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 160, formerly Route 169 and 180, between Auburn Station and 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!
Visit our online open house at RapidRideLine.com from Dec. 28 2020 to Jan. 25, 2021 to learn more about RapidRide Line and provide feedback on:

- Roadway changes to make the bus faster and more reliable
- New sidewalks, pathways, and other projects to make it safer and easier to get to the bus.

For more information, contact: rapidride@kingcounty.gov

The online open house will be available in English, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Simplified Chinese.

Here are some ways you can get involved:

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Sign up for project updates.
Sign up to receive regular project updates at kingcounty.gov/metro/iline.

If you would like to access this information in another language, please call us at 206-553-3000.
Why upgrade to RapidRide?

To serve our many riders: Route 160, previously routes 169 and 180, is one 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. Buses with three 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-Spring 2020: Used community feedback to inform preliminary design.

Spring 2020-Fall 2021: Final design.

2022: Construction begins.

2023: RapidRide I Line service begins.

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