



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

Ordinance 19951

Proposed No. 2025-0147.3

Sponsors Quinn and Balducci

1 AN ORDINANCE establishing the Locally Preferred
2 Alternative including the alignment and station locations of
3 the RapidRide K Line.

4 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

- 5 1. Via Ordinance 18449, enacted February 1, 2017, the King County
6 council adopted the Metro Connects long-range transit service and capital
7 plan, which identified an expanded network of bus rapid transit lines, also
8 known as RapidRide lines, for future implementation, including the
9 RapidRide K Line connecting Kirkland and Bellevue.
- 10 2. Via Motion 14956, passed September 18, 2017, the council approved a
11 report on the implementation of new RapidRide lines as required by
12 Ordinance 18409, Section 132, Proviso P5, titled Implementation of New
13 RapidRide Lines/Metro Connects RapidRide Expansion, which identified
14 the K Line as one of the next-generation RapidRide lines to be
15 implemented.
- 16 3. Via Ordinance 18835, enacted November 14, 2018, the council
17 adopted, and the executive signed the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget
18 Ordinance, which included capital project 1134292 to implement the
19 RapidRide K Line.

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20 4. Via Ordinance 19210, enacted November 30, 2020, the council
 21 adopted, and the executive signed the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget
 22 Ordinance, which removed project 1134292 from the capital improvement
 23 program and paused all planning and development efforts for the
 24 RapidRide K Line due to the impacts of the pandemic on the Metro transit
 25 department.

26 5. Via Ordinance 19367, enacted December 15, 2021, the council adopted
 27 an update to the Metro Connects long-range transit service and capital
 28 plan, which stated that the K Line had been prioritized for investment as
 29 one of the next RapidRide lines to be implemented and identified the K
 30 Line in the Metro Connects interim network maps as beginning operations
 31 in the 2030s.

32 6. Via Motion 16153, passed July 5, 2022, the council approved a report
 33 on efforts to restart planning for the RapidRide lines that had been paused
 34 in response to the pandemic as required by Ordinance 19210, Section 113,
 35 Proviso P1, as amended by Ordinance 19364, Section 86, Proviso P1,
 36 titled RapidRide Restart Report, which stated that the Metro transit
 37 department had resumed some planning efforts for the K Line during
 38 2021, including alternatives analysis and design.

39 7. Via Ordinance 19546, enacted November 29, 2022, the council
 40 adopted, and the executive signed the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget
 41 Ordinance, which restored capital project 1134292 to the capital
 42 improvement program to implement the RapidRide K Line.

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43 8. Via Motion 16659, passed September 3, 2024, the council approved the
 44 RapidRide prioritization plan, as required by Ordinance 19367, Section
 45 6.B, and Ordinance 19546, Section 114, Proviso P4, which stated that the
 46 RapidRide K Line had been included in the Metro transit department's
 47 capital improvement program, with delivery planned for as early as 2030,
 48 and which outlined a potential timeline for community engagement,
 49 design, planning, environmental review, grant applications, and
 50 construction for the K Line.

51 9. Via Ordinance 19861, enacted December 2, 2024, the council adopted,
 52 and the executive signed the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, which
 53 included additional appropriation for capital project 1134292 to implement
 54 the RapidRide K Line.

55 10. As documented in the RapidRide K Line Community Engagement
 56 Summary Reports, the Metro transit department conducted community
 57 engagement concerning the proposed alignment and station locations for
 58 the RapidRide K Line in the communities in which it will operate,
 59 including Kirkland and Bellevue. As part of the community engagement,
 60 the Metro transit department consulted the cities of Kirkland and Bellevue
 61 to accommodate city priorities regarding station locations and proposed
 62 right-of-way improvements, street and facility design, and proposed transit
 63 priority treatments, consistent with bus rapid transit concepts.

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64 11. The RapidRide K Line will apply to receive grant funding from the
65 Federal Transit Administration's Small Starts grant program, with the goal
66 of entering into a Small Starts grant agreement.

67 12. The Federal Transit Administration requires that Small Starts grant-
68 funded projects operate transit service at the level specified in the grant
69 agreement for a period of five years. The period of performance for such
70 service level commitments is at the discretion of the Federal Transit
71 Administration and is a prescribed condition of receiving federal financial
72 assistance.

73 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

74 SECTION 1. The RapidRide K Line Locally Preferred Alternative that
75 establishes the alignment and general station locations, substantially as set forth in
76 Attachment B to this ordinance, is hereby approved to allow design and construction of
77 RapidRide infrastructure and facilities design and construction to proceed. As design of
78 the RapidRide K Line proceeds, the executive is asked to include strategies, such as
79 roadway improvements, access enhancements, signage, and wayfinding, to facilitate safe
80 and functional connections for people who walk, bicycle, or roll between RapidRide
81 stations and the Eastrail, including the Cross Kirkland Corridor.

82 SECTION 2. Before implementation of RapidRide K Line service, the executive
83 shall notify King County council and the cities of Kirkland and Bellevue of any
84 substantial changes to station locations. The notice to the King County council shall be
85 filed in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council,
86 who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy with the clerk of the council,

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87 who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers.

88 Following the implementation of RapidRide K Line service, the Metro transit department
89 shall consult with the cities of Kirkland and Bellevue before making any changes to the
90 routing or station locations.

91 SECTION 3. Before the start of RapidRide K Line service, the executive shall
92 transmit to the council a service change ordinance in accordance with K.C.C 28.94.020
93 that identifies hours of operation and service levels by period of the day.

94 SECTION 4. For the purpose of securing federal financial assistance for the
95 development and implementation of RapidRide K Line capital projects as documented in
96 the six-year capital improvement program, the executive or designee is authorized to
97 enter into a RapidRide K Line project agreement that includes defined service level
98 commitments as a prescribed condition of receiving federal funds, but only if the
99 following conditions are met:

100 A. The contractual service commitment does not exceed the period of
101 performance specified in the federal grant agreement; and

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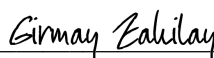
102 B. The contractual service commitment does not exceed five years from the
103 opening of revenue service.

Ordinance 19951 was introduced on 5/27/2025 and passed as amended by the
Metropolitan King County Council on 7/1/2025, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Quinn,
von Reichbauer and Zahilay
Excused: 1 - Perry

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of 7/14/2025, ____.

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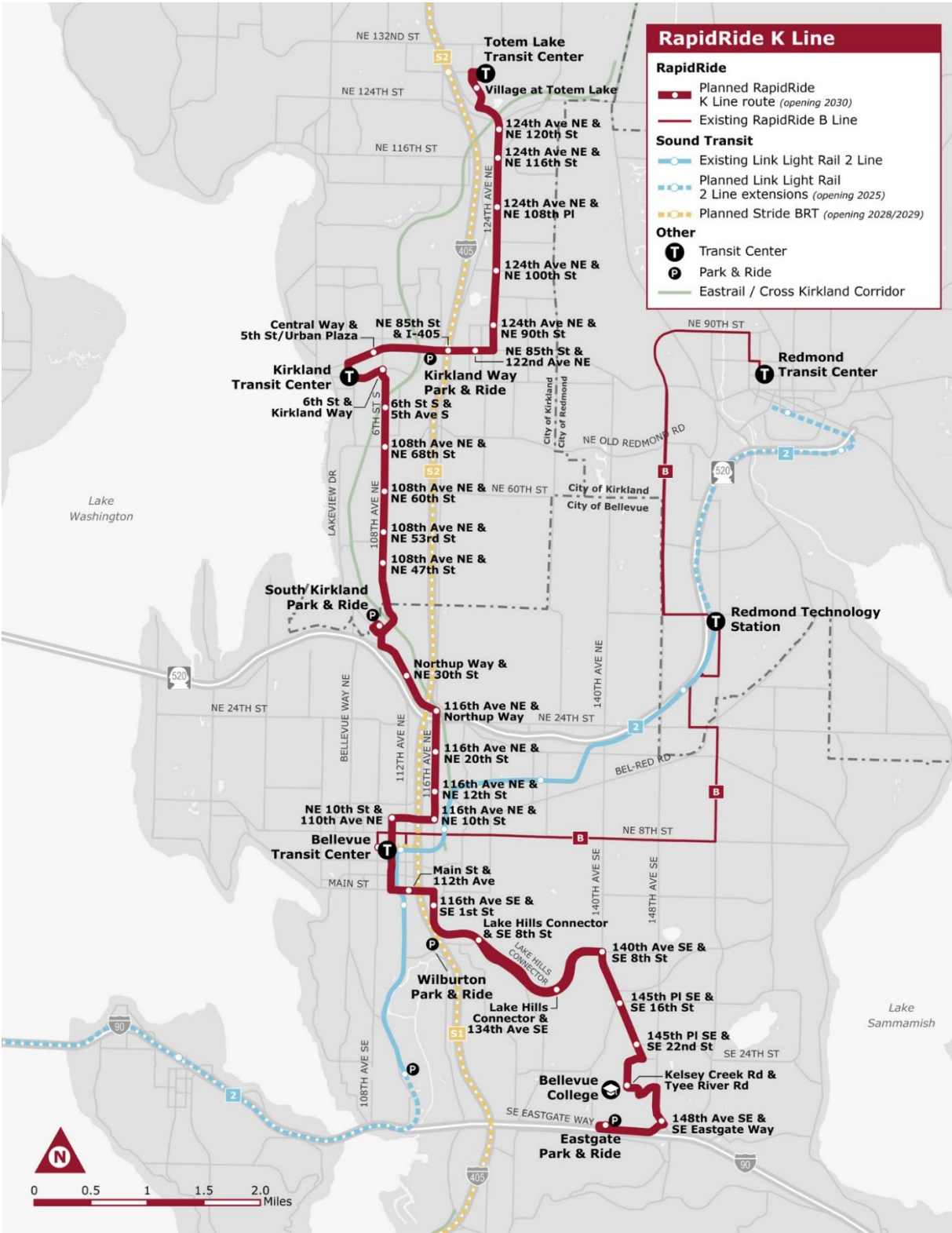
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Shannon Braddock, County Executive

Attachments: B. K Line Station Locations Exhibit, Updated July 1, 2025

Attachment B: K Line Station Locations Exhibit

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List of RapidRide K Line Station Locations

Station pairs at each location (one northbound and one southbound), unless otherwise noted

1. Totem Lake Transit Center – *one station platform to serve NB/SB*
2. Village at Totem Lake
3. 124th Ave NE & NE 120th St
4. 124th Ave NE & NE 116th St
5. 124th Ave NE & NE 108th Pl
6. 124th Ave NE & NE 100th St
7. 124th Ave NE & NE 90th St
8. NE 85th St & 122nd Ave NE
9. NE 85th St & I-405
10. Central Way & 5th St/Urban Plaza
11. Kirkland Transit Center
12. 6th St & Kirkland Way
13. 6th St S & 5th Ave S
14. 108th Ave NE & NE 68th St
15. 108th Ave NE & NE 60th St
16. 108th Ave NE & NE 53rd St
17. 108th Ave NE & NE 47th St
18. South Kirkland Park & Ride - *one station platform to serve NB/SB*
19. Northup Way & NE 30th St
20. 116th Ave NE & Northup Way
21. 116th Ave NE & NE 20th St
22. 116th Ave NE & NE 12th St
23. 116th Ave NE & NE 10th St
24. NE 10th St & 110th Ave NE
25. Bellevue Transit Center
26. Main St & 112th Ave NE
27. 116th Ave SE & SE 1st St
28. Lake Hills Connector & SE 8th St
29. Lake Hills Connector & 134th Ave SE
30. 140th Ave SE & SE 8th St
31. 145th Pl SE & SE 16th St
32. 145th Pl SE & SE 22nd St
33. Kelsey Creek Rd & Tyee River Road
34. 148th Ave SE & SE Eastgate Way
35. Eastgate Park & Ride – *one station platform to serve NB/SB*

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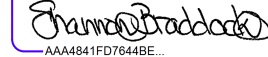
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