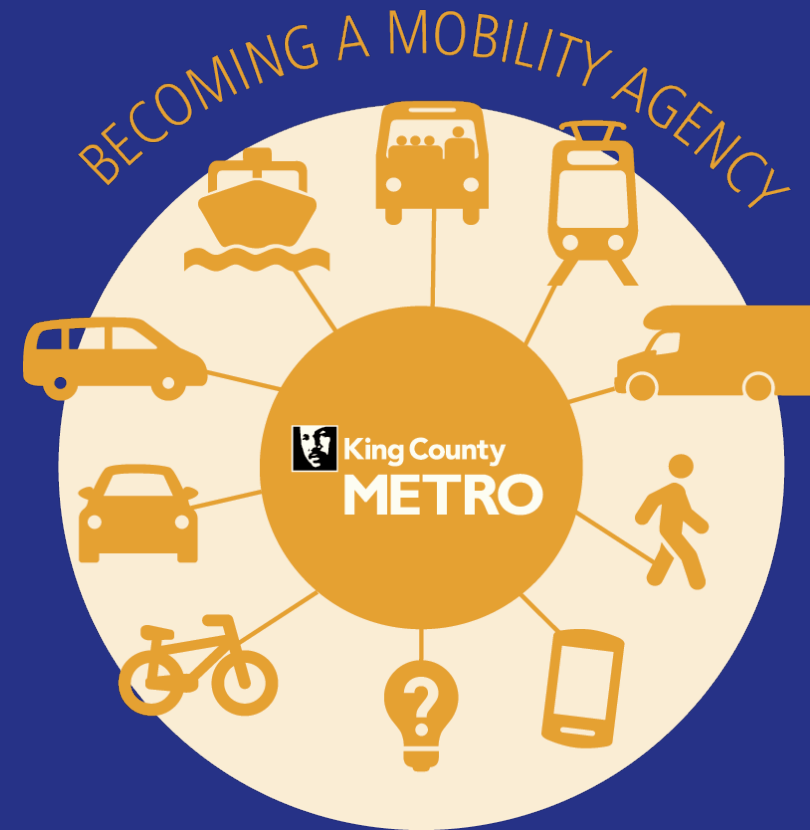


Metro: Leading with Racial Justice

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Leading with Racial Justice

- **King County is leading with racial justice** because historical and racial inequities continue to affect all of us, and our region's ability to live well and thrive.

SO ALL PEOPLE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO THRIVE
KING COUNTY INVESTS...



Upstream, and where needs are greatest,

in community partnerships,

and in employees,

with transparent and accountable leadership.



Metro's Long Game

- Mobility is more than a service – it can have profound outcomes
- By centering equity, safety, and climate in Metro's work, we can better advance key outcomes
- We are demonstrating our value, growing our capacity, and measuring progress



King County Metro Mobility Equity Cabinet

Comprised of 23 community leaders, representing riders and communities countywide, including priority populations (low- and no-income populations, people of color and indigenous people, immigrants and refugees, limited-English speaking communities, people with disabilities)

Many, but not all, participated in Open Space Equity Cabinet

- Met 1-2 times/month since May 2019
- Goals:
 - Community-led process and product, share power and decision-making (*best practices*)
 - Work with Metro to incorporate stakeholder & public feedback
 - Hold Metro accountable throughout policy update process



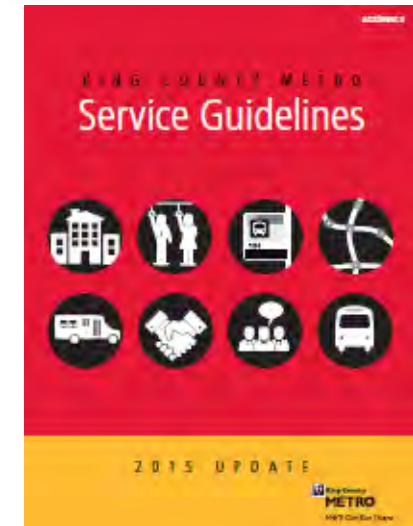
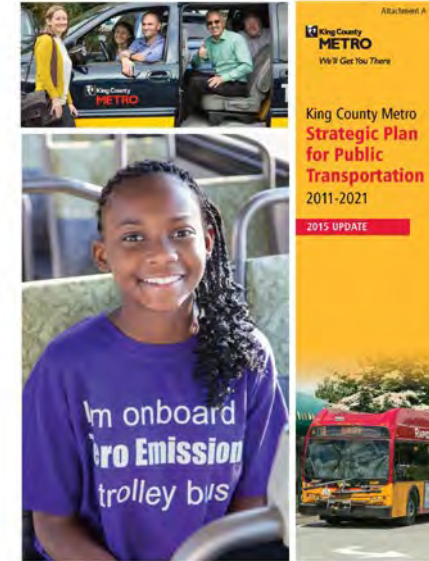
Mobility Framework Guiding Principles and Recommendations

Guiding Principles



Updating Metro's policies

- Metro's policy documents (Strategic Plan, Service Guidelines, Long-range Plan) help us carry out our mission, guide our actions, and measure our progress
- Updates include:
 - **Better prioritizing equity, including leading with race, and sustainability in service delivery**
 - Aligning policies with Mobility Framework and each other
 - Updating long-range plan based on recent planning and cost data and setting Metro up to invest towards the Metro Connects networks
 - Streamlining Metro's performance management system



Services: COVID Recovery, Innovative Services

- **COVID recovery**

- Public transit will be at the heart of a successful recovery from the health, economic, and racial inequity crises precipitated or worsened by COVID-19.
- Metro will recover service in a way that advances our values, centers essential riders, and responds to community input, service and budget conditions, and demands


- **Crossroads Connect**

- On-demand service launched by Metro and Bellevue
- Serves people in Bellevue's diverse Crossroads and Lake Hills neighborhoods, linking homes, jobs, schools and shopping to Metro bus routes that serve the broader Eastside.
- Provides shared ride connections to frequent transit service and is intended to improve mobility for people who live and work in the service area, which has comparatively lower rates of car ownership and lower household incomes.



Fares: ORCA card options

Regional Reduced Fare Permit	ORCA LIFT	ORCA Youth	Adult ORCA	
RRFP: Disability	RRFP: Senior 65+	Income qualified	6–18 years	19–64 years
For riders with disabilities or Medicare	For riders 65 and over	For riders at or below 200% federal poverty level	Check if your school can help with costs	Check if your school or employer can help with costs
\$	\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$\$
LOWEST COST	LOWEST COST	LOW COST	LOW COST	FULL COST

Subsidized annual pass	New program for people enrolled in certain state benefit programs. This ORCA product can be loaded onto an ORCA LIFT or RRFP card		NO COST ON METRO AND SOUND TRANSIT
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Children 5 years of age and under can ride free with an adult and do not need an ORCA card.
For more information about these fare options, visit kingcounty.gov/metro/fares

Subsidized annual pass

Freedom and possibilities through transit



Customers who are enrolled in one of six state benefit programs can receive a subsidized annual pass, good for unlimited rides on Metro and Sound Transit

The pass is valid for up to 12 calendar months and is renewable each year, provided eligibility requirements are met

Eligibility

In order to qualify, customers must be a resident of King, Pierce or Snohomish Counties and be enrolled in one of the following state benefit programs:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) / State Family Assistance (SFA)
- Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA)*
- Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD)
- Housing & Essential Needs (HEN)

107,000 people are eligible, we expect to enroll 3,000/month

Expansions to program eligibility are expected in 2022

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Closing and Questions