New South King County Base Candidate Sites Media Briefing

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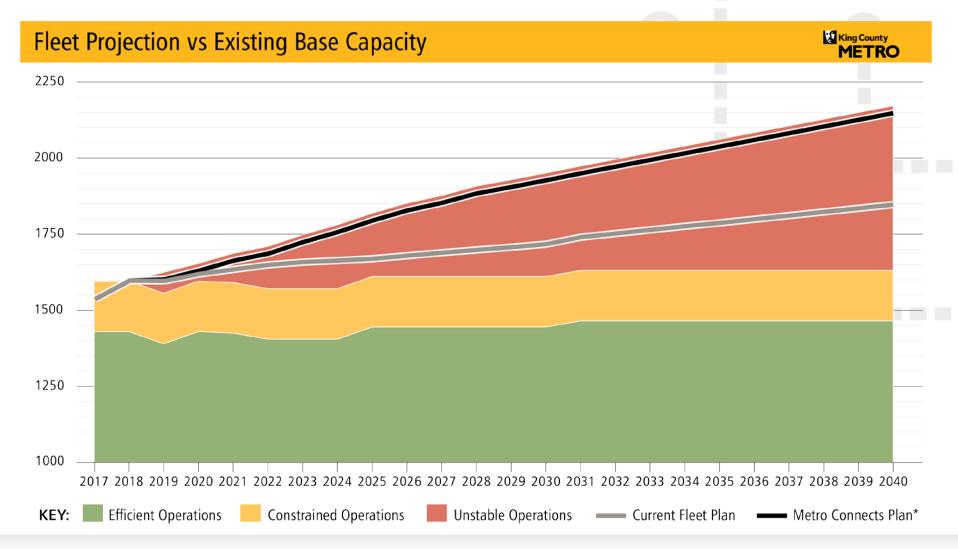


Agenda

- Why add a new base?
- Why south King County?
- What are the candidate sites?
- What are the next steps?



Why add a new base?





We want to increase service 70% by 2040



Add 2.5 million more service hours on bus routes



Add 625 more buses



Create more space and facilities needed to operate and maintain buses



Metro's Growth Plan

Central Campus (Seattle)

 Improve existing operational capacity and possible expansion

South Campus (Tukwila)

- Create interim and permanent operational capacity
- Upgrade South Campus Parking Garage

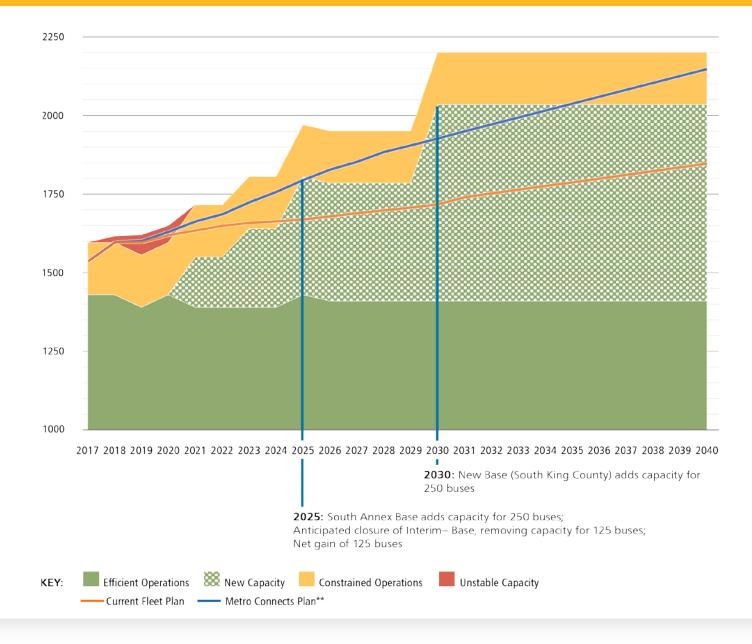
New South King County Base

Acquire land, design and build future new base





Major milestones to add capacity





Why a new south King County base?

- Provides more efficient service closer to where current and future routes start and end
- Allows for meaningful contributions to the physical, environmental and economic health of nearby communities
- Zero emissions, all-electric bus fleet will contribute to improved air quality in South King County



Characteristics of an optimal site

- Approximately 30 acres
- Access to major freeways and arterials
- Rectangular in shape



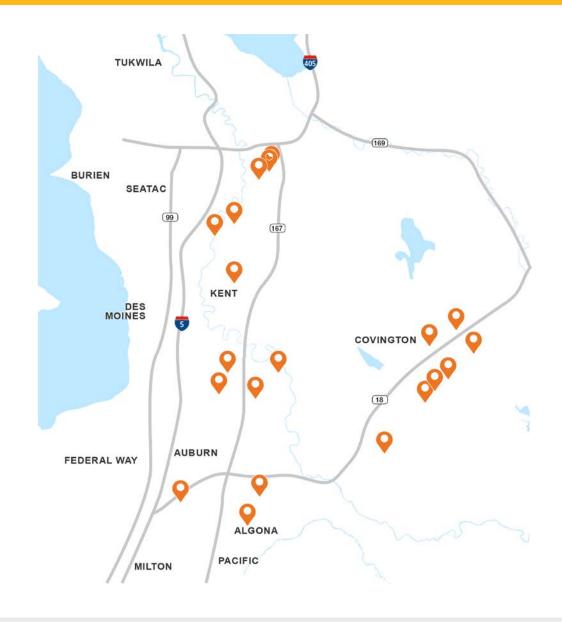




Top 20 sites

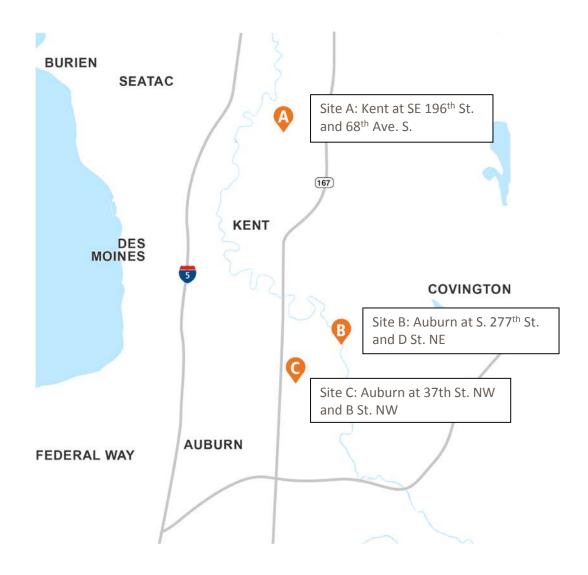
 Weighted criteria analysis





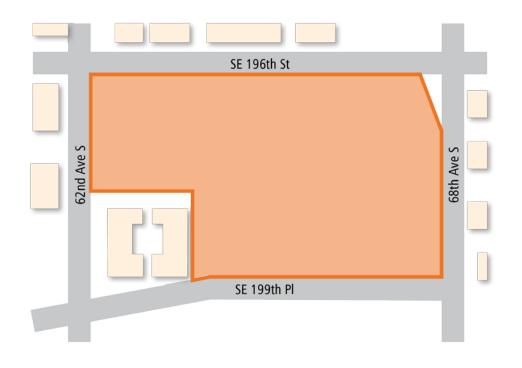


Top 3 Sites





Site A: Kent at SE 196th St. and 68th Ave. S.

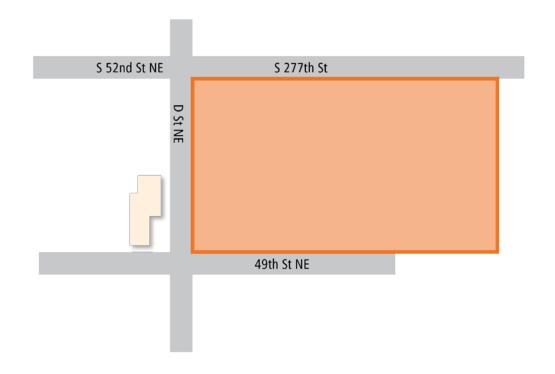


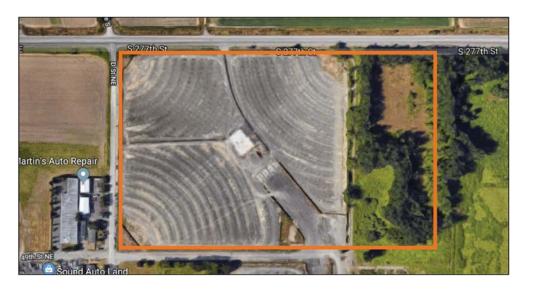


Zoning: Industrial (M1-C) Acreage: 25 - 38 acres



Site B: Auburn at S. 277th St. and D St. NE

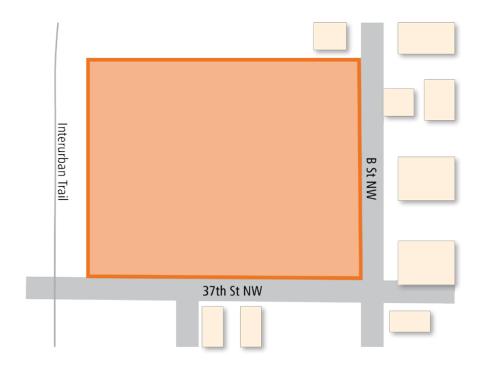




Zoning: Commercial (C4)

Acreage: 18-26 acres

Site C: Auburn at 37th St. NW and B St. NW





Zoning: Industrial (M2)

Acreage: 38 acres

Next steps

- Develop methodology to go from three sites to one preferred site
- Determine level of environmental review
- Engage communities to keep them informed and involved in site selection, future environmental evaluation, and to identify opportunities to advance equity and social justice.



For more information

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