



**Roosevelt Line**



# RapidRide J Line (previously RapidRide Roosevelt)

## Route Update Public Meeting





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# 1 Welcome and introductions

## RapidRide J Line partners



**Seattle**  
Department of  
Transportation



**King County**  
**METRO**



**Seattle**  
Neighborhoods



**Seattle** Office of  
Economic Development



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## 2 Project overview

# Why RapidRide J Line?



Provide transit service to support housing and employment growth



Improve transit travel time and reliability throughout the corridor



Reduce overcrowding of existing bus capacity



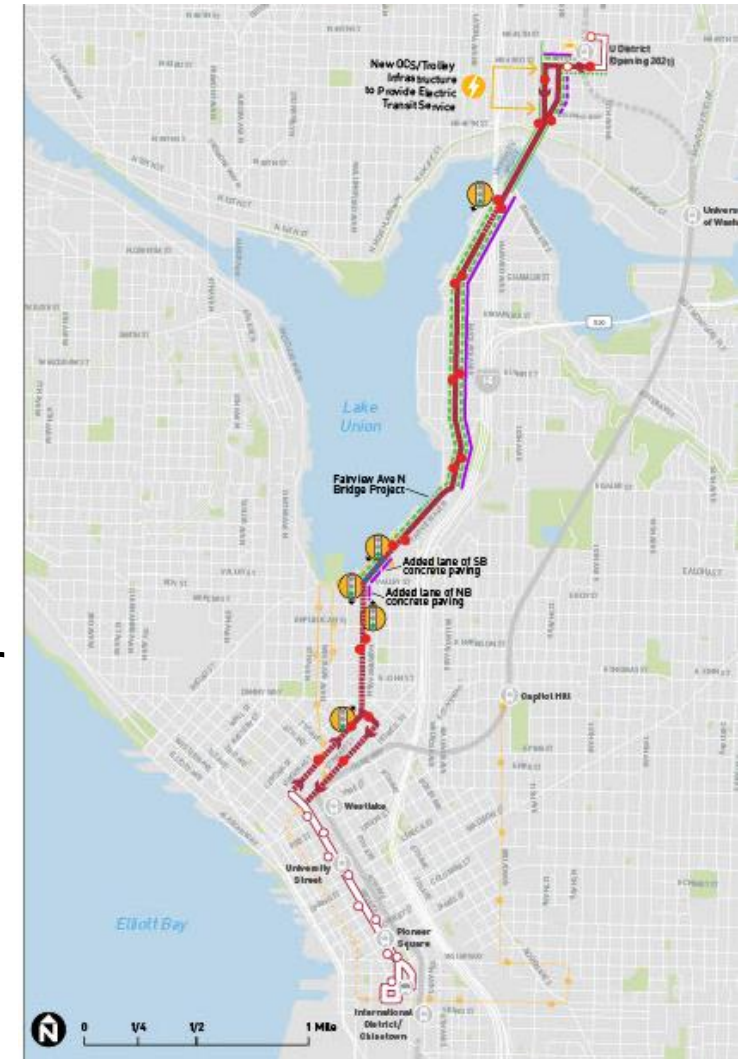
Provide neighborhood connections to future Link light rail stations, RapidRide Lines, and the Seattle Streetcar



Reduce greenhouse gas emissions



Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and connections to transit with protected bike lanes



# King County Metro RapidRide key features

## Convenient and easy to use

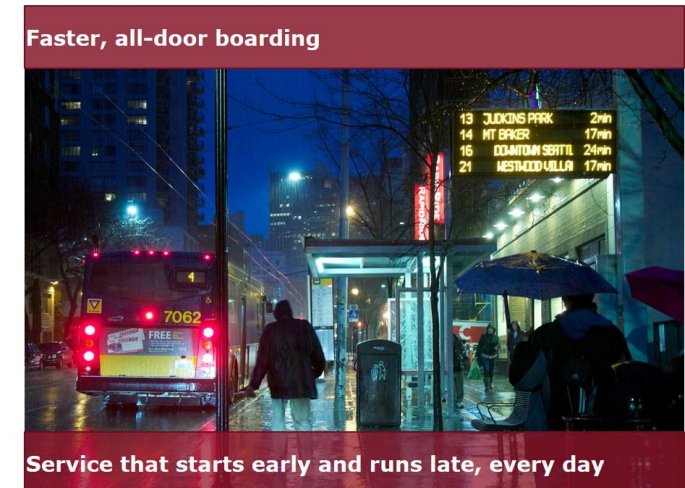
- Service that starts early and runs late, every day
- Buses come at least every 10 minutes during busiest hours
- All-door boarding
- Riders with mobility aids can secure themselves easily

## Safe and smart

- Stations have real-time arrival signs
- Transit signal priority synchronizes traffic lights with buses
- Shelters are well lit, and all buses have security cameras

## Move more, stop less

- Stop optimization helps speed up your ride
- Street and traffic improvements make it easier to get to/from the bus





# Community engagement to date

From 2015-2020 the project has engaged the public with:

- 53 community meetings and briefings
- Over 1,000 community members engaged
- Notifications to more than 40,000 neighborhood residents and businesses



# Project History & Key Decisions

- **2014-2016** Project development including preparation of Transit Master Plan and [Bike Master Plan](#)
- **2016** RapidRide Roosevelt bus rapid transit project partially funded by voter-approved Levy to Move Seattle
- **2017** Locally Preferred Alternative adopted with route ending at Roosevelt Link station
- **2018** Community-requested [evaluation](#) of 9 bicycle routes determined the protected bike lanes on Eastlake Ave E are the option that best meet evaluation criteria
- **2018** Full paving of Eastlake Ave E confirmed and included in project
- **2020** Submitted draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- **2020** Route shortened to U District Link light rail station to leverage transit alternatives and address budget shortfalls brought on by the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic





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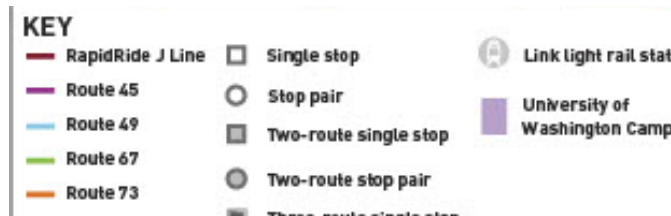
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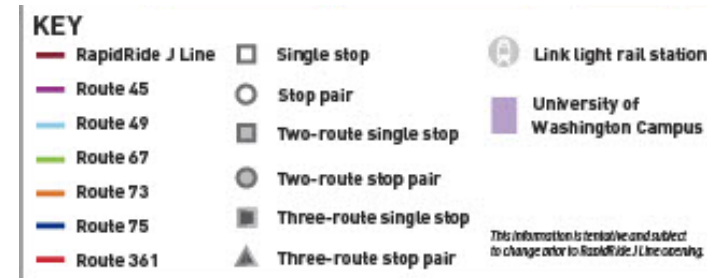
# Why shorten the route?

- Helps address budget shortfalls brought on by the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Maintains improvements to transit speed, reliability, safety, and connections between the Belltown, South Lake Union, Eastlake, and University District neighborhoods.
- Leverages transit alternatives brought forth through the North Link restructure to provide transit connections between the Roosevelt and U District neighborhoods.



## Multiple transit options

- RapidRide J Line will improve transit connections to the **Eastlake** and **South Lake Union** neighborhoods with the **Roosevelt** neighborhood and **University** district.
  - [North Link Connections Mobility Project](#) planned for September 2021 will improve transit connections to Link light rail.
  - Local connections to J Line between U District and Roosevelt Link stations include:
    - Metro Routes 45, 67, and 73
  - Routes connecting the J Line to other areas of UW include:
    - Routes 44, 48, 49, 65/67, 75 and 372
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- The map shows the UW campus with various transit routes and connections. A key in the bottom right corner identifies the following:
- KEY**
  - RapidRide J Line (thick red line)
  - Route 45 (purple line)
  - Route 49 (light blue line)
  - Route 67 (green line)
  - Route 73 (orange line)
  - Single stop (white square)
  - Stop pair (white circle)
  - Two-route single stop (grey square)
  - Two-route stop pair (grey circle)
  - Three-route single stop (dark grey square)
  - Link light rail station (circle with 'L')
  - University of Washington Campus (purple square)



# Designing the shortened route

In designing the shortened route SDOT and King County Metro balanced:

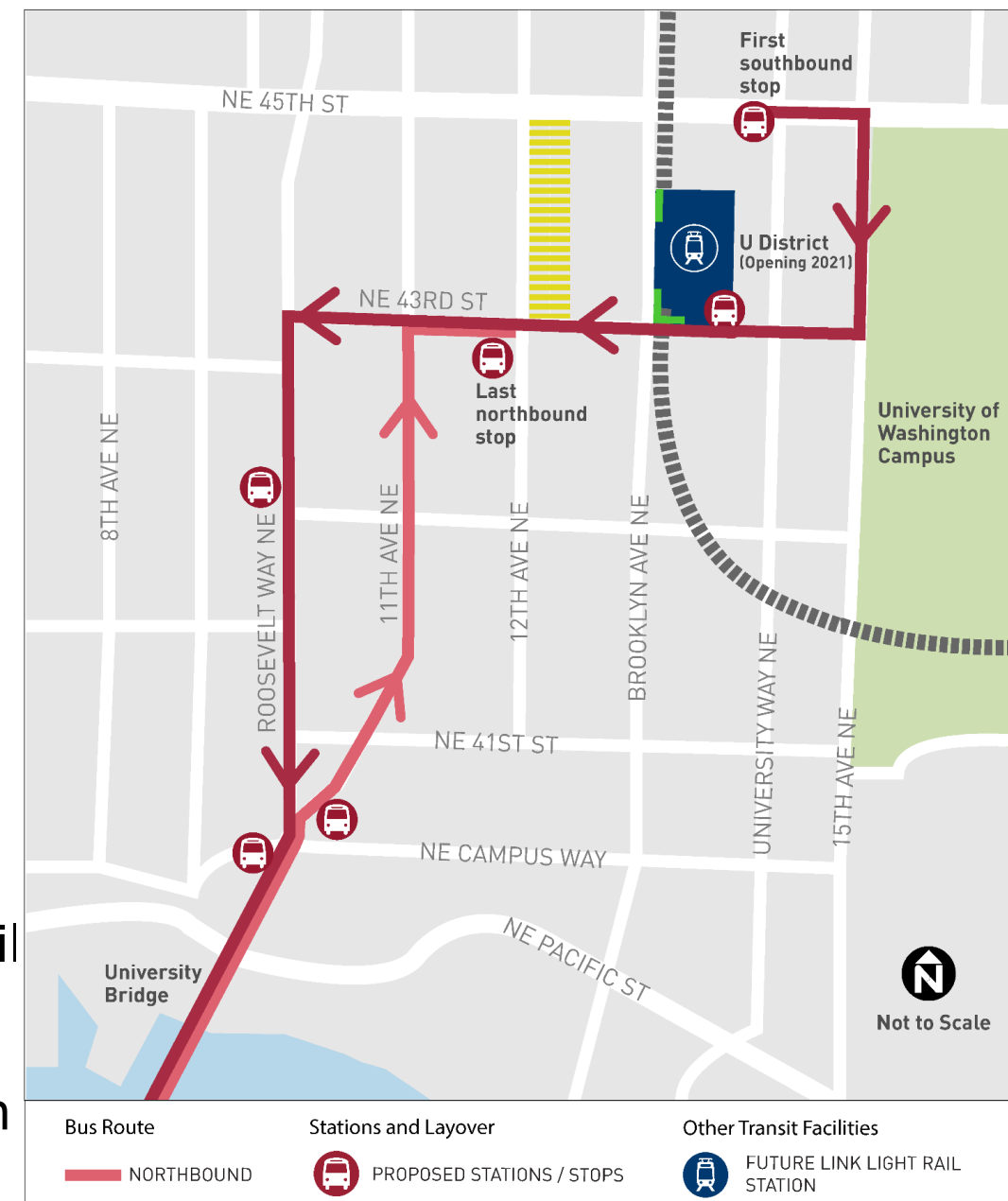
- Transit speed, reliability, capacity, access, and connections
- Environmental impacts
- Community impacts
- Cost, funding, and timing impacts

## **This shortened alignment:**

- Meets the project's purpose and need
- Consistent with community expectations and input
- Maintains eligibility for grant funding for the project
- Forward compatible to extending to Roosevelt Link light rail station

# Revised J Line in U District

- First southbound station on NE 45th St
- Last northbound station on NE 43rd St; one-block walk to U District Link light rail station
- Shared layover on 12th Ave NE
- Upgrades to NE 43rd St
- Easy access to the University of Washington campus at stops on NE 43rd St
- Direct connections to the U District Link light rail station
- Multiple transit options for riders traveling north from the U District Link light rail station





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## 5 Next steps



## Next steps

- **Collaborate with community members and businesses** to analyze any new impacts from the shortened route, north of the University Bridge.
- **Submit the supplemental Environmental Assessment** to the Federal Transit Administration for review and 30-day public comment period in 2021.
- **Receive an environmental determination** from the Federal Transit Administration based on the project's original and supplemental Environmental Assessment
  - Respond to public comments from the original Environmental Assessment.
- **Secure grant funding for the project** in collaboration with the Federal Transit Administration.



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# Questions?

# Keep in Touch

## Have Questions or Ideas?

- Email [RapidRide@seattle.gov](mailto:RapidRide@seattle.gov)
- Request a separate 1-on-1 meeting

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- Check out the latest project information
- Sign up for email updates

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