



# METRO'S >>> NEXT STOP

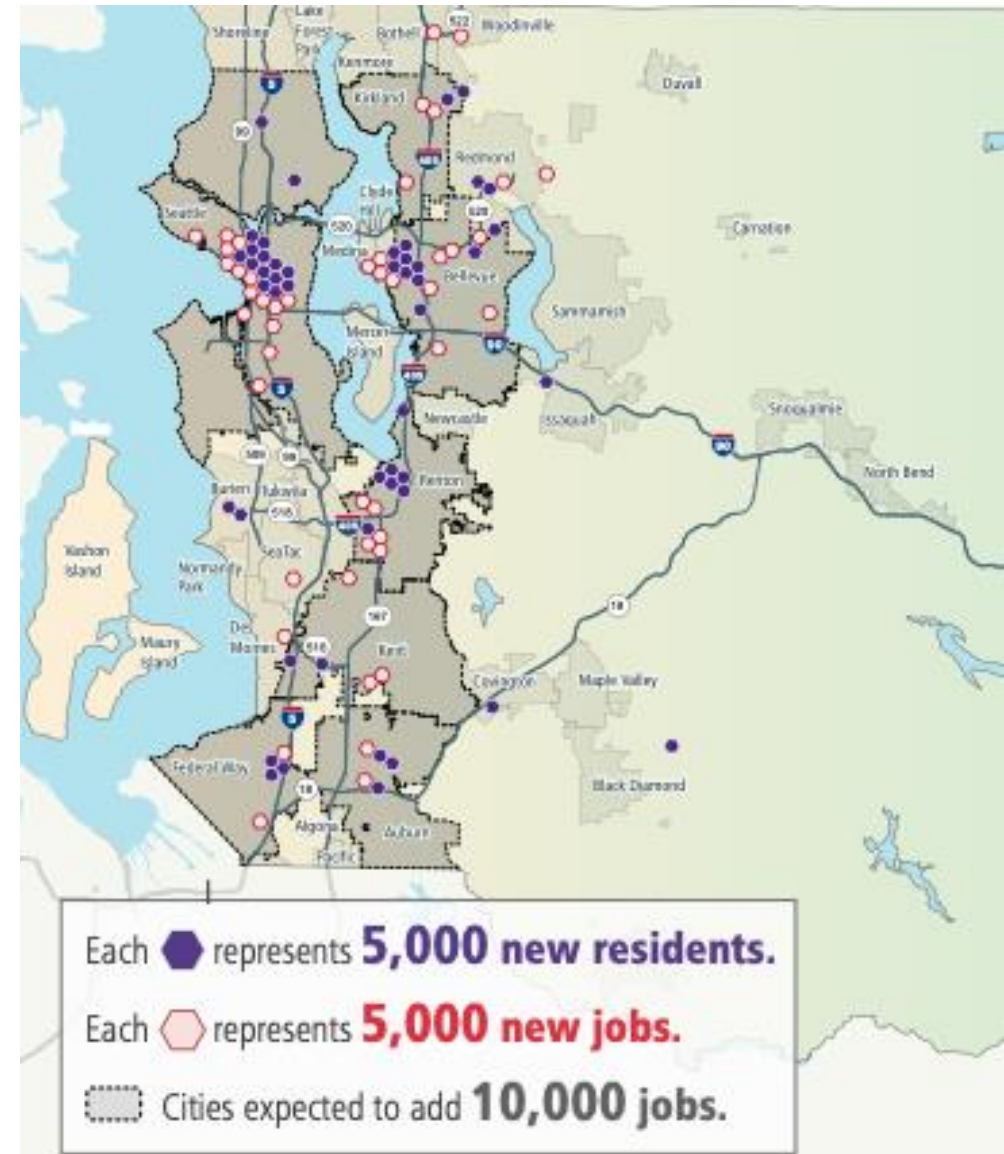
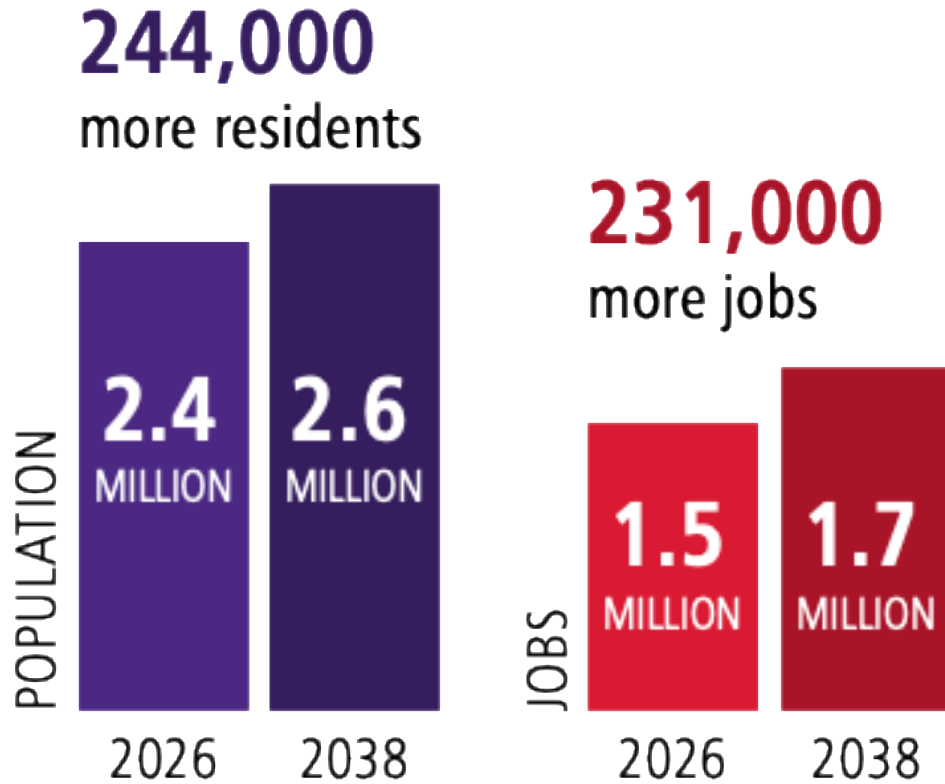
Metro's Next Stop shows  
**what transit improvements  
we can deliver by 2038  
with additional funding.**

# The region is changing, and Metro is key to connecting communities

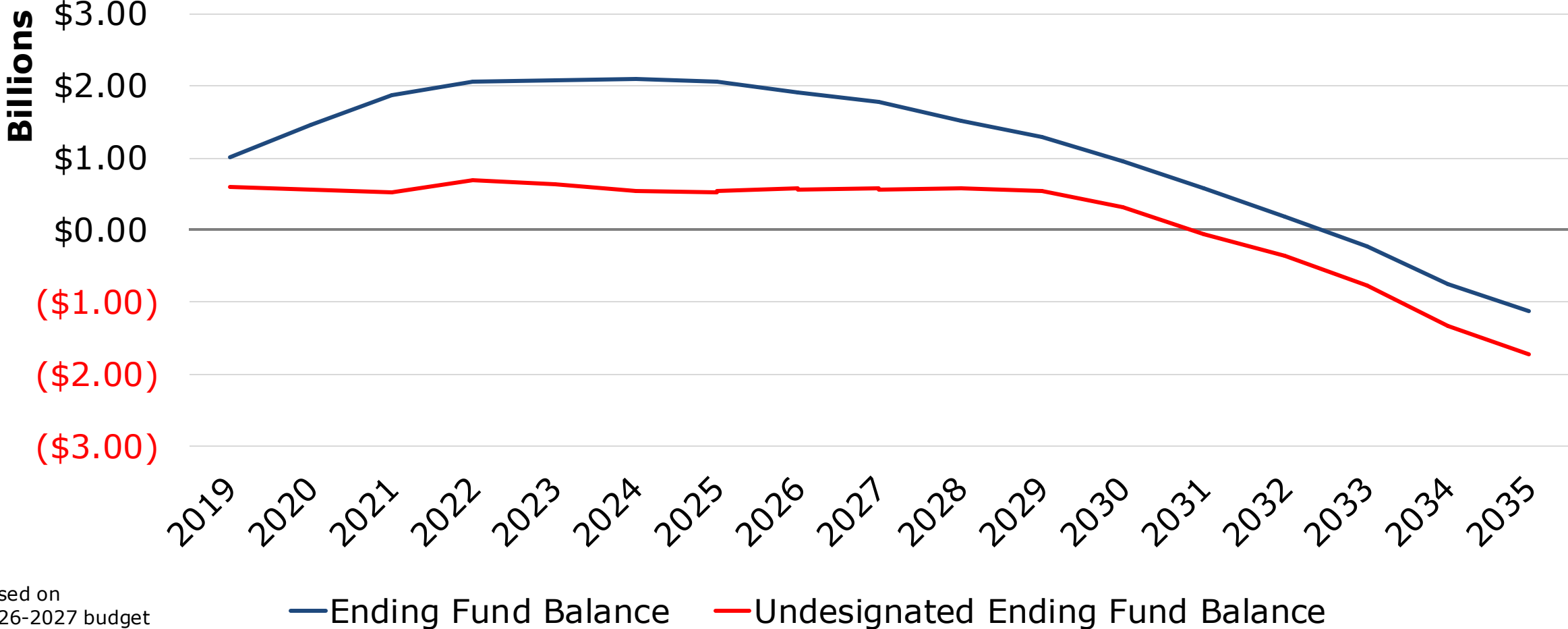
## Metro's Next Stop is a tool to help us:

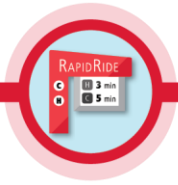
- Communicate our value
- Confirm community priorities
- Identify investments towards our long-term vision, Metro Connects
- Update financial, delivery, and growth assumptions
- Build support and trust of partners
- Improve coordination, clarity, and confidence across Metro

# Our region is growing



# But funding is needed to meet growth





## **Metro's Next Stop outlines the investments needed to**

- Create a safer, more welcoming transit experience
- Improve speed and reliability of trips
- Expand service and access to transit
- Modernize customer information tools
- Continue efforts to reduce GHG emissions

Transit plays a critical role in helping people access essential places and stay connected to their communities.

Metro's Next Stop represents an important step in planning for that future, shaped not only by quantitative data but also **by the voices and experiences of people in King County who rely on transit every day.**

- Equity Cabinet Co-Chairs

# Community engagement is the foundation of Metro's Next Stop

## Metro's Equity Cabinet

Seven meetings with the cabinet representing groups of people historically left out of decision-making

## Partner Review Board

Six meetings with a board made up of community organizations, institutions, employers, business groups, and agency partners

## Staff from local jurisdictions

Three meetings and a survey with staff from King County towns and cities

# Top priorities from community engagement



- More bus service



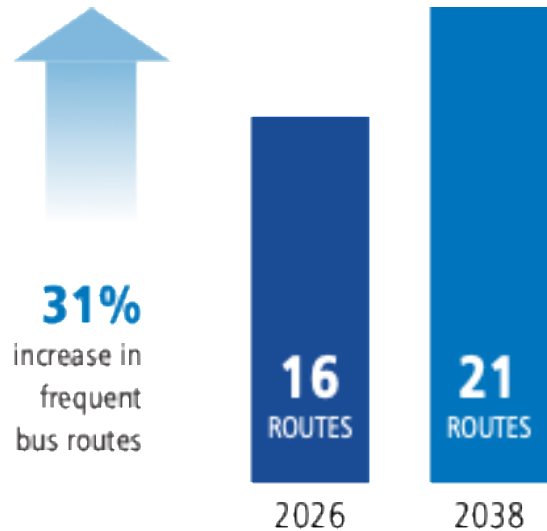
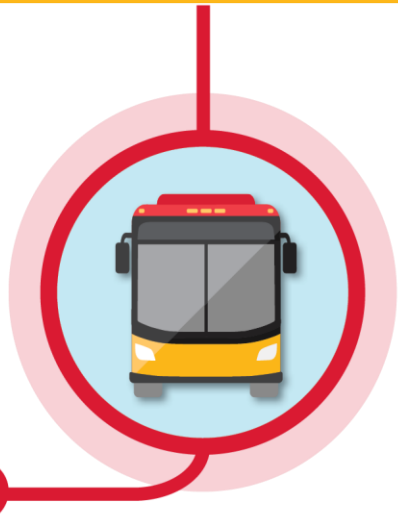
- Faster and more reliable transit



- Improved safety and cleanliness



# More frequent bus service



- 9 new bus routes and 4 new RapidRide lines
- 5 more routes running every 15 minutes or better
- 12% overall service increase by 2038
- More midday and weekend service
- Improved transit access, with up to 90% of jobs and 71% of King County residents within a quarter mile of transit.

# Faster and more reliable transit

- Dedicated bus lanes and transit signal priority
- Transit trip times expected to improve by 4–8%
- Estimated savings of 3–5 minutes per trip
- 4 new RapidRide corridors planned



9% slower

4+% faster

8 RapidRide routes in 2026

A B C D E F G H I J K R 4 new routes by 2038

# Improved safety and cleanliness

- Maintain security and safety personnel
- More Behavioral Health Specialists and Metro Ambassadors
- Better lighting and cleaner facilities



# Equity and sustainability



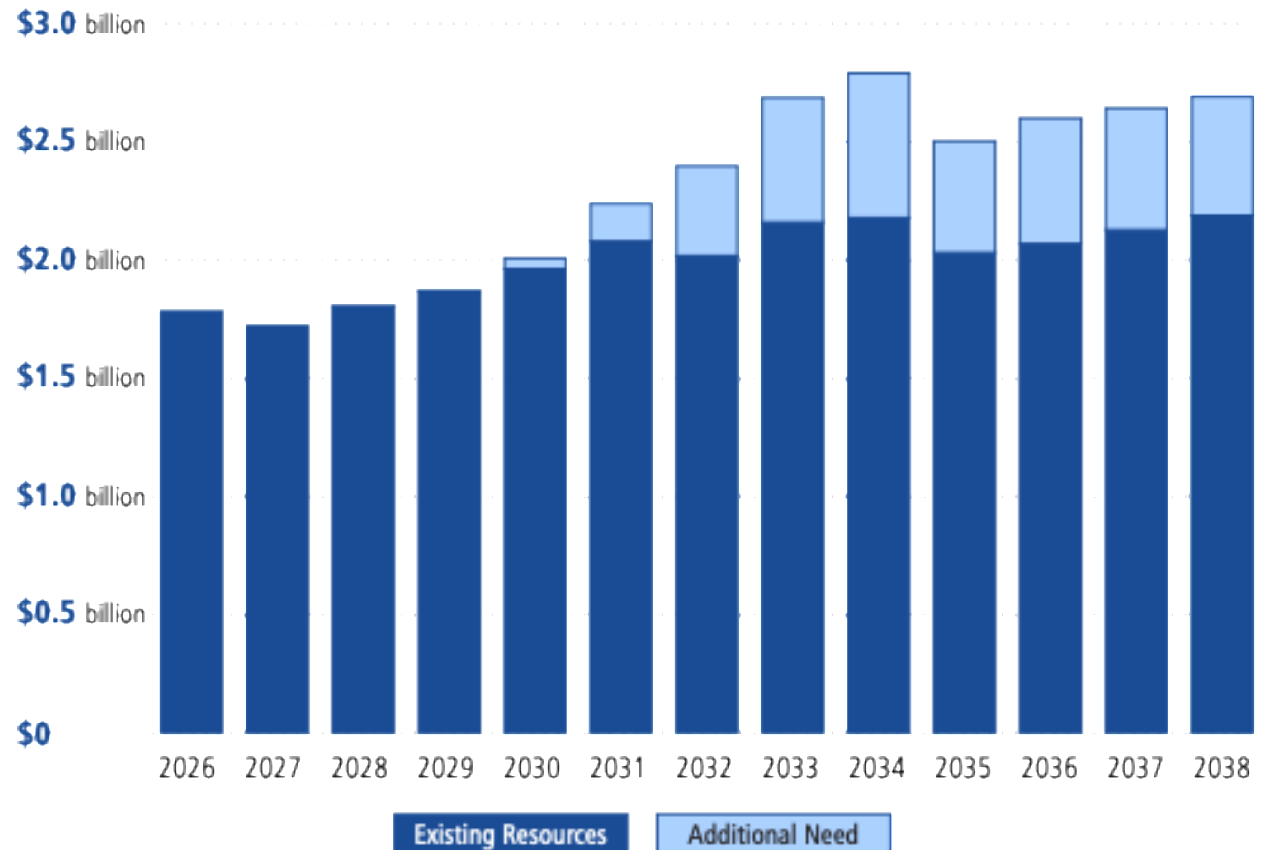
- Investing in historically underserved communities
- One-third of fleet electric by 2038
- Better rider information and multilingual access
- Stronger flexible and on-demand services

**1/3** of  
Metro's fleet  
will be electric  
by 2038.



# Metro's Next Stop requires additional funding

- Existing funding will not fully cover future needs
- Inflation and operating costs continue to rise
- Potential new funding and partnership strategies
- Metro continues to implement cost-saving measures



# Partnerships

- Metro will be working to:
  - Communicate earlier and more often
  - Make the case for transit with qualitative and quantitative data
  - Set clear expectations
- Metro invites partnerships including but not limited to:
  - Speed and reliability improvements
  - Flexible services
  - Rider amenities
  - Cleanliness



Delivering these outcomes will require partnership, innovation, investment and long-term collaboration.

It will require Metro, local governments, community organizations, employers and riders all **working together toward shared goals.**

- Michelle Allison, Metro General Manager

**Thank you!**