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RapidRide Policy, Program, K Line, & R Line Presentations to Regional Transit Committee

October 18, 2023

Agenda

- **Policy Alignment**
- **Program Overview**
- **K Line Overview**
- **R Line Overview**



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Policy Alignment

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- **Strategic Plan:** RapidRide expansion supports the goal to provide fast, reliable, and integrated mobility services.
- **Metro Connects:** K Line and R Line are prioritized to be in operation by the time of the Interim Network.
- **2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan:** RapidRide expansion supports commitment to reduce vehicle miles traveled for car trips and increase transit ridership by providing sustained and increased transit frequency.

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Program Overview

What is RapidRide?



Better service for more people



Sustainability



Better access



Speed and reliability



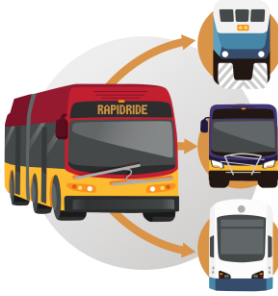
Frequent and reliable service



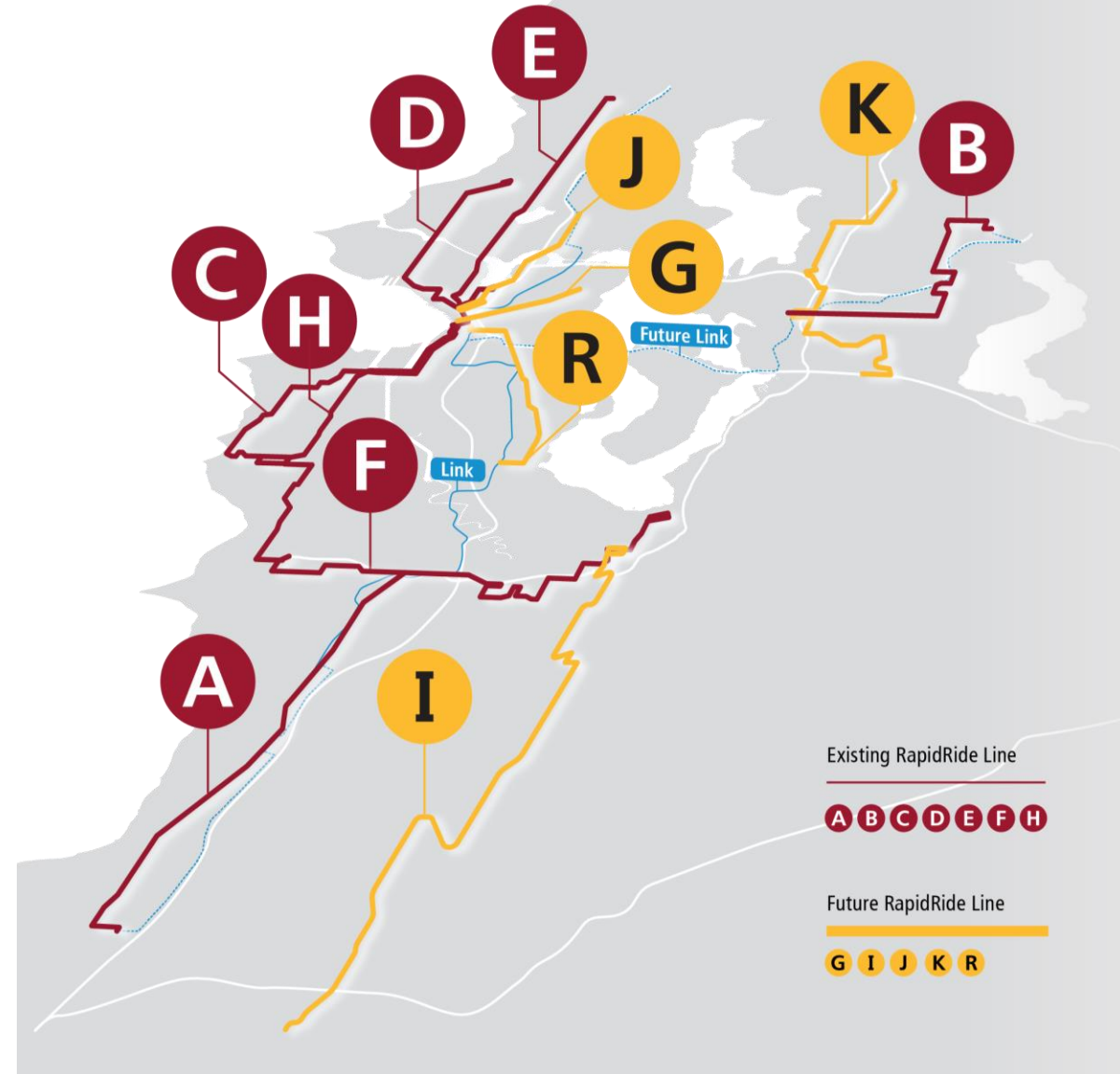
Easy to board



Bus station upgrades



Connections to transit



Working Together as Jurisdictional 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**



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K Line Overview

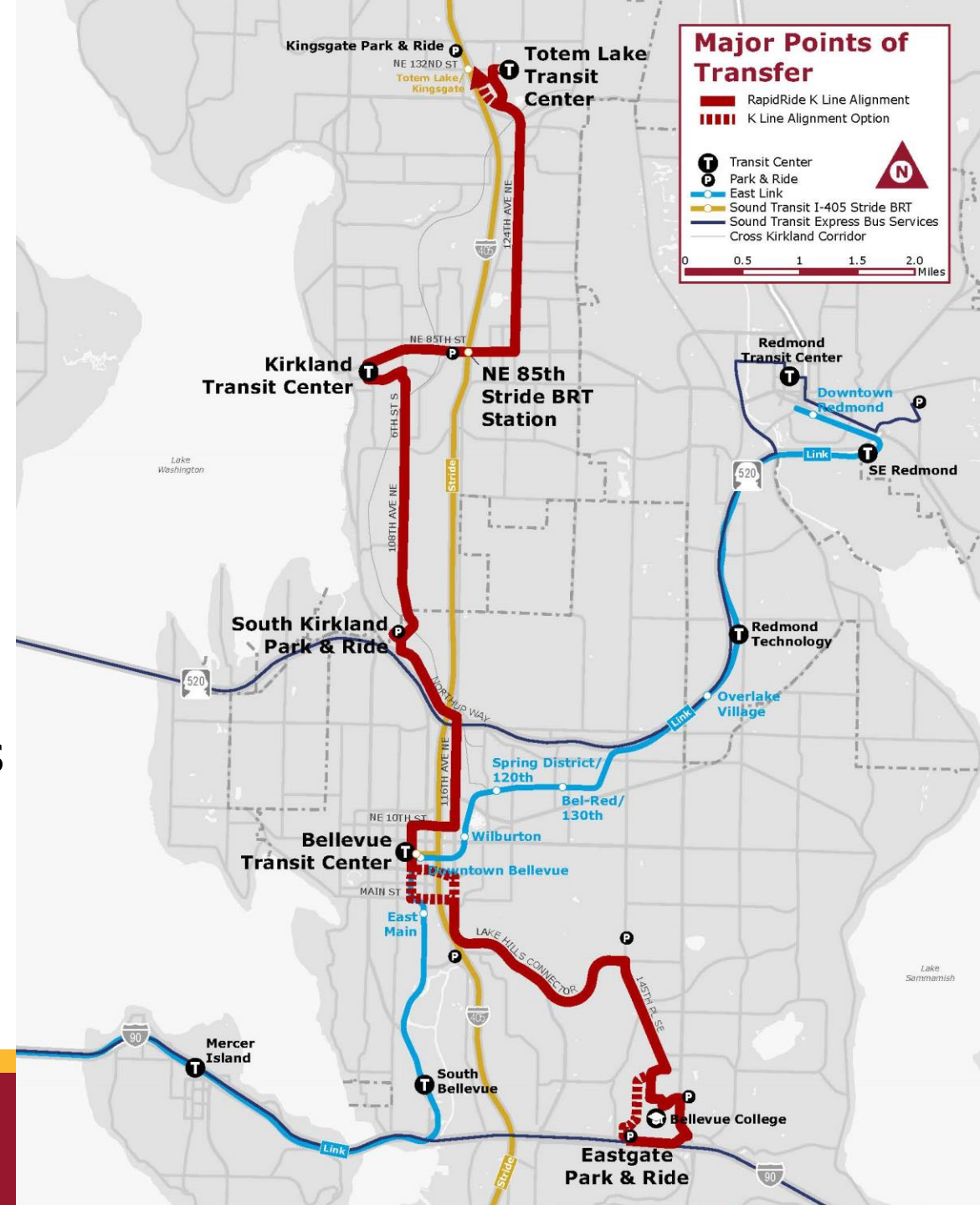
K Line

2019/20 Planning & Pause

- Planning work did not achieve 10% design milestone
- Budget eliminated in 21/22 Biennium

2021/22 Work – K Line Roadmap

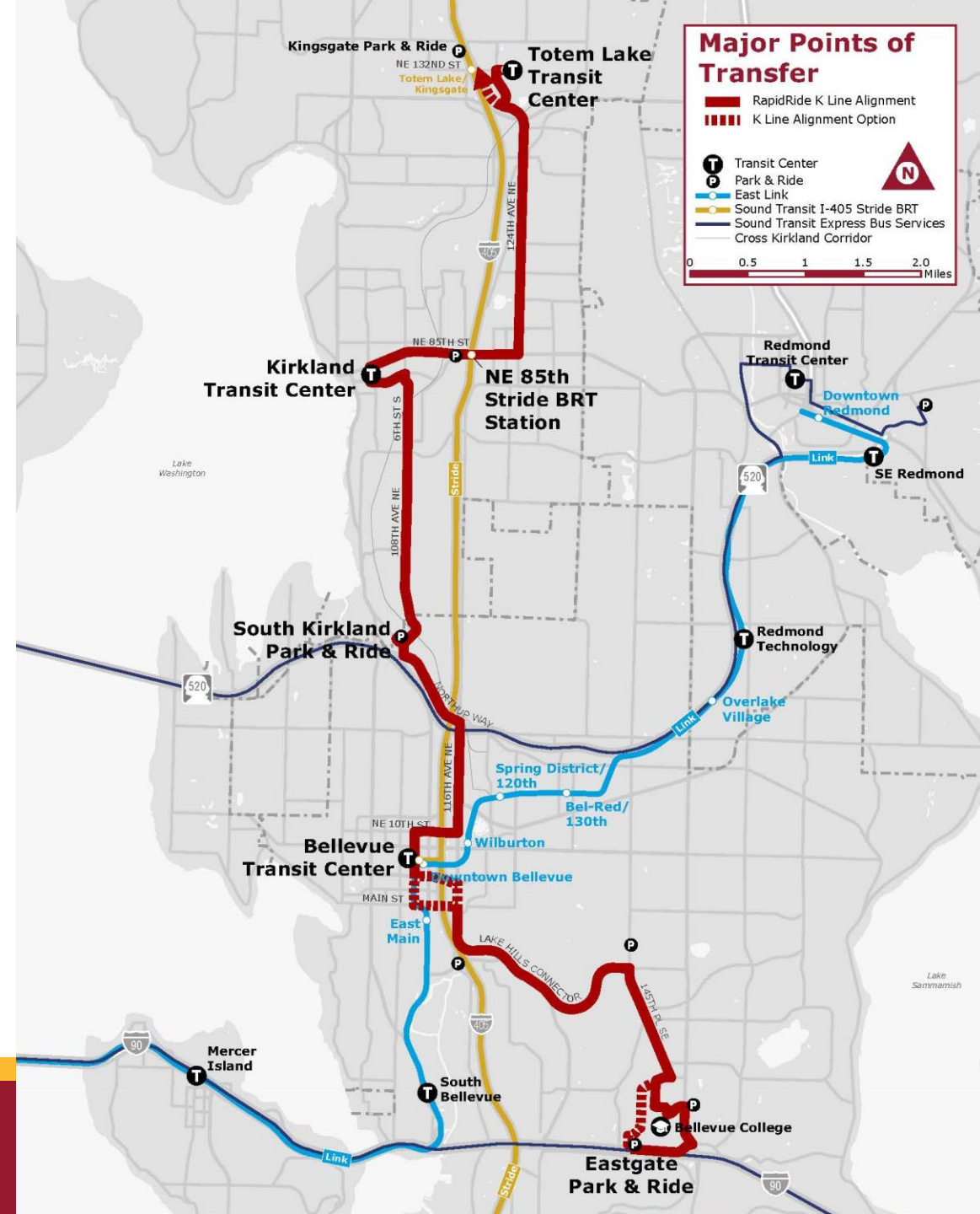
- Documented work prior to pause
- Identified priorities for future success without advancing design
- Funded through Council proviso
- Included jurisdictional coordination



K Line

2023/24 Budget Process

- Worked with KC Executive, Council & city partners to re-establish K Line in the 23/24 budget
- Included in 10-year financial plan at \$120M-year
 - Delivery as early as 2030



K Line

2023/24 Project Activities

- Advance to 10% design - Technical analysis underway
- Re-engage community
- Working in partnership with Kirkland & Bellevue:
 - Metro & City Leadership engaged
 - Advance design & feasibility of candidate improvements
 - Develop constrained scope & budget
 - Establish funding sources including potential granting partnerships
 - Establish delivery schedule & methodology
- Alignment ordinance/Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)



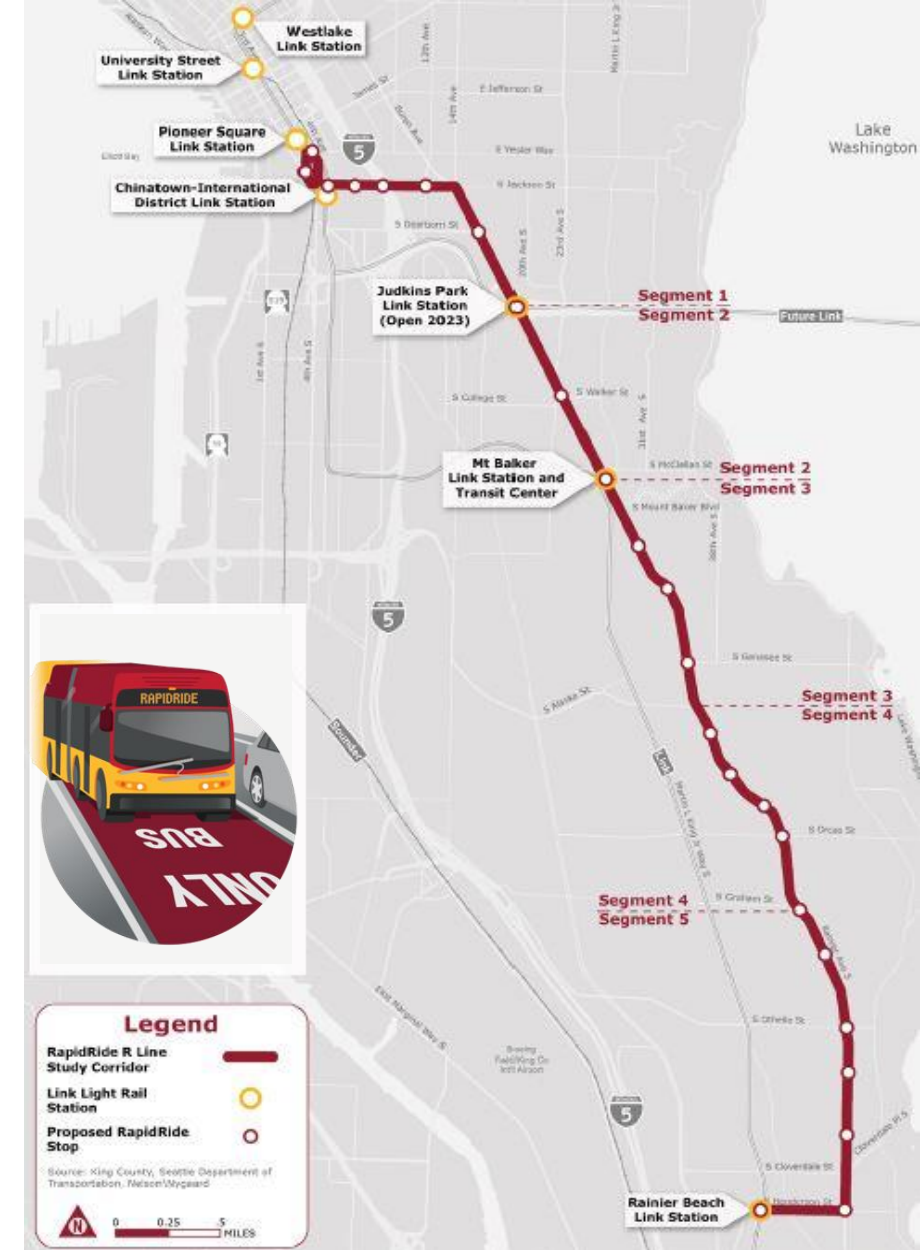
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R Line Overview

R Line

2019/20 Work

- 10% Design completed, including upgrades to speed & reliability, access to transit, passenger facilities, and communications / technology
- Community engagement completed, except for one final meeting in Chinatown/International District (which became a virtual meeting)
- Budget eliminated in 2021/2022 Biennium



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2021/22 Documentation

- Changed conditions in the project area documented, including:
 - SDOT Vision Zero & Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor upgrades
 - Metro zone enhancements and spot improvements
 - Private development projects
 - Changes in community conditions and rider needs
- Jurisdictional coordination for R Line placed on hold

R Line

2023/24 Budget Process

- Re-established R Line in the 23/24 budget
- Included in 6-year CIP at \$129m
- Delivery as early as 2028

R Line

2023 Project Activities

- Begin update of the 2020 10% Design (including scope, schedule, cost)
- Work in partnership with City of Seattle / SDOT
 - Develop Metro/SDOT project charter
 - Recognize that Rainier is high-priority corridor for SDOT
 - Define partnership roles for final design and delivery
- Re-engage the community
- Develop funding strategy
 - Explore deadlines for possible Small Starts / federal grant applications

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2024 Project Activities

- Complete 10% Design Update
- Finalize partnership roles with City of Seattle / SDOT for final design and delivery
- Finalize funding strategy (incl. initiation of early steps for potential federal grants)
- Begin Final Design phase of work
 - Complete scope for final design
 - Procure design consultant for final design and construction phases of work
- Take Alignment Ordinance / Locally Preferred Alternative to County Council for adoption
- Develop Memoranda of Agreement and Interlocal Agreements with City of Seattle

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Questions?