

CUT OFF FROM OPPORTUNITY

EDUCATION

ACCESS DESERTS IN KING COUNTY



Orange routes show transit access to community colleges within 30 minutes.

Green zones highlight limited transit access.

Average travel times from Rainier Beach to South Seattle Community College on transit, and by car.

by transit :
1 hour & 15 minutes
2+ buses



by car :
18 minutes



KING COUNTY METRO

INVESTS IN HIGHER

EDUCATION

CONNECTING OUR NEXT-GENERATION TO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY



I had to drop out of school because I couldn't afford the fare to get there. If there are more bus cuts they will affect me. If there are fewer buses on the streets, the wait will be longer."
— Oliver Williams, 20



The Rainier Valley, SeaTac, Kent, and Burien have poor access to bus service that connects young people to community college. Many young people who live in these communities are people of color.

\$9000*

It costs \$18,000 on average to attend community college in King County. Without reliable bus service, many young people will not be able to afford to attend college.

*According to AAA, the annual cost of owning and maintaining a car costs \$9,122

\$6

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Oliver Williams Photo: Inye Wakoma, Ijo Media Arts Group
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KING COUNTY METRO : CRITICAL LINKS

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE YOU TO GET TO A HOSPITAL ON THE BUS?

Households in South Seattle and South King County have very limited access to frequent bus service to get timely health care.



Areas of high concentrations of low income, transit-dependent residents.*

Orange routes show 30 minute bus access to + hospitals county wide.



Investments in transit service can improve access to health care and ultimately reduce healthcare costs for families and the county.

*Low income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level - \$27,500 for individuals; \$47,100 for a family of four.

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KING COUNTY METRO : VITAL ACCESS FOR

SENIORS

TO CONNECT TO SENIOR CENTERS



Orange routes show transit access to  senior centers within 20 minutes.

Green zones highlight areas with large populations of transit-dependent seniors.

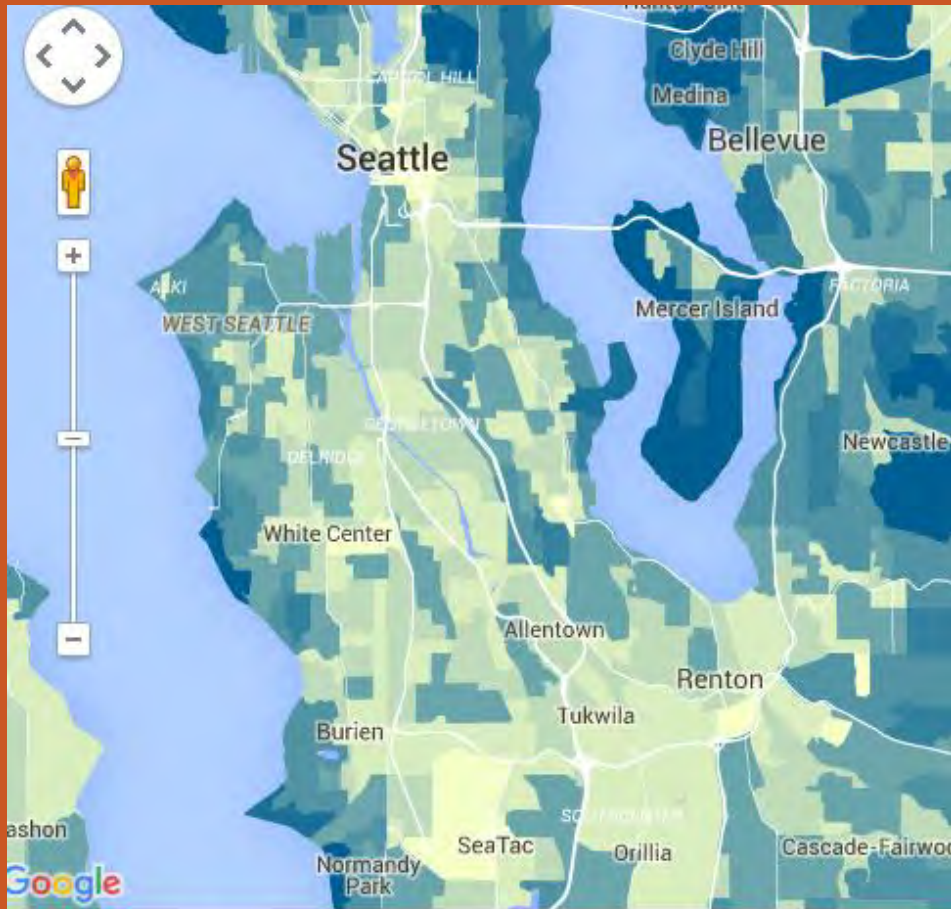
"I started to lose my sight a few years ago. I depend on the bus for everything. To get to the doctor, the senior center, to see my friends, even for food."

- Lorraine Federal Way

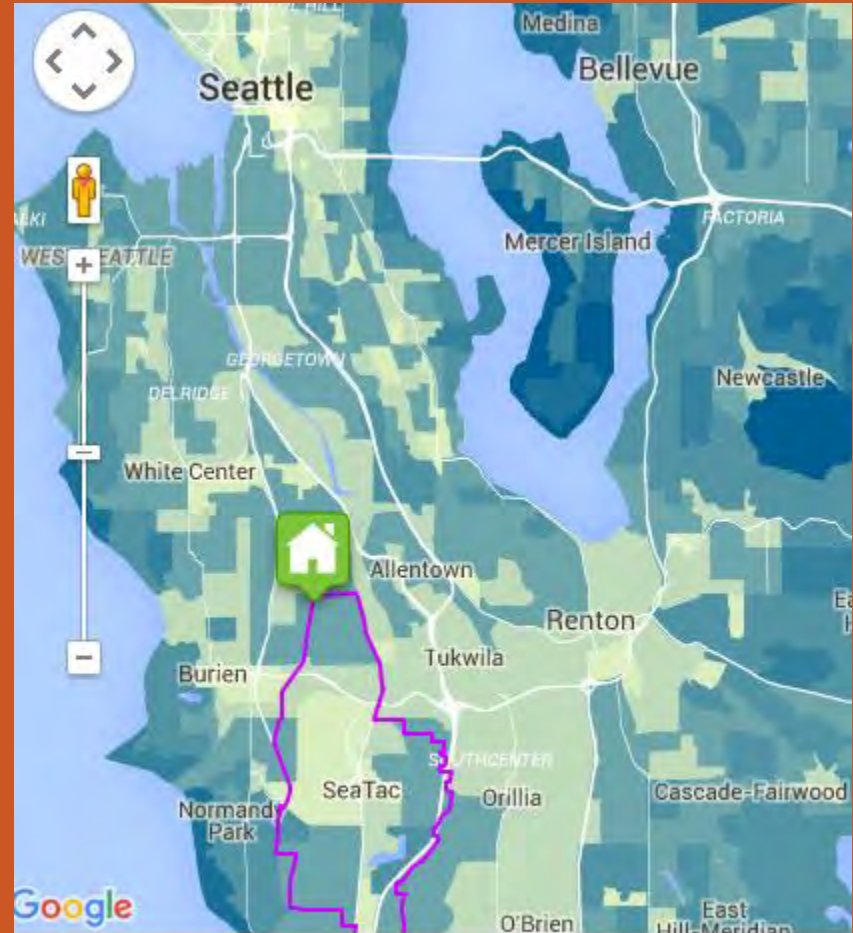


1 in 5 seniors over 65 do not drive.

Many low-income seniors, immigrant seniors, and seniors with disabilities are transit-dependent.



Housing Costs % Income



Housing + Transportation Costs % Income

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