



King County

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516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Agenda Regional Transit Committee

Councilmembers:

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Committee Clerk: Blake Wells (206-263-1617)

3:00 PM

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

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1. Call to Order

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2. Roll Call



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3. Approval of Minutes p. 4

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4. Chair's Report**5. Public Comment****6. General Manager's Report****Briefing****7. [Briefing No. 2025-B0110](#) p. 6**

RapidRide Performance, Prioritization, and Planning

Pierce Canser, Transit Supervisor-Service Development, Metro Transit Department

Jerry Roberson, Project/Program Manager, Metro Transit Department

Corey Holder, Transportation Planner, Metro Transit Department

Other Business**Adjournment**

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Barón called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 12 - Cimaomo Jr., de Michele, McIrvine, Ross, Troutner, Barón, Saka, Howe,
Quinn, Black, Harris and Taylor

Excused: 2 - Honda and Hollingsworth

3. Approval of Minutes

*Vice Chair de Michele moved approval of the May 21, 2025 meeting minutes. Seeing
no objections, the minutes were approved.*

4. Chair's Report

Chair Barón congratulated Councilmember Neal Black from the City of Kirkland who has moved from an alternate position to a member of the committee. And he welcomed Councilmember Tracy Taylor from the City of Auburn as an alternate member on the committee. Councilmembers Black and Taylor provided remarks. The Chair also noted his interest in today's briefing.

5. Public Comment

The following individuals provided comments: Alex Tsimmerman and Joe Kunzler.

6. General Manager's Report

Michelle Allison, General Manager, King County Metro Transit Department, wished everyone a Happy Ride Transit Month and Happy Pride Month. She provided remarks on Metro fully resuming fare enforcement and gave an update on operator safety partitions. She also answered questions from the members.

Briefing**7. [Briefing No. 2025-B0093](#)**

Planning for 2026 FIFA World Cup Events

April Putney, Chief Strategy Officer, FWC 2026, Jonathan Rose, Special Projects Manager, Metro Transit Department, and Juan Higuera, Executive Strategic Advisor, Service Delivery Department, Sound Transit briefed the committee via PowerPoint presentations and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature

RapidRide Program Update

Regional Transit Committee
July 16, 2025



Introduction

Metro Connects



Climate +
Equity Policies



RapidRide
Prioritization Plan



King
County
Budget



Corridor
Projects

RapidRide Prioritization Plan

- Requested by RTC and King County Council in 2021 policy updates
- Passed by the Regional Transit Committee, the TrEE Committee, and the full King County Council in 2024
- Leading with racial and social equity and environmental sustainability, the plan uses an evaluation framework to prioritize candidate corridors into tiers.
- The report is a prioritization plan and not an implementation plan.

Tier 1		
Corridor 1049 Route 150	Corridor 1064B Route 36	
Tier 2		
Corridor 1012 Route 44	Corridor 1993 Route 40	Corridor 3101+1028 B Line / Route 271
Tier 3		
Corridor 1052 Route 181	Corridor 1056 Route 165	Corridor 1999 B Line / Route 226

How RapidRide Lines Are Developed

Delivery of a RapidRide Line

- Needs assessment
- Alignment + service profile
- Identify capital improvements for stations, speed, access

- Existing conditions
- Design alternatives
- Property acquisition
- Permitting

- Construction mitigation
- Construction communications
- Service launch prep



Community engagement performed during all phases

**time durations vary by project*
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Partnerships are Critical to Success



Staff time

Partnering
agreements

Funding
support

Letter(s) of
support

Outreach and
engagement

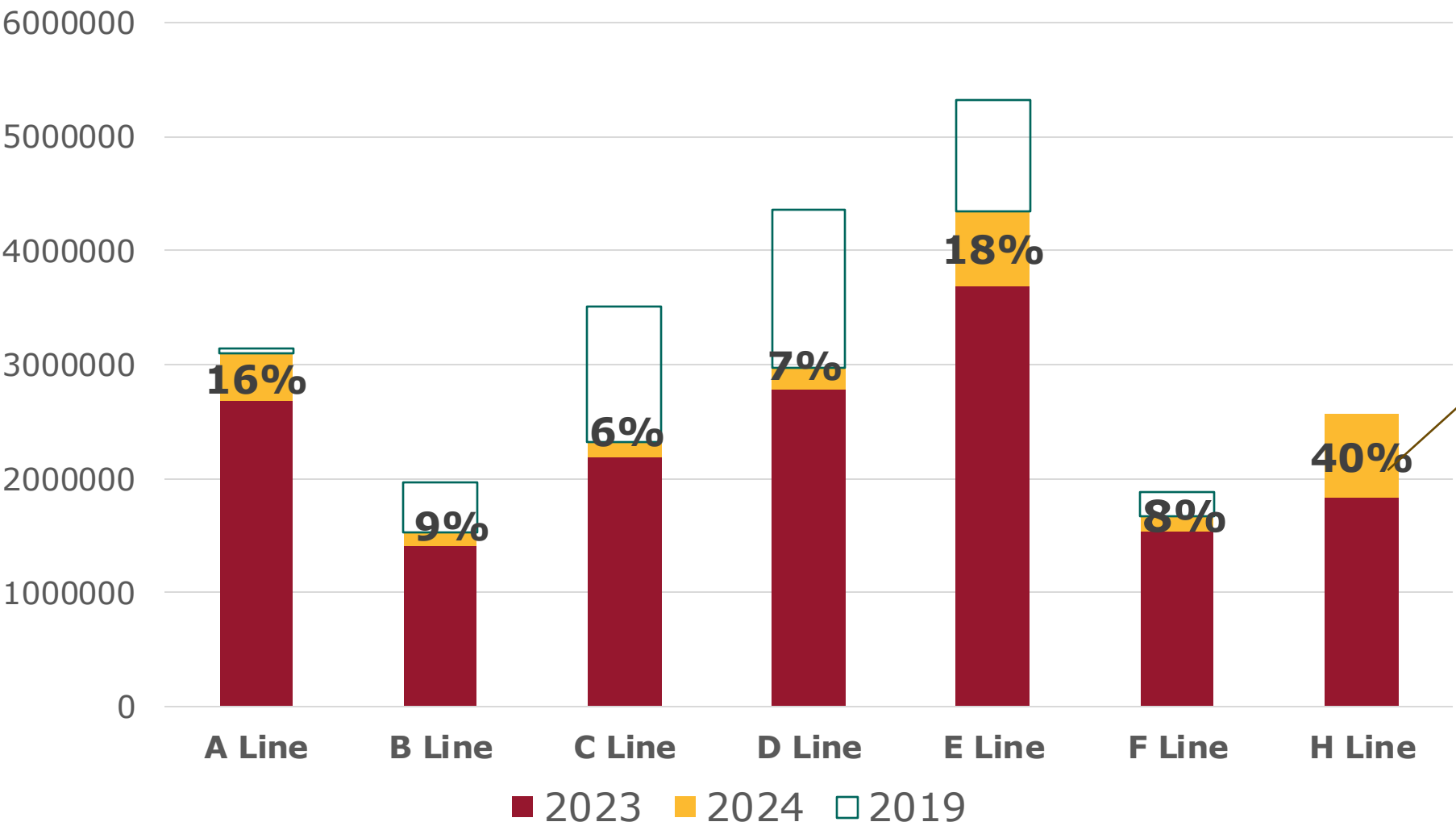
Existing Network Update

RapidRide Commitments

- Fast Service
- Reliable Service
- Safe & Secure Facilities
- Growth & sustainable travel
- Consistent operations, cleanliness, & maintenance
- Comfort & easy to use
- Access to opportunity
- Fiscal Responsibility

Line	Year Launched
A Line	2010
B Line	2011
C Line	2012
D Line	2012
E Line	2014
F Line	2014
G Line	2024
H Line	2023

RapidRide 2024 Total Ridership



Note: Does not include G Line (launched Fall 2024)

Percentage indicates growth in annual ridership, 2023 to 2024

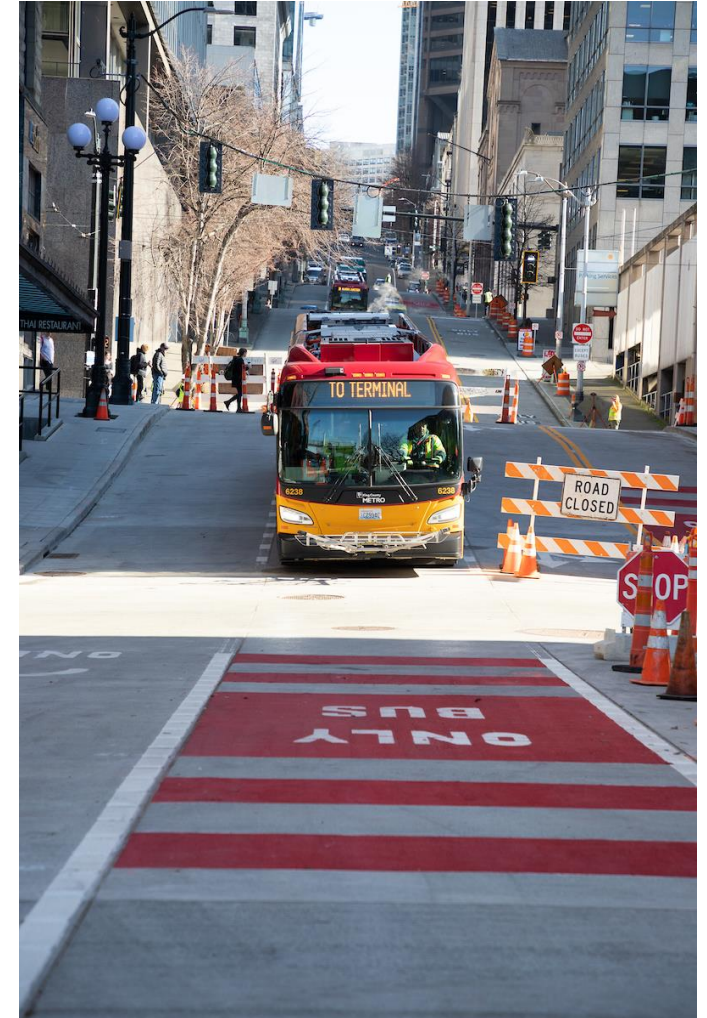
RapidRide is an integral part of the transit system

- A through F and H lines accounted for over 22% of system boardings in 2024
- Comparatively, RapidRide is only 13% of Metro's total service hours
- Addition of G Line will take RapidRide to 25% or more of system boardings in 2025
- Ridership continues to grow – 2025 ridership to date is higher than same month in 2024
- RapidRide serves 29% of subsidized housing units and 22% of low and mid wage jobs in King County



Reinvestment Opportunities*

- Upgrade RapidRide Lines to new 2.0 stations and amenities (as recently implemented on H Line)
- Spot improvements such as:
 - Speed & Reliability investments
 - Transit Signal Priority (TSP)
 - Improved pedestrian access to stations
 - Better stop spacing
- A and F Reinvestment Studies, Aurora Ave Project
- Jurisdictional partnerships are an opportunity to enhance reinvestment
- While reinvestment is called for in Metro Connects, it is not currently funded

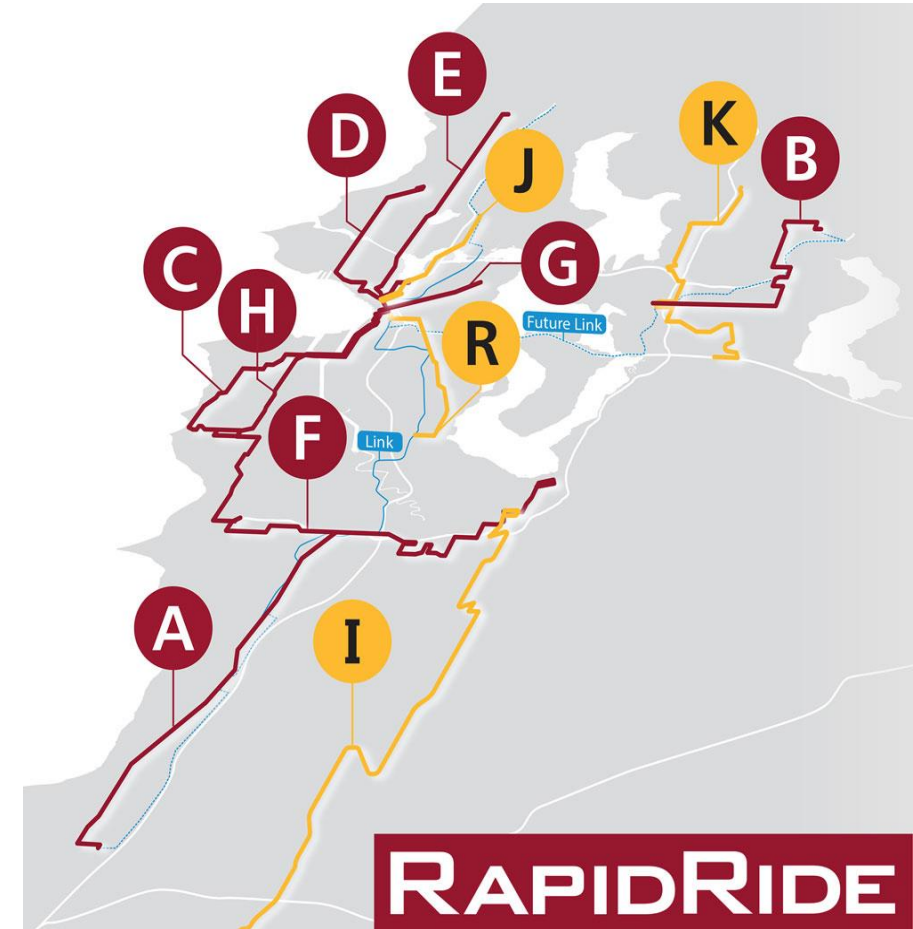


* Major pathway changes or extensions to existing lines are out of scope

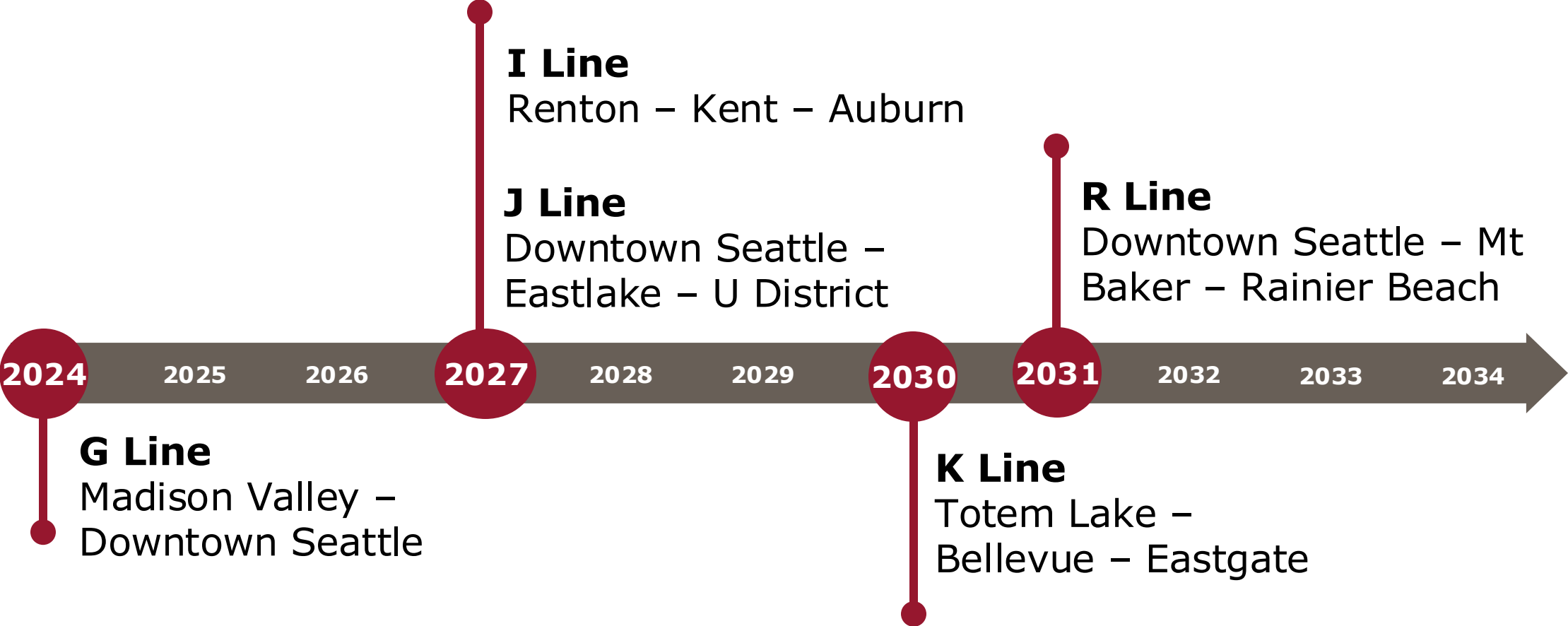
Expansion Projects Update

Overview of RapidRide Expansion

- Current (2025) Status of Active Capital Projects
 - G Line – In service (plus punch list & closeout)
 - I Line & J Line – In or nearing construction
 - K Line & R Line – Moving from conceptual design to preliminary engineering
- Value of RapidRide Expansion Investments
 - Total – \$694M
 - Metro's portion – \$297M
 - FTA & Jurisdictional Partner portion – \$397M
- Metro Connects Long-Range Plan
 - Framework for RapidRide expansion
 - Commitment to re-investment in legacy lines



Delivery Timeline



G Line

- **Partnership project with City of Seattle**
 - SDOT-led planning, design, construction, and engagement during construction
 - Metro procured and commissioned novel fleet, furnished passenger facilities and station technology elements, and led pre-launch engagement, communications, and marketing
 - Ongoing activities – SDOT and contractor completing construction punch list items toward Final Acceptance



Planning

Design

Construction

***Service began
Sept 2024**

I Line

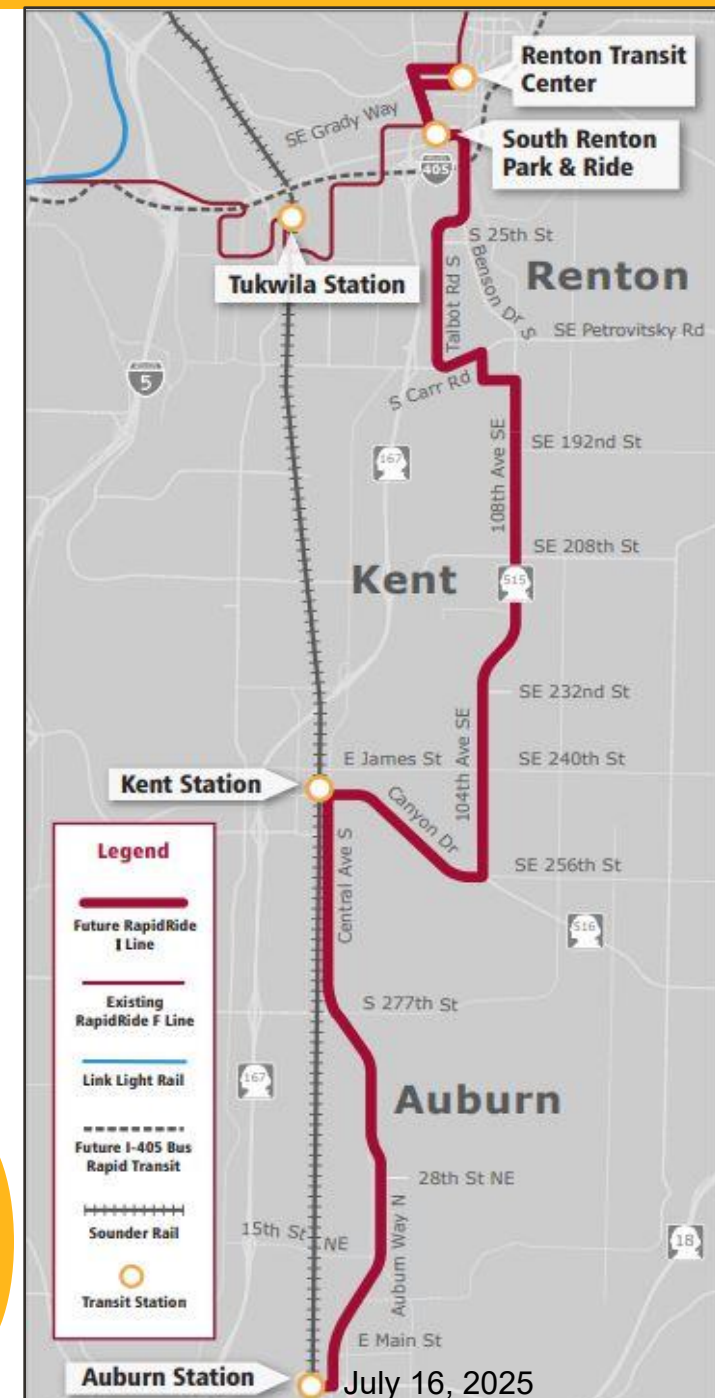
- Construction Contract
 - Bids opened June 2025
 - Planned groundbreaking in October
- **Coordination with City of Auburn, City of Kent, and City of Renton**
 - Design submittals
 - Construction permits
- Pre-construction community engagement, June–August
- \$79.7M Small Starts Grant awarded to Metro Jan. 2025
- Planned revenue service launch Fall 2027

Planning

Design

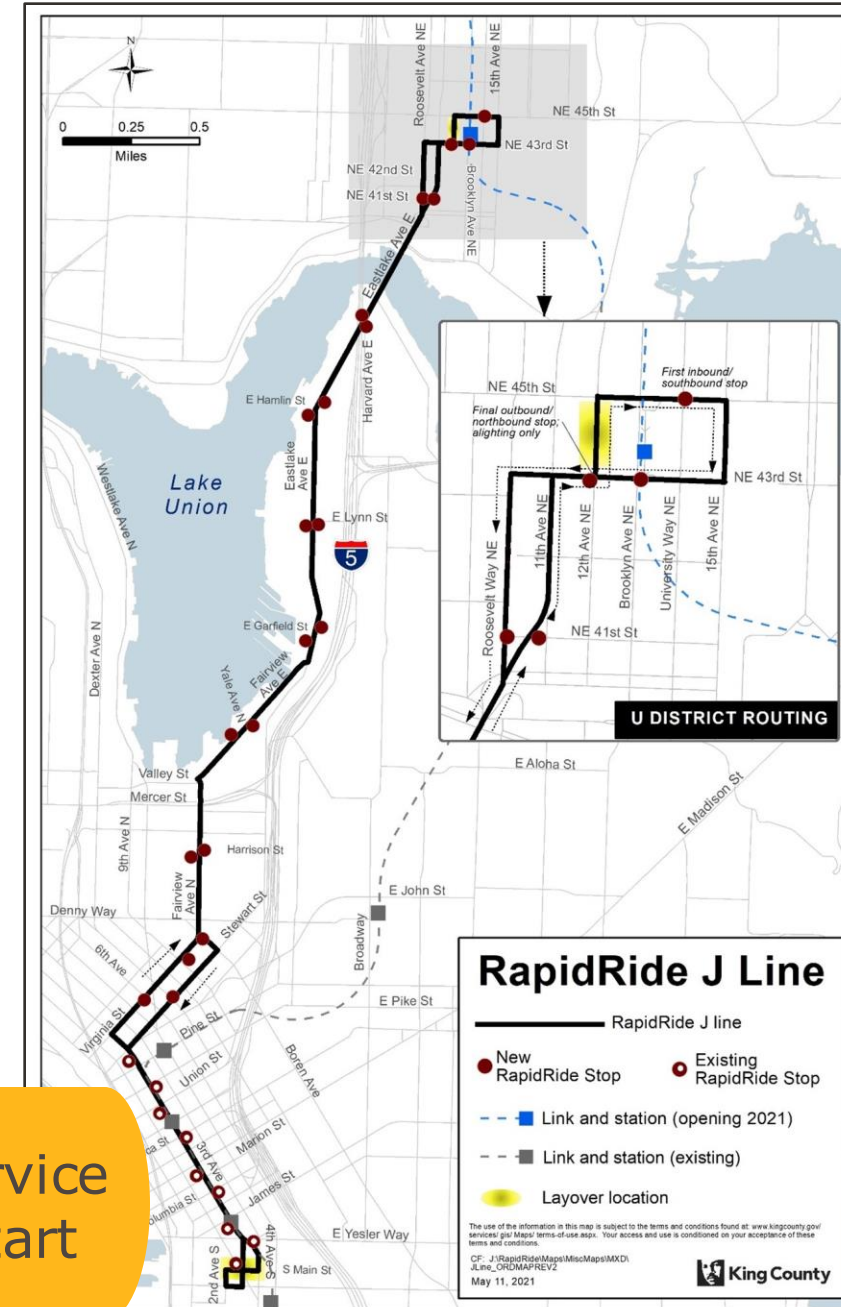
Construction

Service
Start



- **Partnership project with City of Seattle**

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K Line

- Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) adopted by King County Council July 1, 2025
 - **Letters of LPA support from City of Kirkland & City of Bellevue**
- 10% Design on speed & reliability, access to transit, & pass. facilities improvements
- Connections with RapidRide B Line, Stride BRT, and Link light rail
- Small Starts Grant Application due August 22
- Planned revenue service launch in 2030

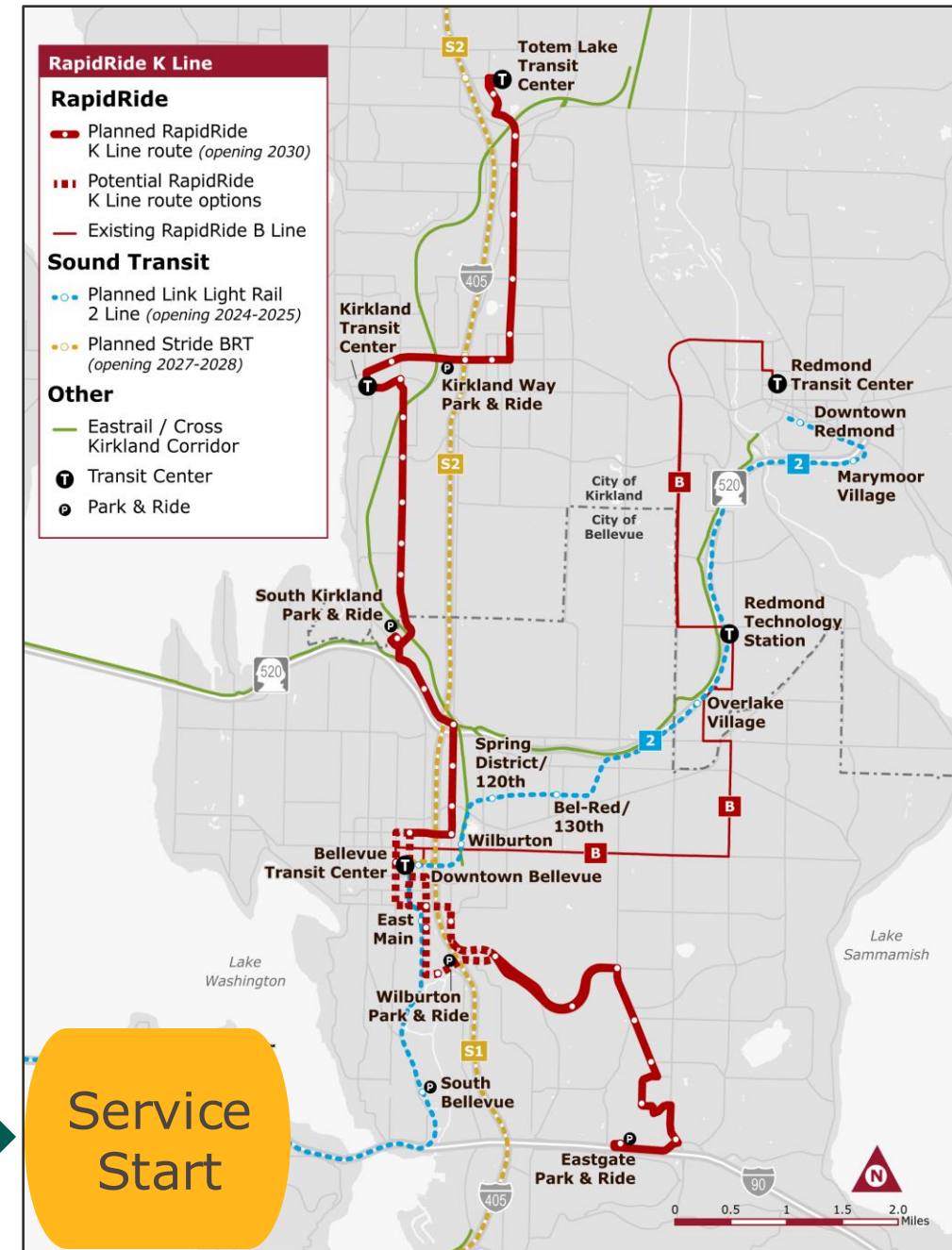
Planning



Design

Construction

Service Start



R Line

- **Partnership work with City of Seattle** began in 2017; current coordination work includes
 - Aligning R Line 10% Design & Seattle's Transportation Levy scopes; coordinating 2026 community engagement
 - Negotiating a partnership agreement
- Metro's R Line 10% Design Update to be complete by Fall 2025
- Planned revenue service launch in 2031



Service
Start

Planning

Design

Construction

Closing and Questions

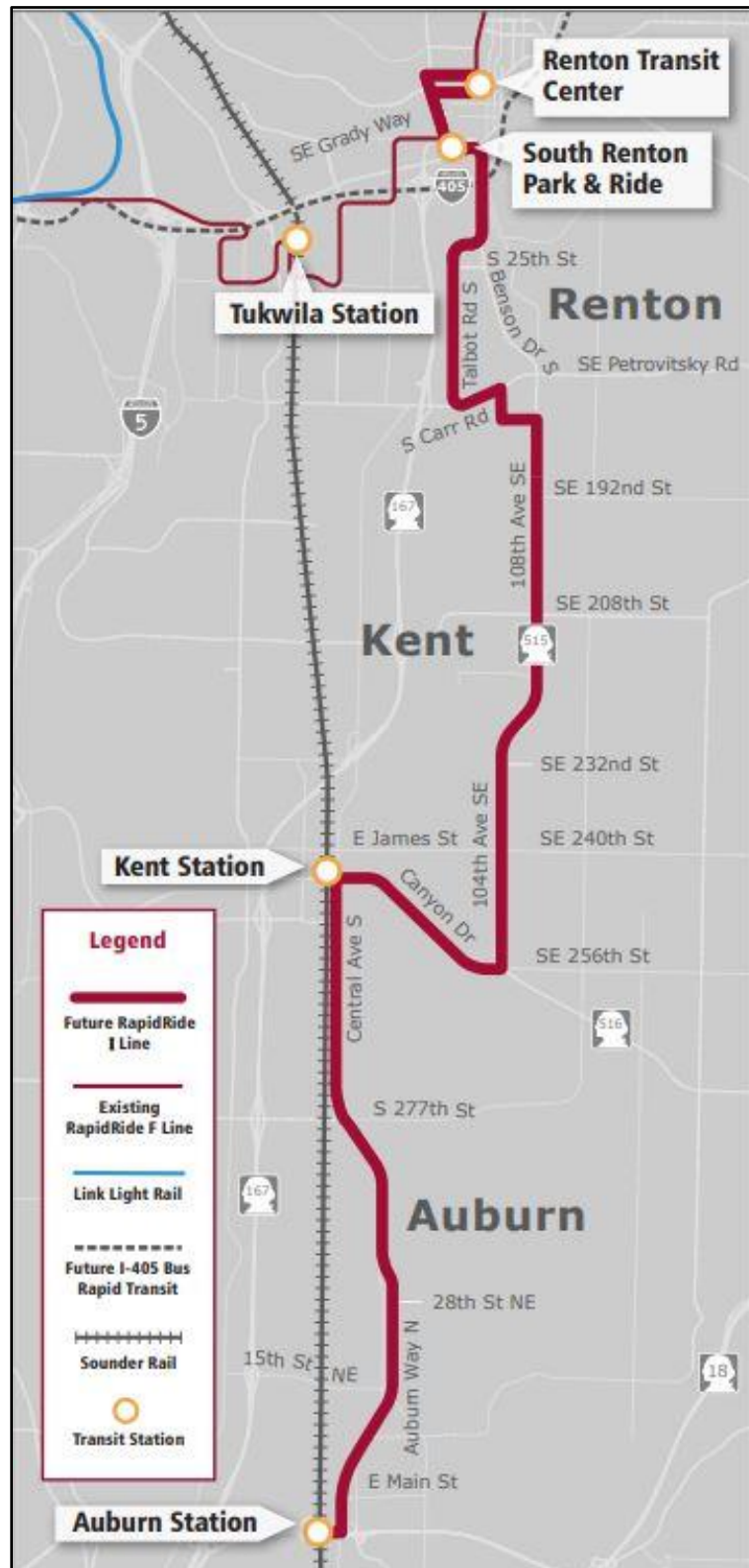
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RapidRide Line Maps to Accompany
PowerPoint Presentation

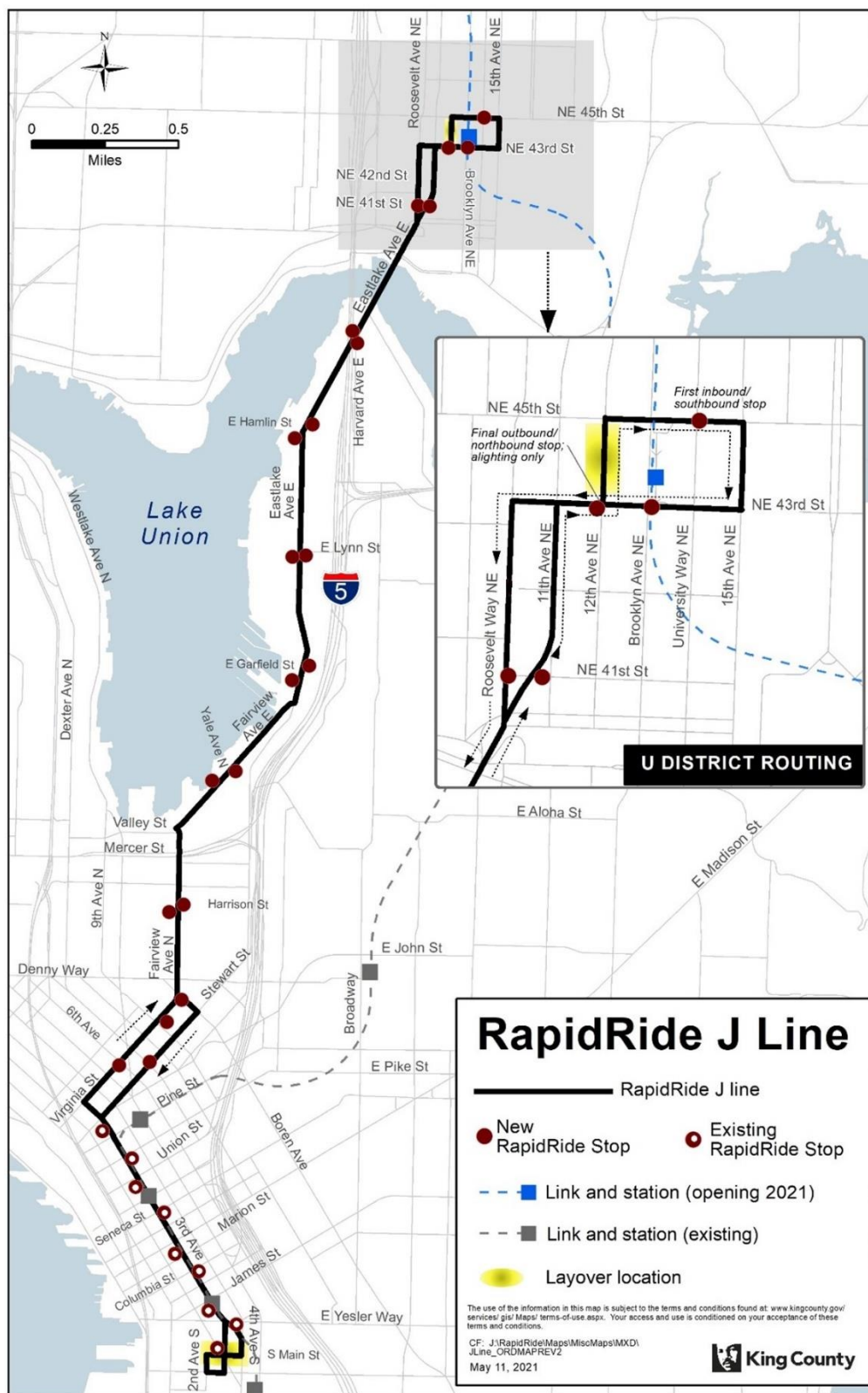
RapidRide G Line



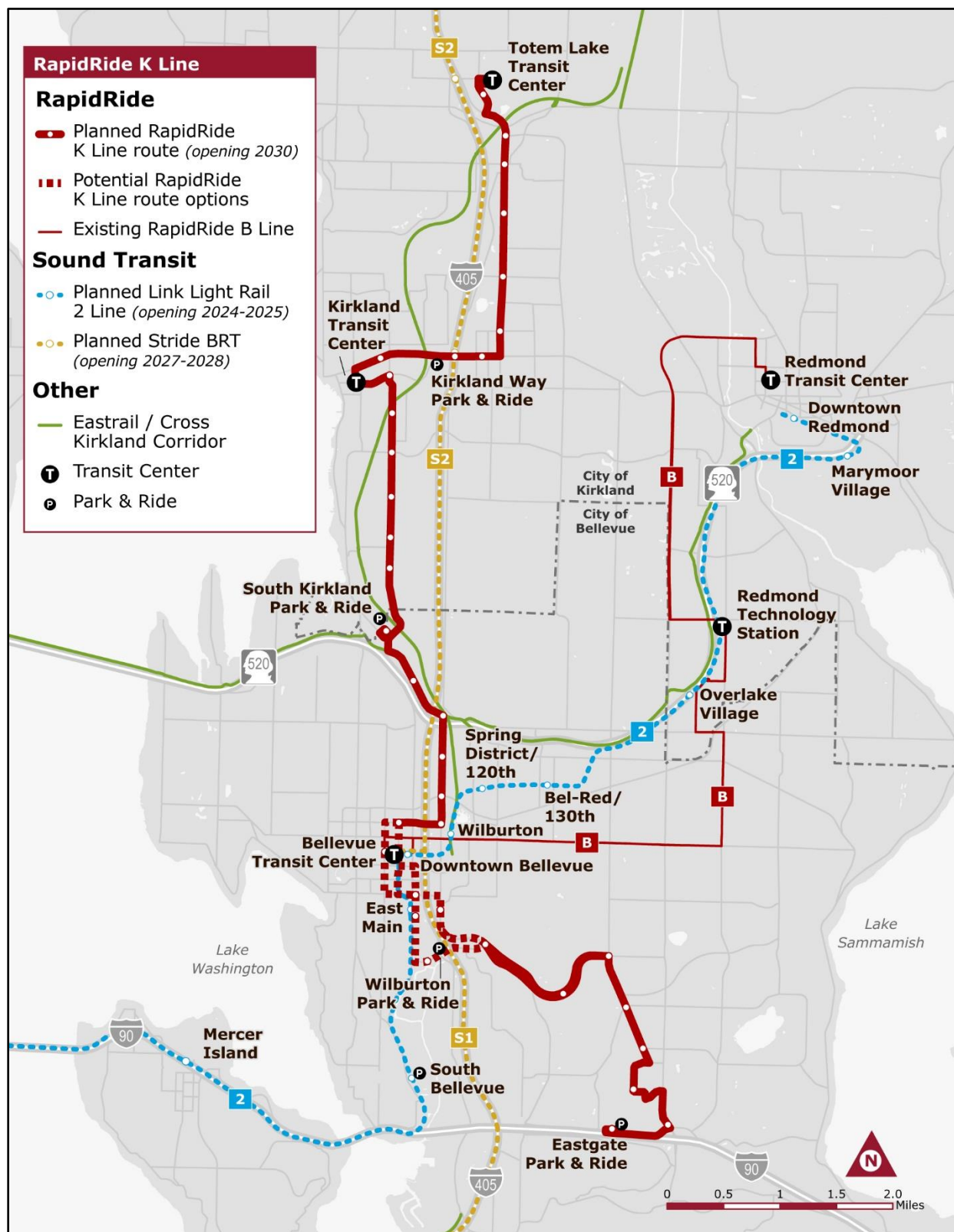
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RapidRide K Line



RapidRide R Line

