reviews all options available to reach agreement.
  - If negotiations are unsuccessful, Metro seeks a property acquisition ordinance to acquire individual properties.

- Metro community engagement team communicates with property owners and tenants before and during construction.
- King County Metro meets commitments to property owners.

If you would like to connect with someone directly about property acquisition, please contact:

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*Moving forward together*

**RAPIDRIDE I Line**

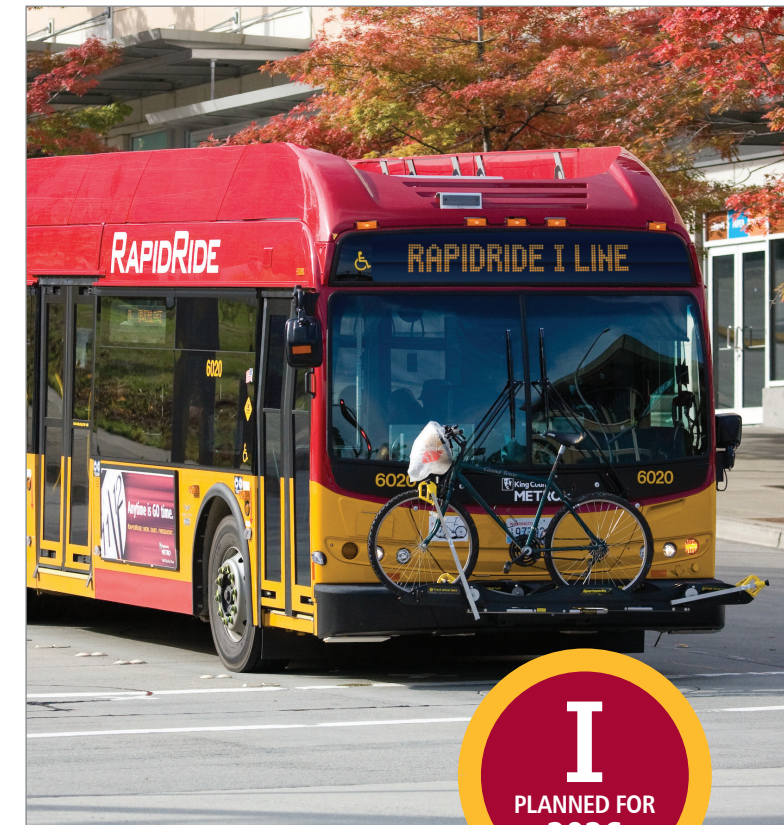
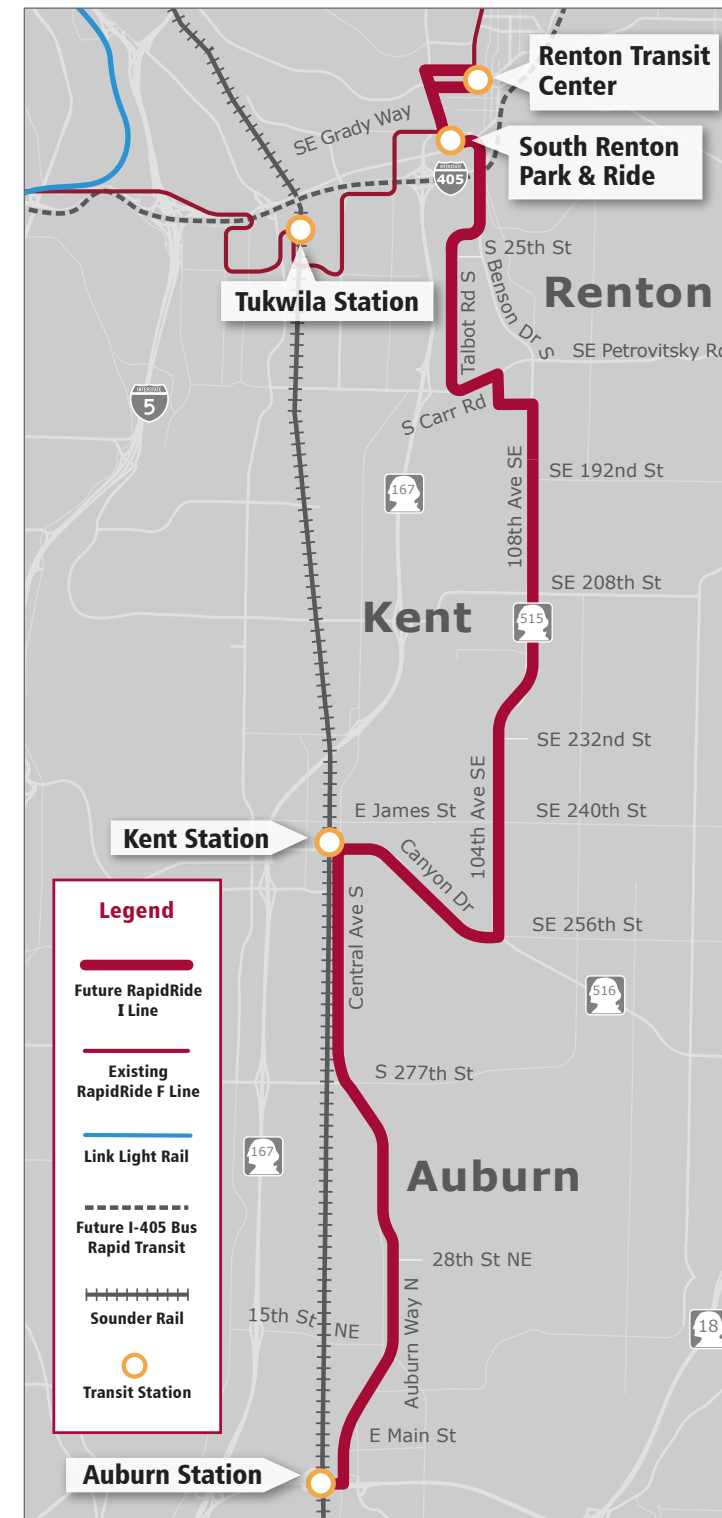
## RapidRide I Line coming to south King County

Want to connect with Metro or get involved?



Visit our project website and sign up for project updates. Sign up to receive regular project updates at [www.kingcounty.gov/rapidride/i](http://www.kingcounty.gov/rapidride/i).

Contact Metro. Call or email RapidRide's Community Engagement team at 206-263-9768 or [rapidride@kingcounty.gov](mailto:rapidride@kingcounty.gov).



### What is RapidRide I Line?

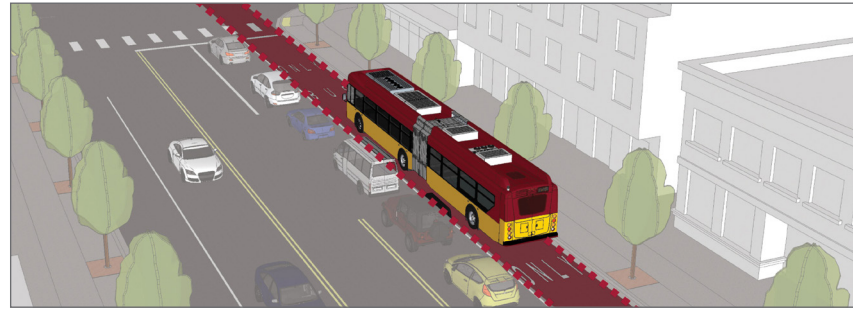
King County Metro will upgrade the current Route 160, which runs between Renton, Kent, and Auburn. RapidRide is one part of a larger, system-wide approach to improve transit access in south King County. The updated route will improve connections to the places people need and want to go, such as work, school, shopping, and critical services like grocery stores and medical centers.

RapidRide I Line will connect riders to the RapidRide F Line, Sound Transit buses, the Sounder train, and local bus service. See the RapidRide I Line map for specific station locations.



## What makes RapidRide different from other buses?

RapidRide service is designed to carry more riders with greater speed, reliability, and frequency than a standard bus. RapidRide brings features like road improvements and dedicated bus lanes to help reduce traffic common on traditional bus routes.



Curbside bus-only lane



## Why upgrade to RapidRide?



**To serve our many riders:** Route 160, previously routes 169 and 180, is one of the busiest Metro routes in south King County, carrying nearly 8,000 riders each weekday. Route 160 continues to be one of Metro's most popular routes throughout the day.



**To improve transit connections:** RapidRide I Line will connect riders to the RapidRide F Line, Sound Transit's buses, the Sounder train and local bus service. RapidRide I Line is one part of a larger, system-wide approach to make transit in south King County more accessible.



**To enhance the customer experience:** RapidRide is designed to be faster, more reliable, and frequent. Buses with three doors means all passengers can get on and off more quickly, including passengers with mobility challenges.

## What benefits can I expect?



**Reliable service:** RapidRide buses will be more frequent and arrive on time more often, with additional service at night and on weekends.



**Bus station upgrades:** Most RapidRide stations will include improved lighting, signs with real-time arrival information, and more seating.



**Better access:** Metro is working with local cities to improve sidewalks, street crossings, and other pathways to bus stations to create a safe and convenient experience.

## How has my community shaped project designs?

People who live, work, and play in south King County shared feedback with Metro throughout RapidRide I Line project development that helped shape Metro's project plans. Community members shared feedback with Metro in several ways during the 60 percent final design phase, including comments on the online open house, through emails, in one-on-one conversations, and on social media.



**Identifying transit needs:** Community members provided input on their transit priorities, including needs for stations close to grocery stores, schools, medical centers, and other community gathering places. This feedback influenced how Metro determined where to place RapidRide stations.



**Making transit easier to access:** South King County community feedback helped Metro refine station designs and local roadway and accessibility improvements.



**Creating comfortable spaces/Bus station design:** As Metro advanced RapidRide I Line designs, community members reviewed RapidRide I Line station features and shared their feedback to help create the best bus stations for all riders.

## Project timeline

- Spring – Summer 2019:** Metro engaged the community and partners to help draft design concepts and inform station locations, service changes, and projects to improve access to the bus.
- Fall 2019 – Fall 2020:** Metro used community feedback to inform and revise preliminary designs. In September 2020, bus routes 169 and 180 combined to create Route 160.
- Winter 2020 - Spring 2021:** Metro conducted field work and collaborated with property owners and businesses along the route. Metro also gathered feedback on final design concepts.
- 2025:** Construction planned to start.
- 2026:** Planned service launch for RapidRide I Line.

Station locations that promote equitable and accessible service to historically underserved communities.



Increased bus service for south King County communities.



Station locations that meet local business, school, and community needs.

Station locations that are safe, convenient, and accessible.



Station features that promote riders' safety and comfort.