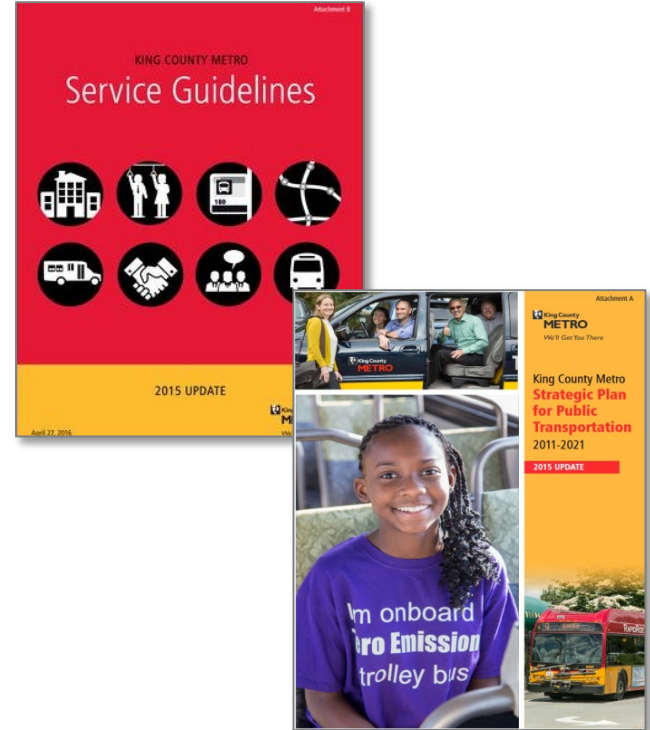


METRO CONNECTS Implementation Update

Regional Transit Committee
February 2020

Introduction

- **Today's update** reflects progress made towards METRO CONNECTS, using existing policy, on three areas: service, RapidRide, capital
- **This year**, Metro will update METRO CONNECTS and its other guiding policies to align with the mobility framework and deliver an integrated, innovative, equitable, and sustainable system.
- **As always**, Metro's ability to deliver service and capital depends on its budget. Metro is currently developing its 2021-22 budget, which the King County Executive will transmit to the King County Council in September.
- **Without new funding**, Metro will continue to deliver modest growth but is not on pace to deliver METRO CONNECTS



Regional Project Schedule

REGIONAL PROJECT SCHEDULE

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People depend on public transit to connect them to opportunities and their communities. As the need for transit continues to rise throughout King County, driven by job and population growth, Metro is committed to creating a mobility network that supports healthy communities, a thriving economy, and a sustainable environment.

Metro developed its long-range vision, Metro Connects, as a road map to meet the increasing demands for safe, affordable, and equitable transit throughout our region. Metro has identified a four-part strategy, shown below, as well as a Regional Project Schedule to outline the major service and capital projects and programs needed to move towards implementation of Metro Connects. The schedule is dynamic, and will continue to be updated as Metro's financial outlook, organizational capacity to deliver, and partnerships evolve.



METRO'S STRATEGY

- 1** **MAKE TRANSIT EASY TO USE, AVAILABLE TO ALL**
 Provide integrated, equitable and accessible mobility service
- 2** **GET THINGS BUILT**
 Accelerate the development of transit infrastructure that is critical to service growth
- 3** **PARTNER WITH OTHERS**
 Amplify the capacity of our system through partnerships
- 4** **ENABLE EMPLOYEES TO DO TOP QUALITY WORK**
 Deliver by building a highly motivated and high-performing workforce

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Spot Improvement Program (network-wide)

Program level activities to maintain existing service reliability and to support future service changes (15-20 improvements per year)

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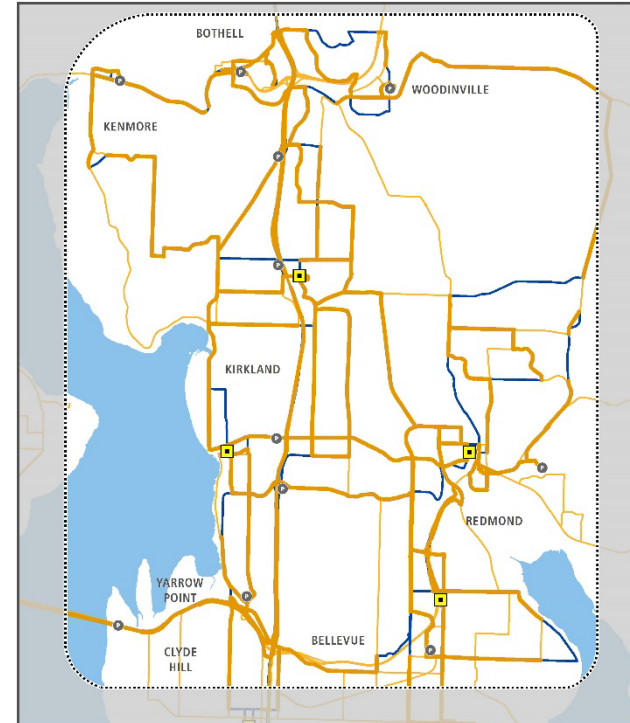


* The Core Service Network is comprised of Metro's all-day, frequent (15 min. or better at peak periods) service network, not including RapidRide service planned to be in operation by 2025. This includes frequent service corridors that are planned for conversion to RapidRide post-2030.

March 2020 Service Changes

• North Eastside Mobility Project

- Integration with Link light rail at UW Station (Route 255)
- Improved connections between Eastside and north shore communities
- More frequent east-west service between Kirkland and Redmond
- New flexible services (Juanita Community Ride, Bothell-Woodinville Community Ride, Community Van)



North Eastside Mobility Plan (NEMP) Routes and the METRO CONNECTS 2025 Network

- NEMP project area routing shared with the METRO CONNECTS 2025 network
- NEMP project area routing not included in the METRO CONNECTS 2025 network
- METRO CONNECTS 2025 routing not included in NEMP project area

- Transit Center
- Permanent Park&Ride
- Project Study Area

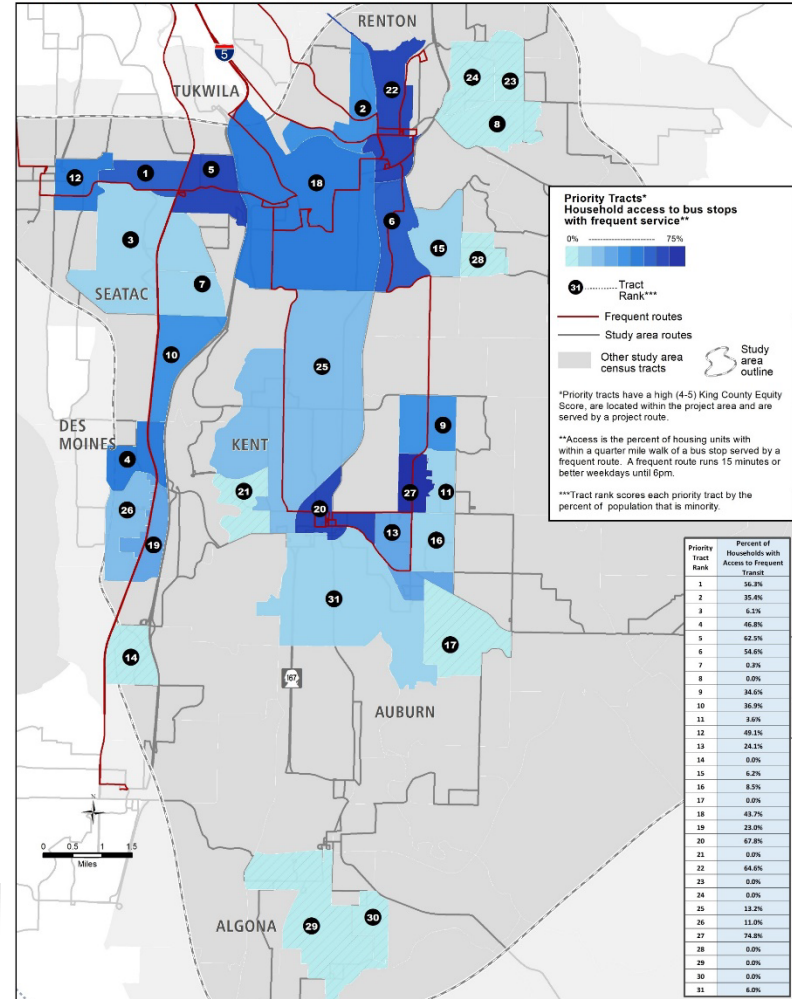


September 2020 Service Changes

• Renton-Kent-Auburn Area Mobility Plan

- Recommended changes moving to King County Council in March for approval
- Emphasis on historically un(der)served communities
- Proposed changes include:
 - Redesign of fixed-route service
 - Set alignment and station locations for **RapidRide I Line**

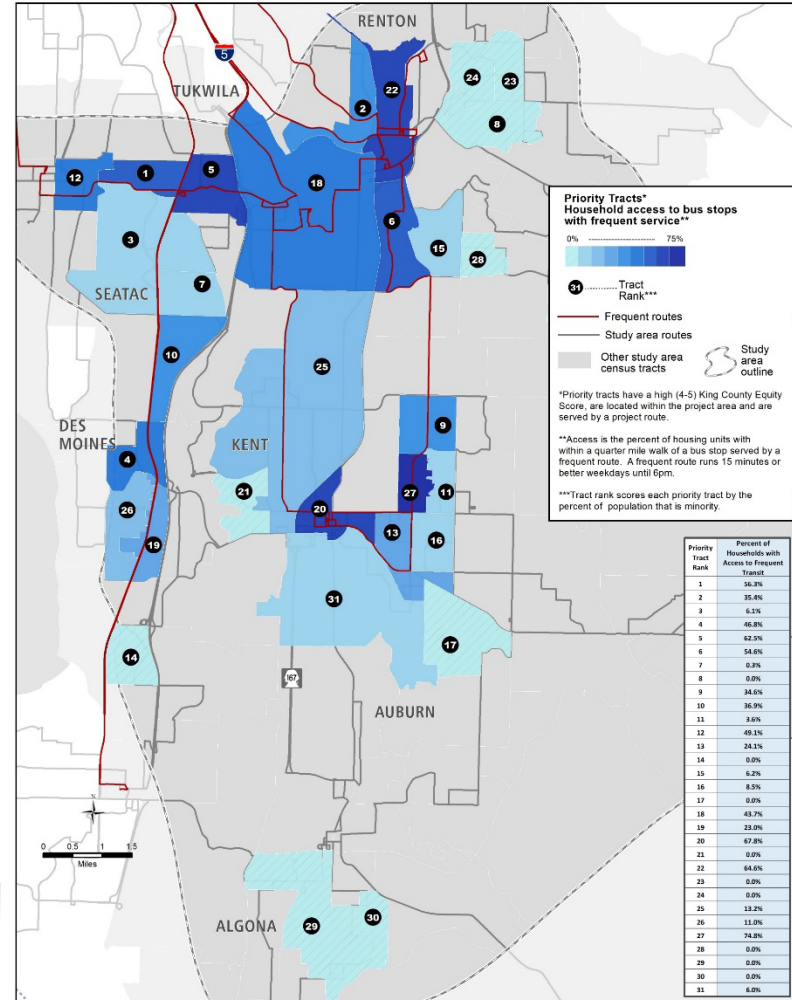
RENTON-KENT-AUBURN AREA MOBILITY PLAN EQUITY IMPACT REVIEW:
Priority Census Tracts: Access to Frequent Transit Service



September 2020 Service Changes

• Renton-Kent-Auburn Area Mobility Plan (cont.) - Investments

- Service: 18,700 service hours to increase frequency, span, and coverage
- Bus Zone Improvements: Facilities and up to 15 new stops, new shelters at 7 existing stops
- “Just One Trip” TDM outreach: to prepare residents for changes and increase awareness and use of ORCA
- Safe Routes to Transit: Partner with jurisdictions to fund and implement access to transit improvements



North Link Connections (2021)

- Link light rail expansion to Northgate with three new stations
- Service change engagement ongoing
- Service area encompasses nearly 25% of all current Metro service
- Coordinated with Sound Transit, Community Transit, Seattle DOT



Eastside Connections (2023-2025)

- Link light rail expansion to Eastside with 10 new stations in 2023; 2 in 2024
- SStride BRT in 2024 and RapidRide K Line in 2025
- Public and stakeholder engagement beginning late 2020
- Coordinated with Sound Transit and local jurisdictions



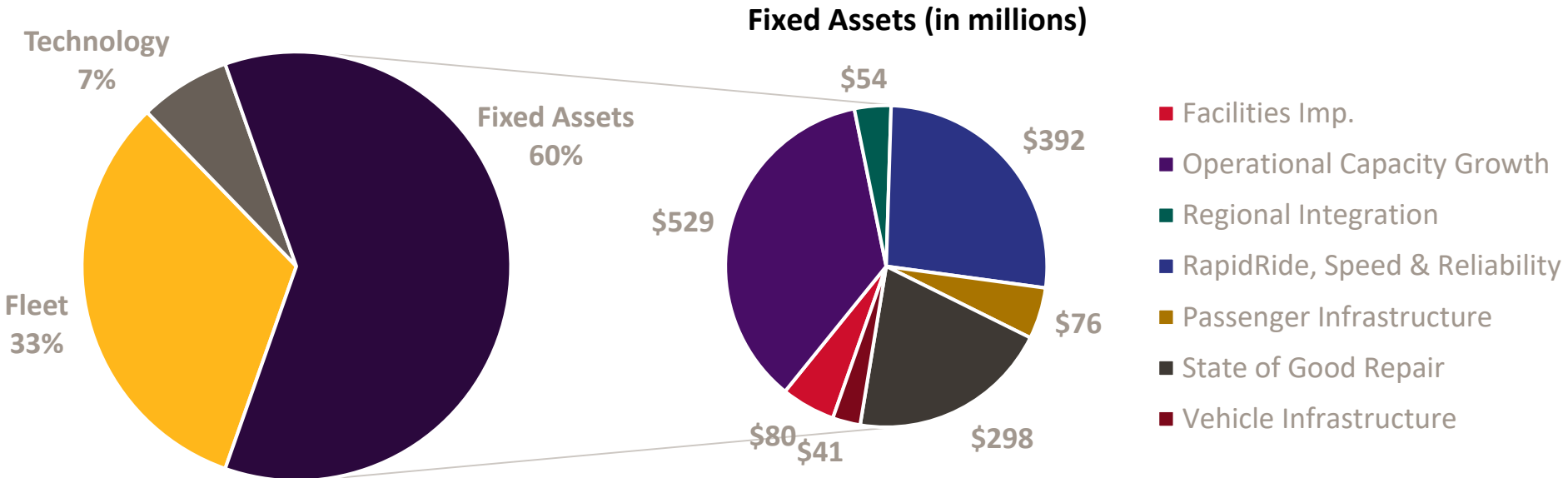
Flexible Services

- Metro is actively working to:
 - Incorporate flexible services into planning for mobility projects
 - Continue to launch and pilot new services and programs
 - Transition successful pilots to permanent services
 - Discontinue pilots that don't meet goals and share learning
 - Develop updated service guidelines to guide future pilots



Six-Year Capital Improvement Program (\$2.4B)

2019-2024



RAPIDRIDE

What is RapidRide?



Better service for more people



Sustainability



Better access



Speed and reliability



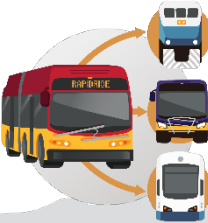
Frequent and reliable service



Easy to board



Bus station upgrades



Connections to transit



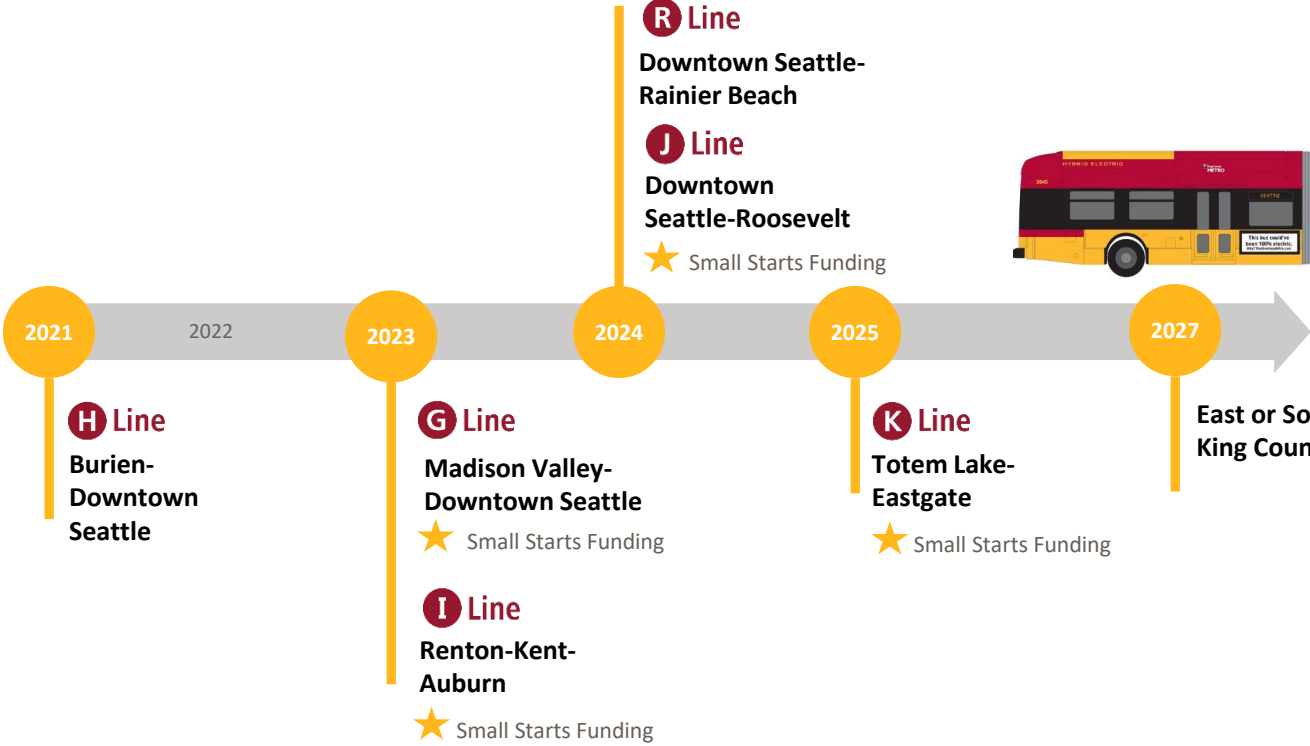
Existing RapidRide Route

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F

RapidRide route to begin service by 2025

- G
- H
- I
- J
- K
- R

RapidRide Expansion Timeline



Working Together as Partners

Coordinate with cities and agency partners



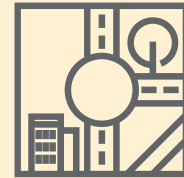
Engage with local communities



Support transit connections and access improvements



Design and build capital facilities, dedicated right-of-way



C/D Line Investments

- ST3 included \$65m for Early Implementation Program: C, D and G Line capital investment
- Coordinating with Sound Transit and SDOT on C/D Line investment:
 - Develop funding and implementation agreements
 - Identify and prioritize projects
 - Complete public engagement, design and environmental review
 - Implement
- ST3 called for project completion by 2024



Core Service Network

4 corridors nearing completion

- Seattle Center - Capitol Hill (Route 8)
- Kent – Southcenter – Downtown (Route 150)
- Kirkland – Redmond – Bellevue (Route 245)
- Columbia St Two-Way Operation (12 routes)

6 corridors in planning & development

- Route 36
- Harrison Street
- Transit Plus Multi-modal Corridors (Route 40, 44, 48)
- S King County Corridor (need to name this!)

Spot Improvements



2019 Spot Improvements

- 16 projects (WSDOT, BNSF, Seattle, Kirkland, Bellevue, Federal Way, ST)
- 162,700 weekday riders
- 128 bus routes (Metro, Sound Transit, Community Transit and Pierce Transit)
- \$607,000 avoided operating cost
- Improved operational safety- 4 locations



Example Spot Improvement- Kirkland queue jumps (Video)



Questions?