



# RAPIDRIDE

## RapidRide K Line Briefing

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**Bellevue City Council – Extended Study Session  
October 28, 2019**



# Agenda



- **METRO CONNECTS**
- **RapidRide Overview and Expansion**
- **RapidRide K Line**
- **Next Steps**

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## 01 METRO CONNECTS





# METRO CONNECTS

- Metro's adopted long-range vision
- Identified a network of high capacity transit throughout King County
- Integrated transportation system connecting people and places
- Shaped by input from cities, passengers, transportation agencies, businesses and other stakeholders



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## 02 RapidRide Overview and Expansion



# RapidRide Goals



**RapidRide brings high-quality, frequent, and reliable bus service that will transform the way people travel around King County.**



**Better service for more people**



**Connections to transit**



**Frequent, and reliable bus service**



**Cost-effective**



**Bus station upgrades and customer amenities**

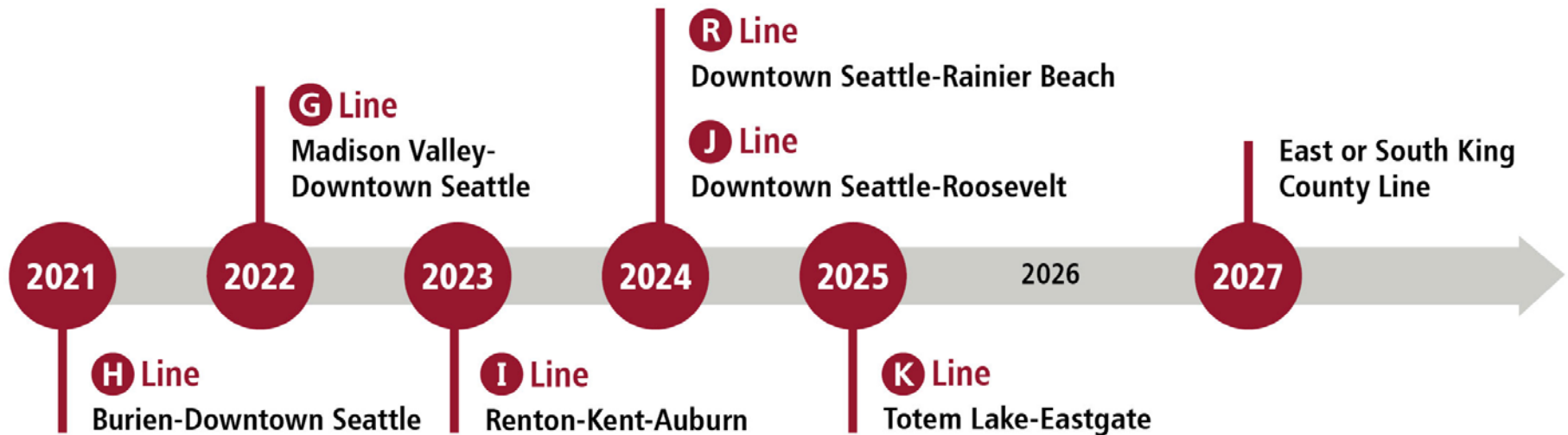


**Sustainable**



**Better access**

# RapidRide Expansion Timeline



# Elements of RapidRide



**1** Stations



**2** Vehicles



**3** Speed and reliability



**4** Service and Operating Plan



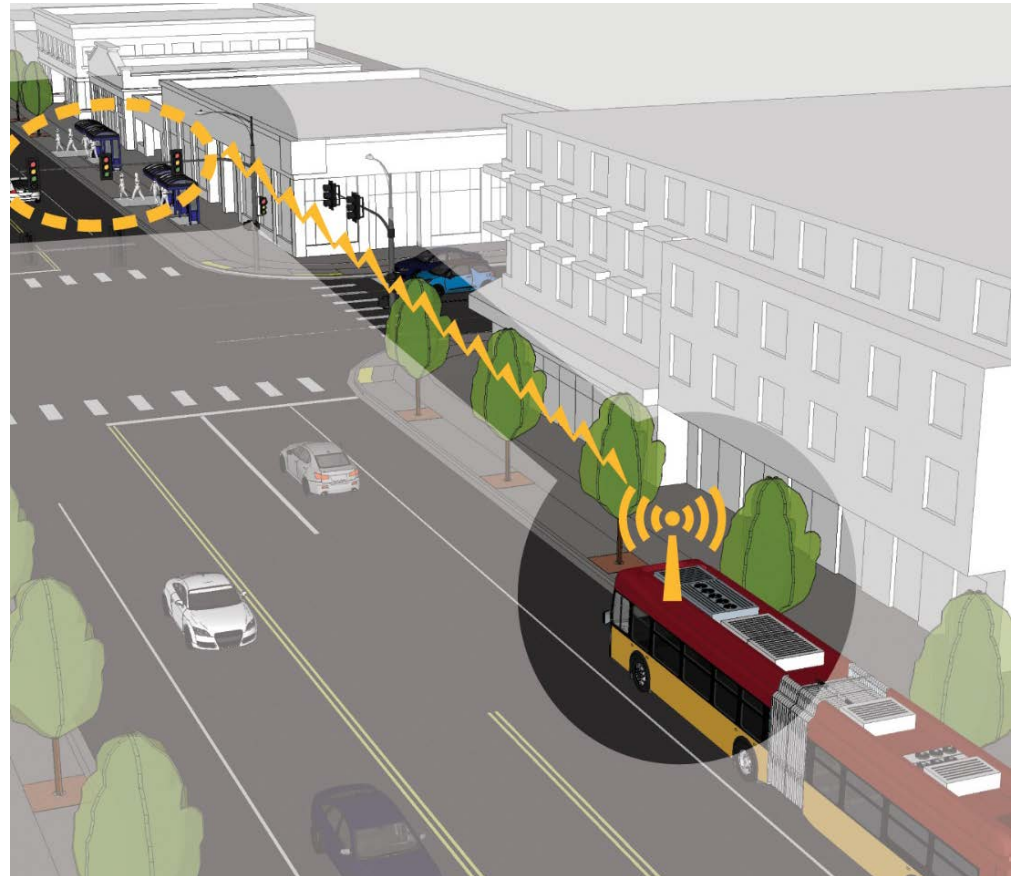
**5** Branding



# RapidRide Capital Investments



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



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## 03 RapidRide K Line



## Legend

K Line Current  
Representative  
Alignment

Future K Line  
Alignment Options

Bellevue College  
Connector  
(proposed)

Transit Center



# K Line Overview



## Benefits:

- Serves fast-growing communities between Eastgate, downtown Bellevue, and Totem Lake
- Helps ease congestion and improve air quality
- Multimodal access
- Supports the Bellevue Transit Master Plan and “Abundant Access” vision statement

## Status:

**Preliminary  
Design**

Began in  
September 2019

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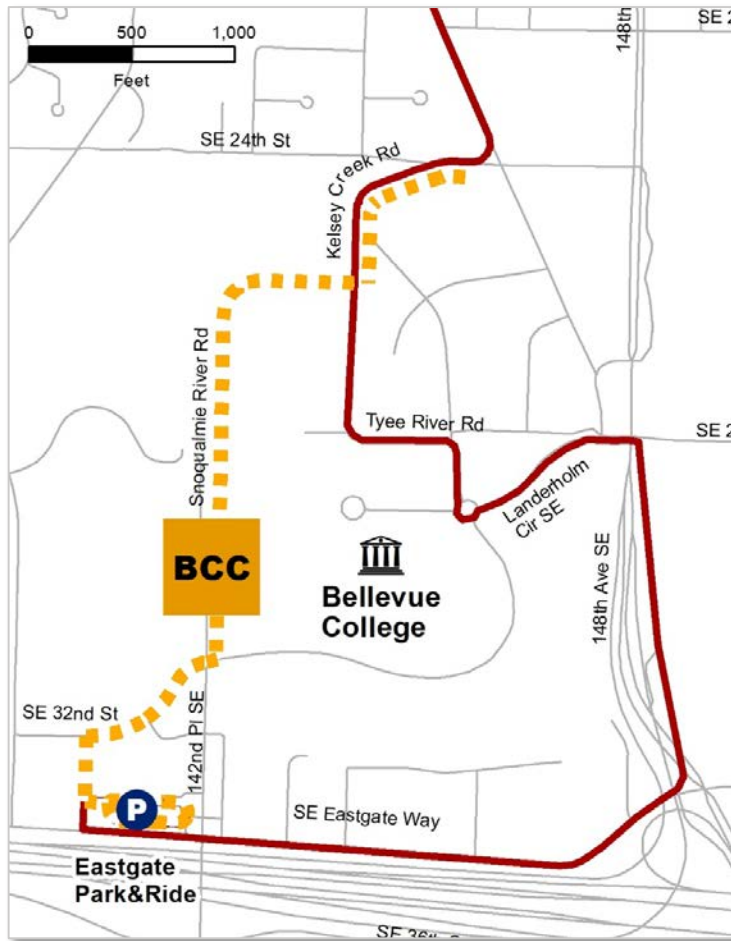
# Integrated Transit Network

- Supports higher demand for transit
- Connects riders to high capacity transit options
  - RapidRide B Line (existing)
  - Sound Transit's Link light rail Blue Line (2023)
  - I-405 Bus Rapid Transit (2024)
  - RapidRide K Line (2025)
- Complementary service restructures
  - Coordination with Sound Transit, partners, stakeholders and riders
- Reflects Bellevue's goals for transit
  - Convenient
  - Frequent
  - Efficient
  - Simple
  - Direct
  - Regionally Connected

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# Bellevue College Connector



Partnership project between City of Bellevue, Bellevue College, and King County Metro

- More direct transit pathway
- Significantly faster travel time
- Funding identified to study project, but additional funding needed to complete design and construction

**Status:**

**City, College, and Metro working on agreement to advance study of project**



# K Line Route Options Analysis



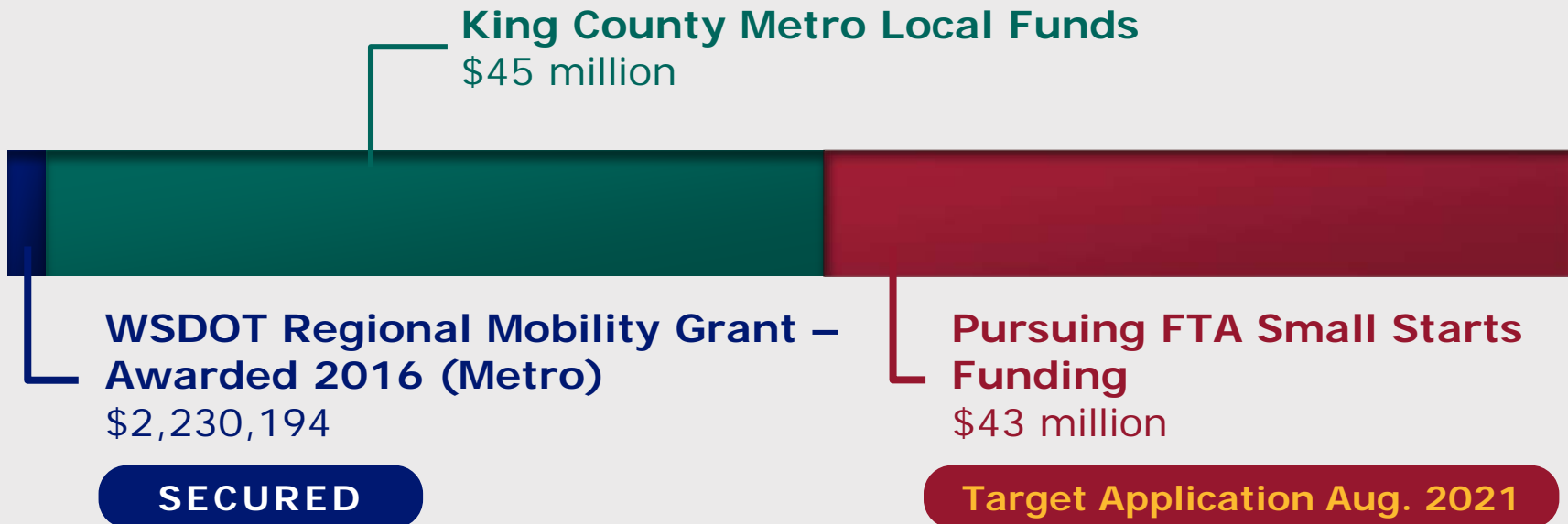
- Travel times and potential time savings
- Equity and social justice
- Destinations and activity centers served
- Network considerations
- Projected future ridership
- Community engagement
  - Community survey, events, briefings (November)



# K Line Budget (Current)



**Total: ~\$90.5 million**

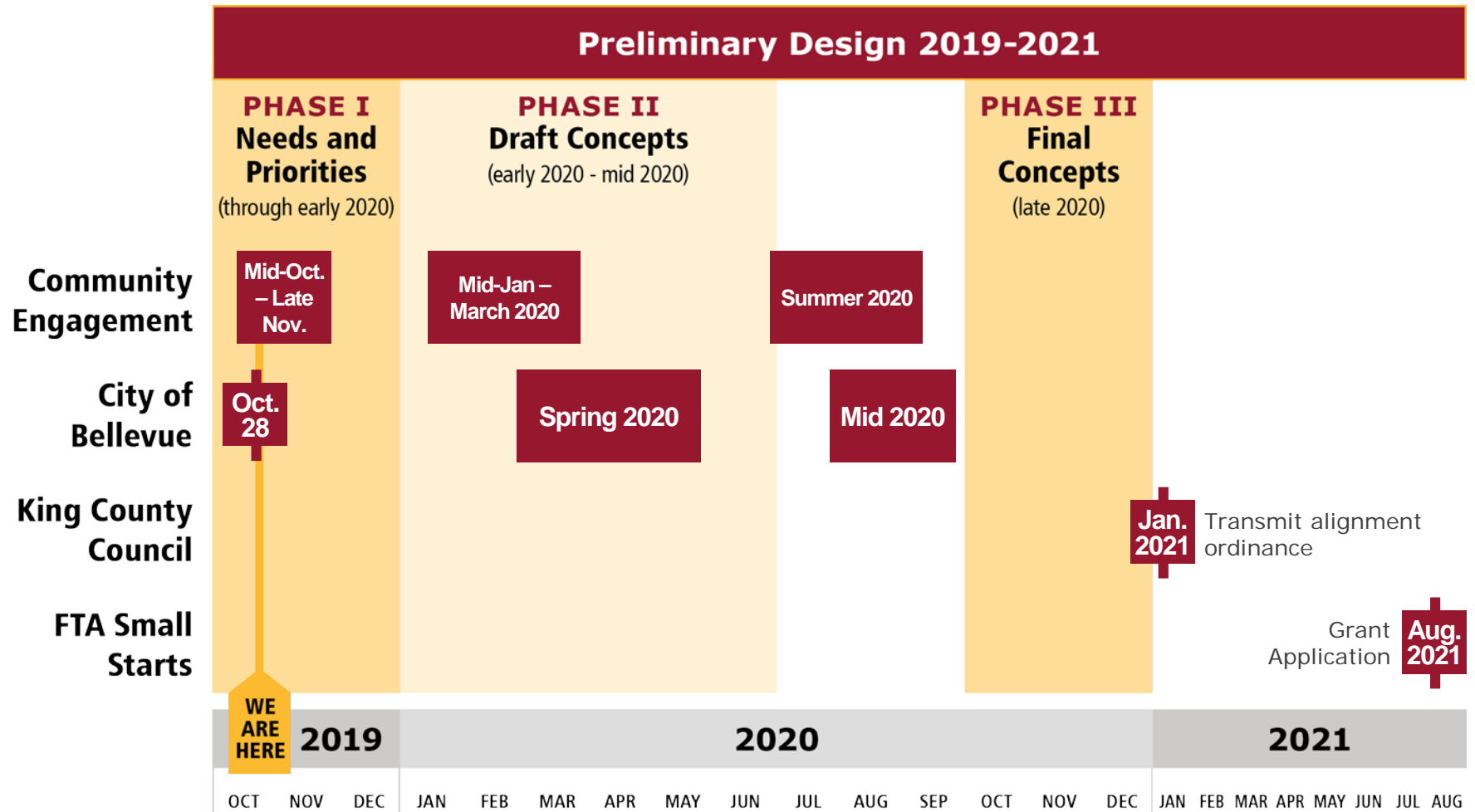


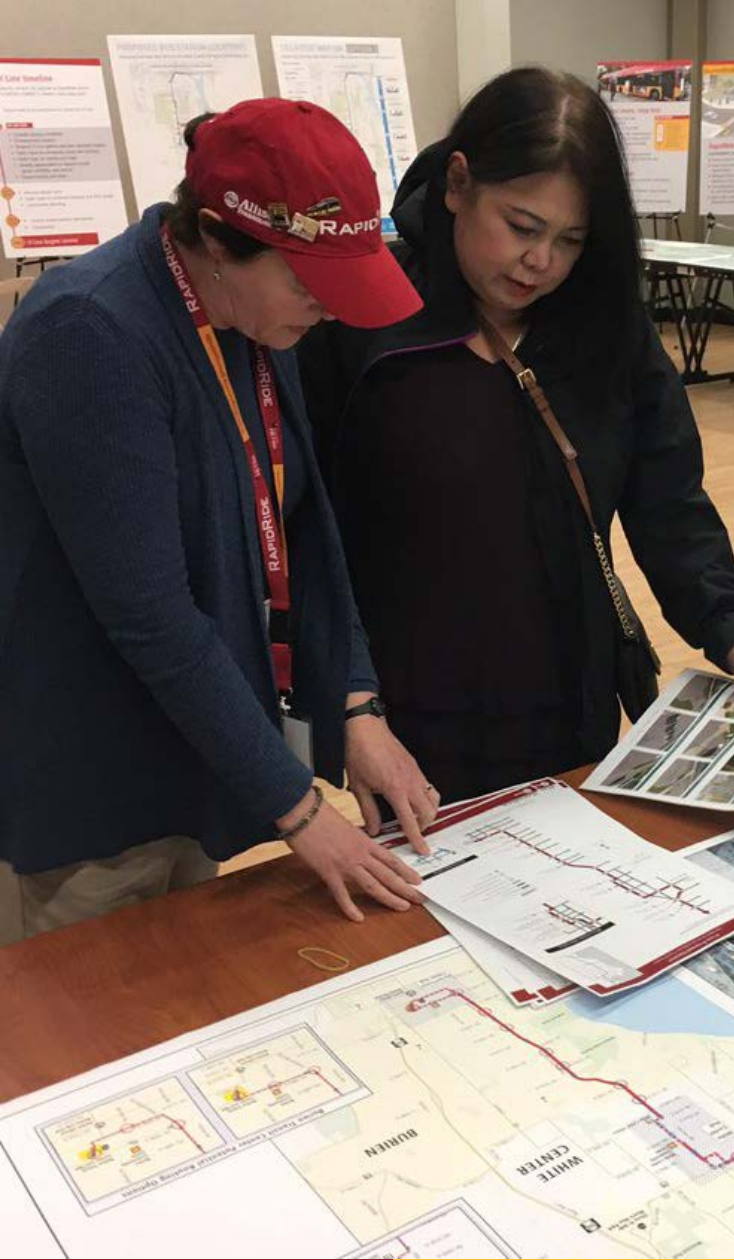
# K Line Timeline





# Preliminary Design Timeline





## Engagement with the Community

- Introduce RapidRide K Line
- Ensure stakeholders understand how K Line will benefit their communities
- Build relationships and include communities in decision making
- Lead with equity
- Meet the community where they're at, including
  - Stakeholder engagement and briefings
  - Community survey
  - Tabling events

# Working Together as Partners



**Ongoing communication and engagement with local communities**



**Ongoing coordination between the City, Sound Transit, stakeholders and Metro**



**Support effective transit connections**



**Design and build capital facilities**



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## 04 Next Steps



# Next Steps



**Phase 1 community engagement and survey launch**



**Ongoing coordination with Bellevue staff**



**Ongoing preliminary design**



**Identify route in Bellevue and Kirkland**



**Work toward a Locally Preferred Alternative**

# Questions?



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