

METRO CONNECTS

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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Updated Regional Project Schedule

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Demand for transit is rising throughout King County, driven by job and population growth, as well as by the increasing number of people who choose transit, including those living in poverty or near-poverty. Metro developed its long range vision, METRO CONNECTS, to meet these increasing demands. Metro has also identified a four-part strategy, shown below, that will guide the agency towards implementation of METRO CONNECTS in the near-term. This strategy has defined targets identifying the achievements we should aim for in order to make progress towards the METRO CONNECTS vision.

To provide a roadmap for implementing the near-term 2025 METRO CONNECTS vision, Metro has established a Regional Project Schedule to outline the major service and capital projects and programs needed to move towards that vision and meet these ambitious targets. This 2019 update of the schedule documents the major steps that Metro is taking to implement the vision in the 2019–2024 time period using current revenue sources. The update reflects Metro's adopted 2019–2020 budget. The schedule is dynamic, and will continue to be updated as Metro's financial outlook, organizational capacity to deliver, and partnership potential becomes clearer.

Metro's 4-part strategy and targets (near term by close of 2019; four years by close of 2022)

1 MAKE TRANSIT EASY TO USE, AVAILABLE TO ALL

Provide integrated, equitable and accessible mobility service

TARGETS:

- ▶ Near term: 135 million Metro rides
- ▶ Four years: 235 million rides in King County across all Metro-operated or partnered services

2 GET THINGS BUILT

Accelerate the development of transit infrastructure that is critical to service growth

TARGETS:

- ▶ Near term: Cut in half the capital planning and delivery process; deliver projects at twice the rate we do today
- ▶ Four years: Eighth base built

3 PARTNER WITH OTHERS

Amplify the capacity of our system through partnerships

TARGETS:

- ▶ Establish a clear definition of "partnership" and a template for use throughout Metro, and launch five private/public mobility partnerships
- ▶ Four years: Using METRO CONNECTS Development Program, deliver 20 transit corridors—RapidRide, express and frequent

4 ENABLE EMPLOYEES TO DO TOP QUALITY WORK

Deliver by building a highly motivated and high-performing workforce.

TARGETS:

- ▶ Near term: Increase employee well-being and performance by starting one wellness center in 2019; have wellness centers in all bases in five years
- ▶ Four years: Partner with local colleges and training centers to develop five internship programs

Guiding Service Principles Principles used to guide the sequencing of major mobility projects

- 1 Work within Metro's organizational capacity and manage constraints.
- 2 Manage system performance.
- 3 Integrate service with Sound Transit projects.
- 4 Deliver the METRO CONNECTS 2025 Service Network by supporting partnerships and partner priorities.
- 5 Deliver the remaining METRO CONNECTS 2025 service network by investing in service that supports productivity, social equity and geographic value throughout King County. Implement the remaining parts of the METRO CONNECTS 2025 network, prioritizing RapidRide expansion and associated ridership growth.

Major Updates to 2019 Regional Project Schedule

- ▶ Updated RapidRide and Mobility Project implementation schedule
- ▶ New detail on capital improvements for the Core Service Network
- ▶ Additional detail on the capital programs and implementation timing

9 RapidRide lines, and Sound Transit Link and BRT services 20 biennial budget.

2023–2024

- **Bellevue – Overlake** to integrate with East Link station openings
- **Federal Way** to integrate with Federal Way Link Extension station openings
- **Lynnwood** to integrate with Lynnwood Link Extension station openings
- **Redmond** to integrate with Downtown and SE Redmond Link
- **(Renton - Kent - Auburn)** to implement the I Line and associated network changes
- **Inter** to implement RapidRide Rainier line and associated
- **Issaquah** to implement the RapidRide Roosevelt line, C and D Line
- **North** to integrate with launch of Sound Transit SR 522 Stride
- **North** to integrate with launch of Sound Transit SR 522 Stride service and station openings
- **North** to integrate with launch of Sound Transit I-405 Stride Service and station openings, including South Renton

2023–2024

Completion (2023)

Completion (2023/2024)

1/9/19



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This includes frequent service corridors that are planned for conversion to RapidRide post-2030.



19-20 Service Actions & Investments

- **Overcrowding & Reliability**
 - Continued ridership growth in peak periods
 - Major construction impacts (SR 99, SR 520)
 - Relocation of buses from Downtown Transit Tunnel
 - Geographic value-focused investment
- **Revenue-backed Investment**
 - City of Seattle Community Mobility Contract
 - Amazon
- **Major Mobility Projects**

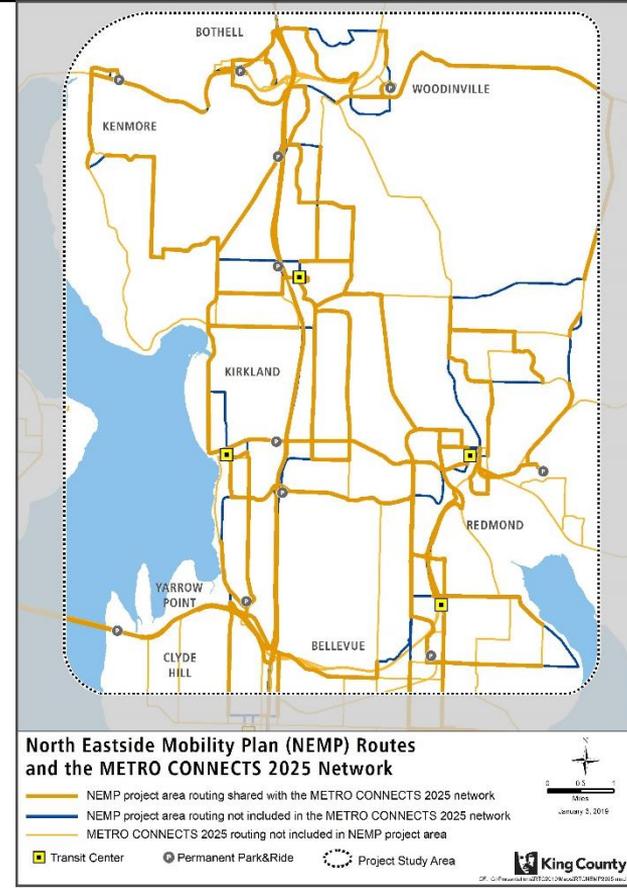
19-20 Mobility Projects

- **North Eastside**

(Fall 2019)

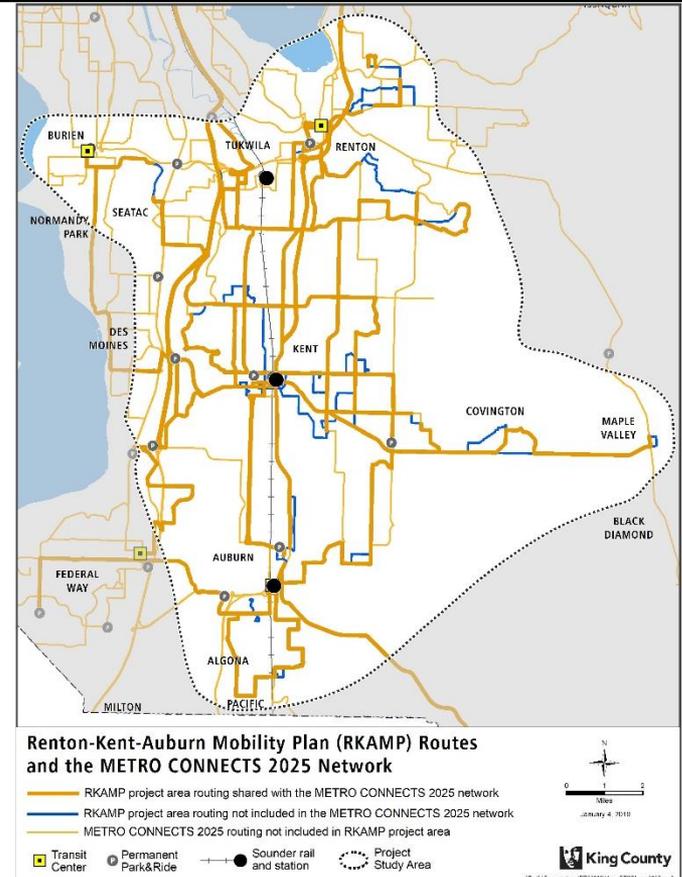
Planning and engagement focused on:

- Integration with Link light rail at UW Station
- New flexible mobility services (community van, community ride)
- Improved connections between Eastside and north shore communities



19-20 Mobility Projects

- **Renton-Kent-Auburn**
(Fall 2020)
 - Identify mobility needs with emphasis on historically disadvantaged communities
 - Redesign fixed-route service and new flexible services to meet community needs
 - Establish RapidRide I Line alignment



Connection between RPS & METRO CONNECTS

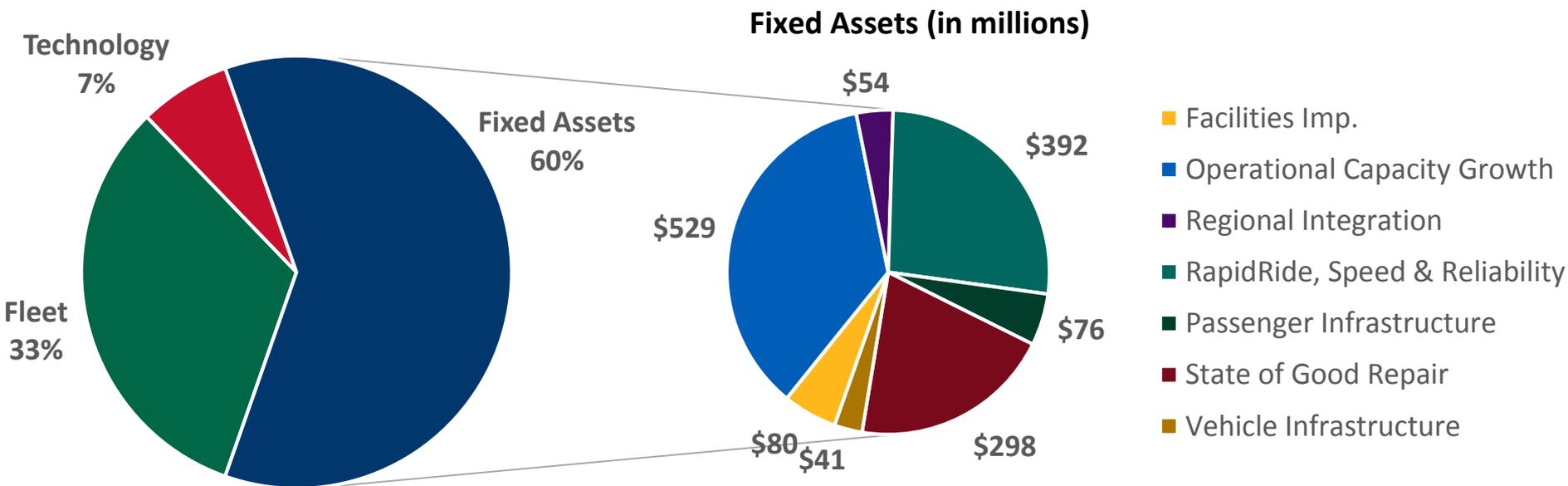
METRO CONNECTS Service Network:

- RPS outlines major mobility projects that will implement changes to move towards the long-range vision
 - Additional resources needed in each to achieve METRO CONNECTS network

METRO CONNECTS Capital Elements:

- RPS identifies investments in speed & reliability, operational capacity, hubs, and RapidRide

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



19-20 Investments – Core Service Network

Speed & Reliability Improvements

- Routes 8, 150, 245
- Future restructured routes - Covington, Kent, SeaTac, Bellevue, Kirkland, Kenmore
- RapidRide routes - post 2027 implementation in Federal Way, Auburn, Des Moines, Bellevue, Renton, Kent



19-20 Capital Investments (*cont.*)

- **RapidRide:** 7 lines by 2027
 - Auburn, Bellevue, Burien, Kent, Kirkland, Renton, Seattle
- **Partnerships:** Leverage cities' support to improve passenger experience and access to transit
- **Operational Capacity Growth**
 - South Campus expansion (interim & new base)
 - Siting future new base in South King County
 - Facilities and expansion at Central Campus
- **Battery electric buses and charging infrastructure**



Transit Access to Opportunity Pilot

Metro will soon launch Transit Access to Opportunity demonstration program

- 1-3 projects that leverage existing County and City investments to improve transit access for ESJ communities most in need
- Pilot focus areas being considered:
 - Safety
 - TOD (transit-oriented development)
 - Corridors
- Funding within existing resources (<\$1M/19-20 biennium)
- Project performance will inform future funding requests



2019-20 Policy & Planning Work

Motions 15252, 15253 (adopted w/2019-20 budget) will be top priority

15252 METRO CONNECTS (MC) Planning

Requirements: regional planning effort on MC implementation, including:

- Updated information to adjust for population growth, congestion, inflation and construction costs, innovations, etc
- Strategy to convene regional leaders to develop a regional funding plan
- **Status report due 5/31/19**

15253 – Regional Mobility Framework

Requirements: framework for equitable implementation of mobility, including:

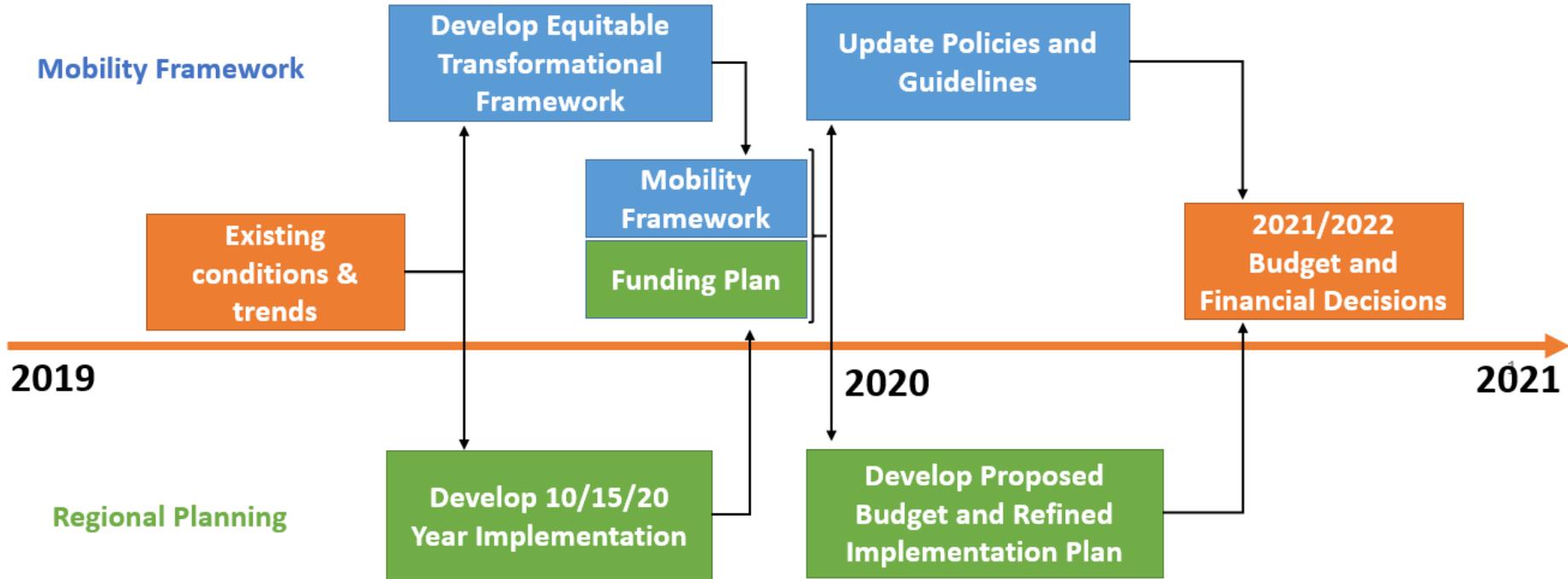
- Guiding principles
- Coordination with MC planning
- Review of technologies, best practices, policies, workforce trends
- Potential policy updates
- **Scope due 4/18/19**

Motions 15252, 15253 will inform policy changes

- **Mobility framework and regional planning effort will lead to single package of policy updates in time for 2021-22 budget**
- Will provide clarity on service network and partnerships



Interaction between policy & planning efforts



Objectives & Timing		2019				2020			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Regional Planning	Update MC information, develop strategy to engage local leaders		5/31 ★						
	Engage local leaders								
	Regional funding plan adoption								
Mobility Framework	Mobility framework scoping and transmittal		4/18 ★						
	Framework Development								
	Framework - RTC and KCC review								
Budget & Policy Updates	21/22 Budget Development								
	Develop updated/new policy documents								
	21/22 Budget Transmittal & Adoption								

★ Indicates required update or report transmittal

2019-20 Opportunities for RTC Engagement

Q2 2019

June - briefing on framework scope, planning effort

Q4 2019

Discussion & Review – framework, funding plan

As required by Motion 15252, Metro will convene regional leaders separately to discuss METRO CONNECTS planning effort

Q3 2019

Discussion - framework content *(ie. guiding principles, future policy direction)*

2020

Discussion - updates to policies & guidelines



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