

RapidRide I Line

November 18, 2019 Renton City Council Committee of the Whole





Agenda



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- RapidRide I Line
- Community Engagement
- Next Steps

RapidRide Overview

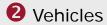


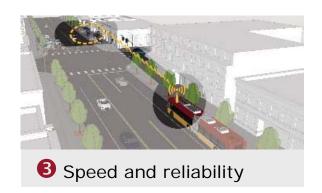


Elements of RapidRide









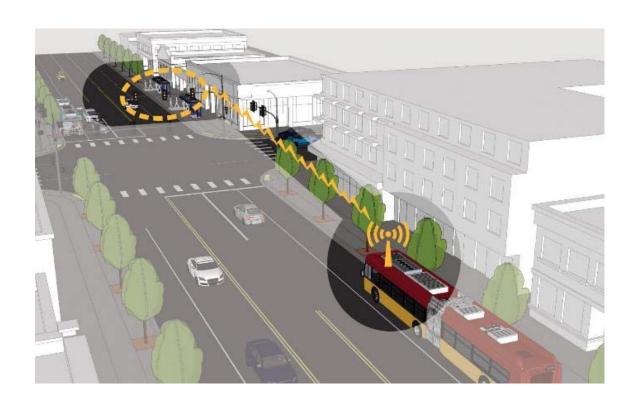






RapidRide Capital Investments

- Passenger facilities
- Accessibility
- Safety, comfort, and security
- Access to transit
- Speed and reliability
- Communications and technology





RapidRide Expansion Timeline









Working Together as Partners





RapidRide I Line



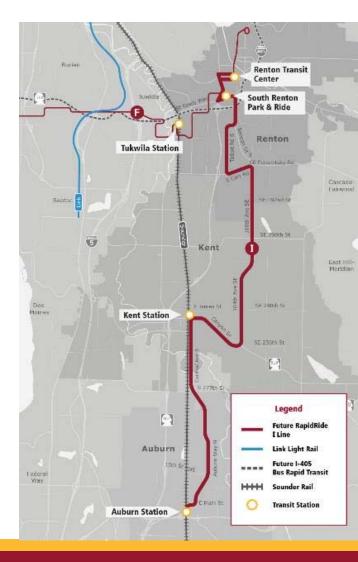






Benefits:

- Invests in getting people to, from, and around Renton
- Builds off Renton-Kent-Auburn Area Mobility Plan
- Serves historically underserved communities and improves access for all
- Added transit reliability to help decrease congestion
- Promotes a walkable and bicycle-friendly environment
- Complements the City of Renton's 2020-2025 Goals and Transportation Improvement Program







Line Timeline





I Line Budget (Current)



Total: ~\$117 million

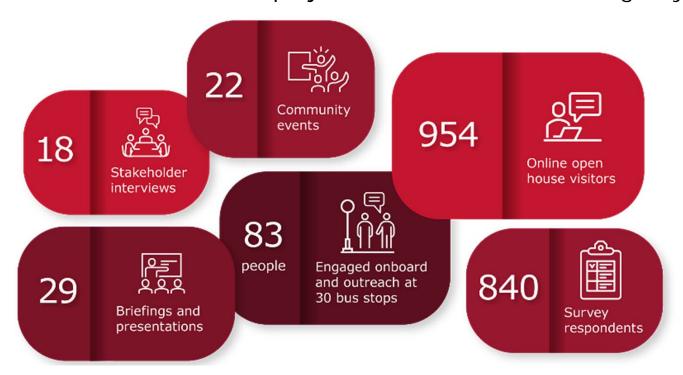




Community Engagement to Date



Metro collected feedback and shared project information the following ways:





Line Renton Route and Stations

Station locations based on:

- Community needs and feedback
 - Nearby connections to other transit, such as the South Renton Park-and-Ride
 - Near community facilities and resources
- Areas that have a high number of riders
- Even spacing to prioritize faster trips
- Next Step: Identify barriers to walking and rolling to transit







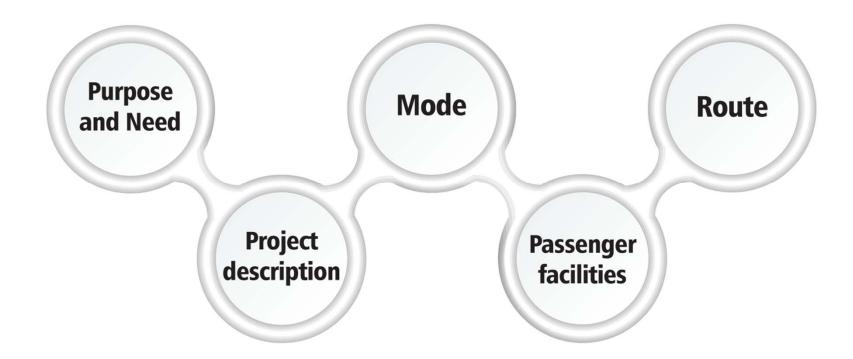
Station Example: Valley Medical - Talbot Road S



- Serves Valley Medical Center
- Potential for increased ridership
- Opportunities to improve access to transit



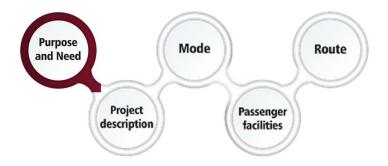






Purpose

Provide more frequent, convenient, and higher quality transit service to attract more riders and move more people than traditional bus service.

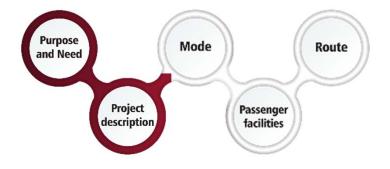


Need

- More reliable and faster bus service needed throughout the day, into the evenings, and on weekends
- Serve the transportation needs of communities that have been historically underserved

Project description

17-mile north-south bus rapid transit service



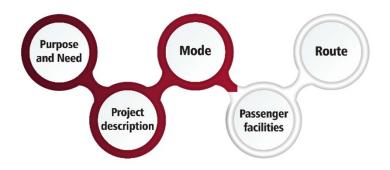
Benefits

- Connects Regional Growth Centers
- Serves high concentrations of populations and employment
- Connections to regional high-capacity transit



Mode

- Bus rapid transit
- Diesel electric hybrid fleet

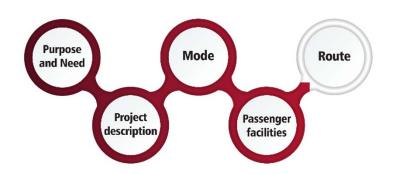






Passenger Facilities and Amenities

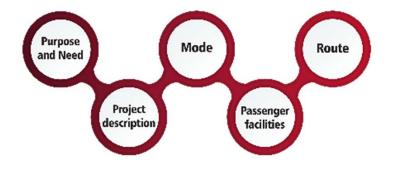
- Number of stations
- General station pair locations
- Typical station amenities
- Typical passenger amenities

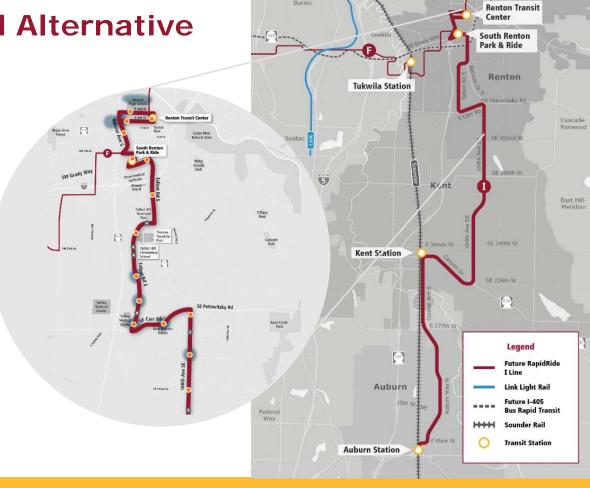






Route







Community Engagement:

- What's Happening Now?



Current Community Engagement



Gather feedback to finalize the preferred concept, including bus station locations, amenities, and projects improving access.

- Community events and information tables
- Community and council briefings
- Conversations with community-based organizations
- I Line online open house through Nov. 29



Welcome

Thank you for stopping by our online open house. Click through these pages to learn about RapidRide and share feedback with the project team.

Metro is working to connect the cities of Renton, Kent, and Auburn with fast, frequent, and reliable bus service. The RapidRide I Line will upgrade the current Route 180 between Auburn Station and Kent Station and Route 169 from Kent Station to Renton. When RapidRide launches in 2023 riders can expect transit improvements.

What is RapidRide?

- . Buses come more often and on-time.
- More service on nights and weekends.
- Buses will get you where you need to go faster.
- Bus stations will be upgraded with lighting, shelter, and real-time bus arrival signs.

View the online open house at: <u>www.Rapidrideiline.com</u>



Next Steps



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I Line Locally Preferred Alternative



Recommendations to King County Council



Continue to work with City on refining the concepts



Ongoing community engagement until RapidRide launches



Questions?



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