# RapidRide Program Update

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# What is RapidRide?

RapidRide is a robust arterial Bus Rapid Transit service that:

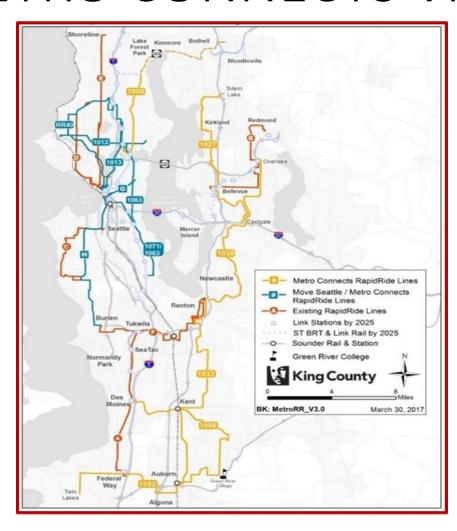
- Is the "Best of Metro"
- Has high quality service and facilities
- Employs state-of-the-art innovations
- Travels natural transportation corridors
- Has the highest level of speed and reliability investments among Metro services





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#### METRO CONNECTS Vision





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## RapidRide Expansion Program Design

#### RapidRide Expansion Program Planning Study:

- Comprehensive effort to plan every aspect of RapidRide Expansion
- Results in a manual for Rapid Ride program delivery
- Complete mid-2019





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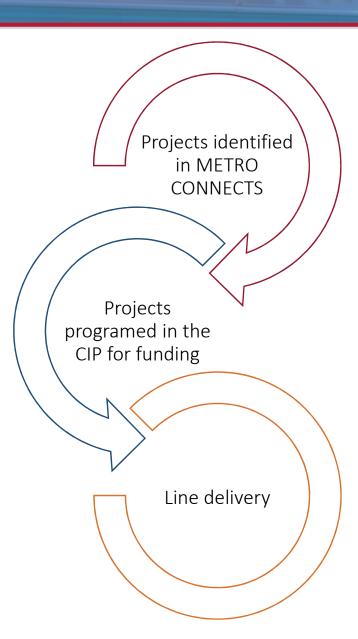
#### Tasks

- 1. Framework for Planning
- 2. Program Goals and Standard
- 3. Branding Review and Kit of Parts Refinement
- 4. Implementation Plan for 6 King County RR Corridors
- 5. Program Service Integration Plan
- 6. Environmental and Regulatory Review
- 7. Funding Strategies
- 8. Final Manual for Delivery



#### Funding Process

- Projects Identified in METRO CONNECTS are programmed into our Capital Improvement Program (CIP) which is updated every two years.
- The CIP identifies available RapidRide program funding for the next 10 years.
- Projects listed in the CIP went through an internal evaluation process that included:
  - Social equity
  - Potential ridership and productivity
  - Geographic balance
  - Funding availability





### The RapidRide Expansion Program is moving forward!

- After a careful review of capital funding and our capital delivery capacity, we are moving forward with planning and design of an initial seven lines throughout the county by 2027.
- The revised schedule and timeline will allow RapidRide to grow regionally while maintaining a focus on individual community needs and local agency partnerships as well as apply for additional federal grants.
- In order to apply for additional funding through federal grants, we're building extra time into the delivery schedule and phasing implementation of the program over a longer period of time.

#### RapidRide has earned high marks

Compared to the bus routes they replaced, the RapidRide A to F lines combined carry about:







JUSTOMER SATISFACTION IS HIGH





#### **Current Project Updates**

G Line: Madison Valley/Seattle CBD

- Currently coordinating with SDOT and FTA to:
  - Review design and environmental documentation
  - Develop implementation plan
  - Negotiate third-party agreement(s)
  - Procure fleet
- Revenue service expected to start in Fall
  2022



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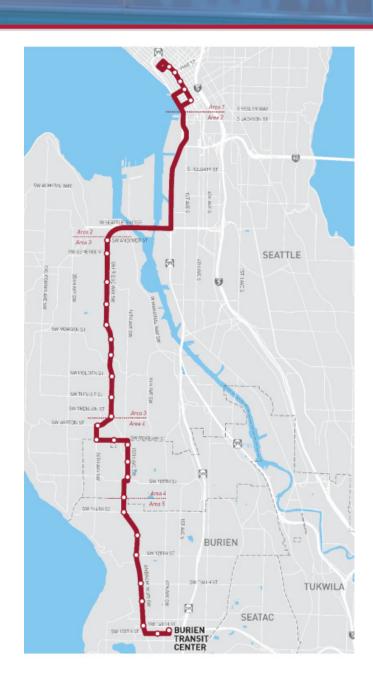
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#### **Current Project Updates**

H Line: Burien/Westwood Village/Seattle CBD

- Currently working towards 60% design scheduled to be complete in April 2019
- Alignment ordinance will be transmitted to County Council Spring 2019
- Revenue service expected to start in Fall 2021

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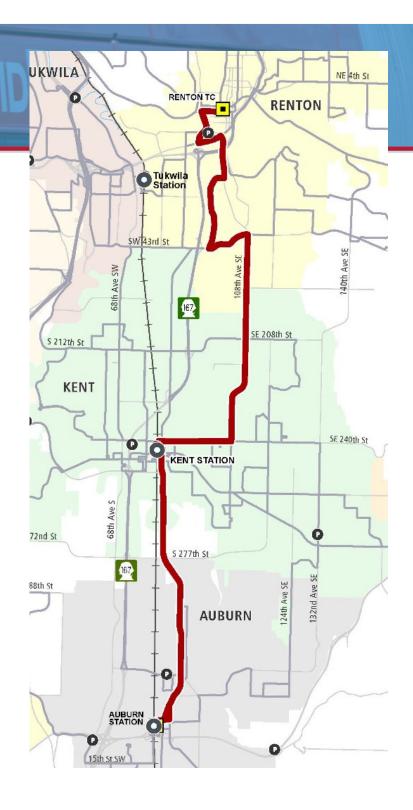


#### **Current Project Updates**

I Line: Kent/Renton/Auburn Mobility Plan

- Phase 1 planning, concept design and outreach starting in March 2019. I Line revenue service is expected to start in fall 2023
- Renton-Kent-Auburn Area Mobility Plan will identify future service needs in the Kent, Renton and Auburn area, will lead to service changes in Fall 2020.
- Revenue service expected to start Fall 2023

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#### **Current Project Updates**

#### RapidRide Roosevelt

- Currently coordinating with SDOT and FTA to:
  - Review design and environmental documentation
  - Develop implementation plan
  - Negotiate third-party agreement(s)
- Revenue service expected to start in Spring 2024



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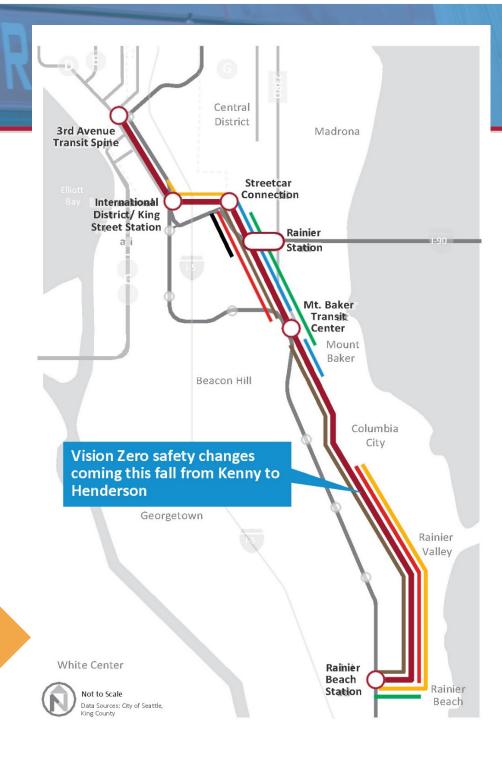
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#### **Current Project Updates**

#### RapidRide Rainier

- Continuation of 10% design and community engagement expected in Spring 2019. 10% design complete Fall 2019.
- Revenue service expected to start in Fall 2024



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#### Current Project Updates

RapidRide Totem Lake-Eastgate

- RFP for consultant design team release January 2019
- 10% design expected in Winter 2020. 10% design complete Fall 2019.
- Revenue service expected to start in Fall 2025



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#### **Current Project Updates**

C/D Line Investments

- Coordinating with Sound Transit and SDOT to:
  - Identify and prioritize potential projects
  - Develop implementation plan
- Concept design expected Fall 2019
- Projects complete by end of 2024



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#### Questions?

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