

# RapidRide I Line coming soon to South King County

## RAPIDRIDE



King County Metro is bringing RapidRide to South King County. The new RapidRide line will provide fast, frequent, and more reliable bus service to people in Renton, Kent, Auburn, and the surrounding areas. The I Line will upgrade the current Route 180, between Auburn Station and Kent Station, and combine it with the current Route 169, from Kent Station to Renton. Metro currently operates six RapidRide lines across the county that are more reliable and up to 20 percent faster than traditional bus service.

### Building on prior engagement

The design of the I Line builds on previous investment and engagement with South King County communities. We heard the following key themes that are shaping project design and engagement strategies:

- Add faster, more frequent, and reliable bus service throughout the day, into the evening, and on weekends
- Provide a range of transit options, including RapidRide, and flexible services that meet the needs of the community
- Serve community amenities and services, such as shopping centers, transit centers, medical centers, schools, and residential areas
- Provide even spacing between stations
- Offer more transit connections and better access to stations
- Continue to lead with equity and meet the needs of communities who have been historically underserved.

### We want to hear from you!

Metro is talking with area communities to learn their needs and priorities for RapidRide service. Your input is helping us make decisions about:



- Roadway and intersection improvements to keep buses moving and ensure your bus arrives on time
- Ways to make it easier, safer, or more convenient to get to the bus
- Station design features, including lighting, seating, weather protection, and more.

### Here are some ways you can get involved:

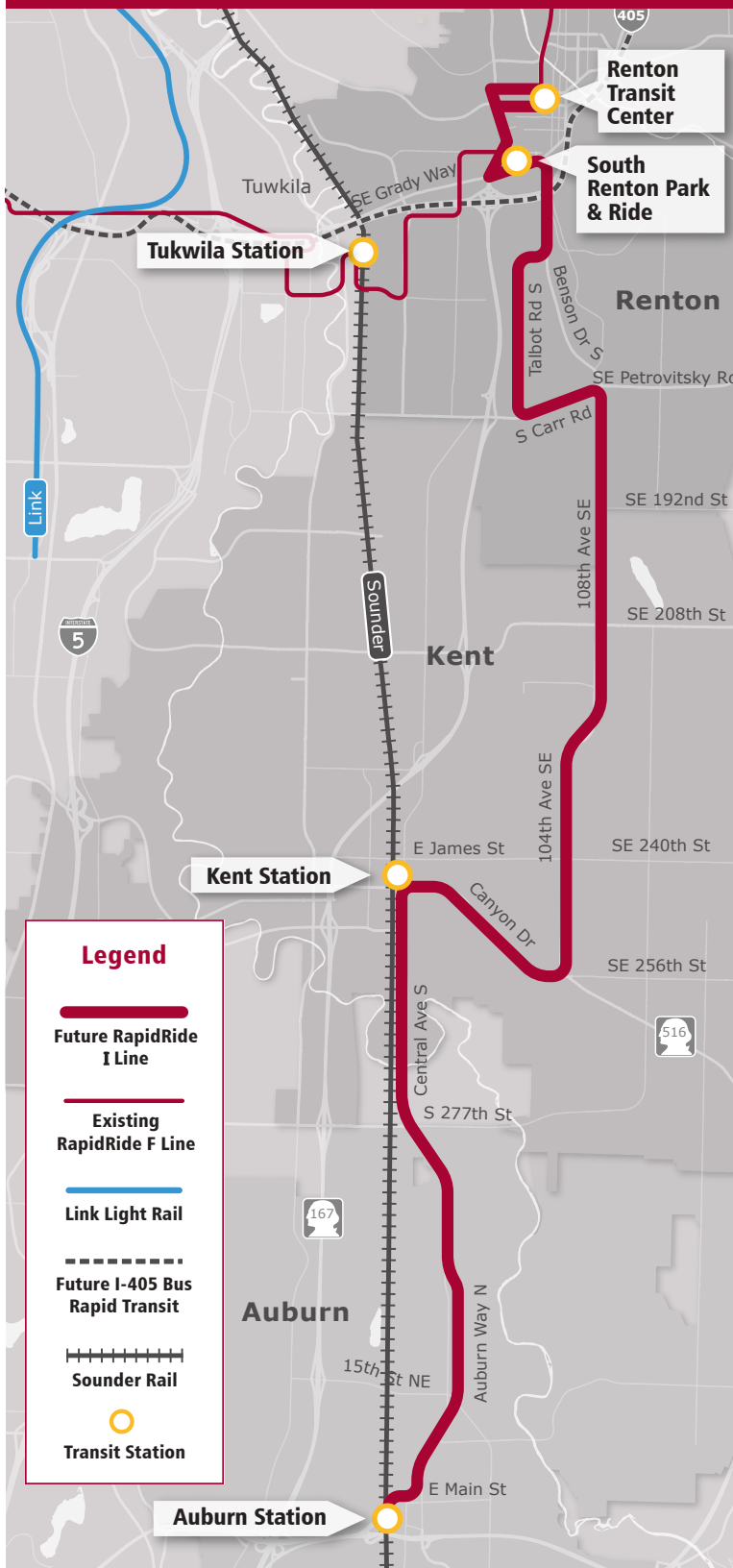


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## Overview map



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## Why upgrade to RapidRide?



**To serve our many riders:** Routes 169 and 180 are two of the busiest Metro routes in South King County, carrying nearly 8,000 riders each weekday.



**To improve transit connections:** The I Line will connect riders to the RapidRide F Line, Sound Transit's buses, the Sounder train, and local bus service.



**To enhance the customer experience:** RapidRide is designed to be consistently fast, reliable, and frequent. Lower bus platforms and three boarding doors mean fast loading and unloading for all passengers, including those with mobility challenges.

## What benefits can I expect?



**Reliable service:** RapidRide buses will be more frequent and stay on time more often, with added service at night and on weekends.



**Bus stop upgrades:** RapidRide stations will include better lighting, signs with real-time arrival information, and more seating.



**Better access:** Metro is working with local cities to improve sidewalks, street crossings, and other pathways to bus stations to ensure a safe and convenient experience.

## Project timeline



**Spring 2019:** Engaged the community and partners to draft concepts.



**Summer 2019:** Conducted community engagement to inform station locations, projects to improve access, and service changes.



**Fall 2019-Summer 2020:** Use community feedback to inform preliminary design.



**Spring 2020:** Final design begins.



**2022:** Construction begins.



**2023:** RapidRide I Line service begins.