

# RAPIDRIDE

Seattle Transit Advisory Board RapidRide Rainier Update

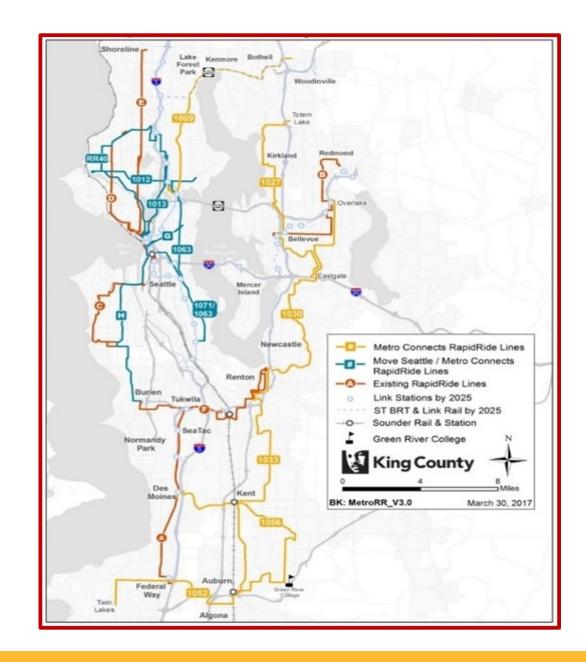
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### **METRO CONNECTS Vision**

- Identified a network of high capacity transit throughout King County
- Rainier RapidRide is part of this larger vision for connecting people and places







### Future RapidRide Lines and Timelines





Planning 2019 Conceptual
Design
2019-2020

Final Design 2020-2022

Construction 2022 - 2024

Start Service Sept 2024



### Elements of Rainier RapidRide Line

#### Service

- Additional service hours
- Frequency maintenance
- Prentice loop options
- Peak service both directions

#### New Fleet – Trolley RapidRide Coach

#### Capital Investments

- Passenger Facilities (New Kit of Parts under development)
- Speed & Reliability
- Communications & Technology
- Access to Transit

#### New Trolley Wire

- Jackson Street for passing capabilities
- Passing wire at key location(s) on Rainier Avenue South



### Coordinating with SDOT

- RR will build upon transit and safety investments by SDOT
- **Coordinating project teams and outreach efforts**
- **Areas of focus for Metro within SDOT right-of-way** 
  - Bus-only lanes
  - Transit Signal Priority (TSP)
  - Queue jumps / transit phase
  - Station-area pedestrian improvements
  - RapidRide stations with full suite of amenities
  - Upgraded communications / technology at stations and intersections
- **Additional Segment Work** 
  - Henderson St Extension to Link's Rainier Beach Station
  - Jackson St Local Stops vs RapidRide Stations
  - Potential Northern Extension and Associated Layover



### Engagement with the Community

#### What we have heard so far

- What is RapidRide?
- How will fare enforcement be managed? Low/No income riders?
- What will happen to the current Route 7 stops?
- Will RapidRide cost more than the Route 7?

### Next Steps

- Conduct stakeholder interviews with community based organizations and local businesses along Rainier Avenue South
- Develop Public Engagement Plan along side community groups to develop an equitable engagement strategy







### **Engagement Timing**

Needs Assessment (Now-Summer 2019)



- Reintroduce Rainier Line and highlight opportunities to get involved
- Report back on what we've heard and learn more about community interests and concerns
- Gather input to inform design concepts

Preferred Concepts (Late 2019-Early 2020)

- Share information about design concepts
- Gather input on design concepts, including station locations and capital projects
- Demonstrate how community feedback is reflected in design



- Present final project
- Demonstrate how community feedback is reflected in design
- Collect input on construction impacts





### What is Next?

- RapidRide Rainier Team currently analyzing prior work and developing options
- Conversations in the community will begin this summer to guide decision making
- Present decisions and how they were made by end of 2019!





## Any questions?

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