Mobility Framework: How Will We Complete It?

Metro is developing a framework for the equitable and sustainable implementation of an integrated, regional network of mobility services and innovations. The goal is to plan for the future and set Metro and the region up to grow, invest, and innovate in a way that advances equity and addresses climate change. Safety and responsible use of public funds will remain core priorities for our agency. It will inform future updates to Metro’s existing policies and future budget development.

The final framework will include guiding principles, regional demographic and travel trends, best practices for advancing equity and addressing climate change, and recommendations for Metro’s updates to policies and investments. It will also highlight potential partner actions that would support an integrated, equitable, and sustainable regional mobility network. We anticipate completion by October 31, 2019. Metro hired a consultant team to support research, analysis, and engagement. Metro is working with an Equity Cabinet to develop the guiding principles and recommendations.

PHASE 1
Guiding Principles Development, Initial Research & Analysis
May—early July 2019

- **Metro** seeks input from elected officials (including King County Executive, King County Council and Regional Transit Committee), regional partners, and other stakeholders around guiding principles.
- **Consultants** conduct travel and demographic trends analysis and best practices research.
- **Metro** and **Equity Cabinet** begin reviewing research and analysis.
- **Metro** reviews engagement results, shares them with the **Equity Cabinet**, and **revises** draft guiding principles in alignment with feedback. **Equity Cabinet** reviews, refines, and finalizes guiding principles.

PHASE 2
Policy Implications & Development of Recommendations
July—early September 2019

- **Metro** and **Equity Cabinet** review research, analysis, and engagement results, and use them to **develop** potential recommendations to **address** identified gaps.
- **Metro** seeks input from elected officials (including King County Executive, King County Council and Regional Transit Committee), regional partners, and other stakeholders around potential recommendations for policy updates.
- **Consultants** support by analyzing equity, sustainability, and financial impacts (qualitative and quantitative) of potential recommendations.
- **Metro** supports the **Equity Cabinet** in **refining** potential recommendations for policy updates and **deciding** which to include in the framework. Recommendations should **align** with guiding principles and be **informed** by research, analysis, and engagement.

PHASE 3
Framework Development & Adoption
September 2019—early 2020

- **Metro** prepares final framework, and **Equity Cabinet** reviews. The **King County Executive** will transmit by October 31, 2019.
- **Regional Transit Committee** refines, reviews, and **adopts** framework.
- **King County Council** adopts the final framework.

PHASE 4
Updates to Existing Policies
November 2019—June 2020

- **Metro** works with the **Equity Cabinet** (TBD) to develop proposed updates to existing policy documents based on the framework’s recommendations, including but not limited to the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, Service Guidelines, METRO CONNECTS¹, the Pro-Equity Transportation & Mobility Policy Agenda for the Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan, and the Transportation Goal Area for the Strategic Climate Action Plan.
- **Metro** seeks input from elected officials (including King County Executive, King County Council and Regional Transit Committee), regional partners, and other stakeholders around these updates.
- **Consultants** support this work.
- **Metro** prepares final updated policies, and **Equity Cabinet** (TBD) reviews. The **King County Executive** transmits by June 30, 2020.
- **Regional Transit Committee** refines and **reviews** policy updates.
- **King County Council** adopts the final updated policies.

The final framework will include a proposed timeline for updates to METRO CONNECTS. It may not be updated by June 2020.