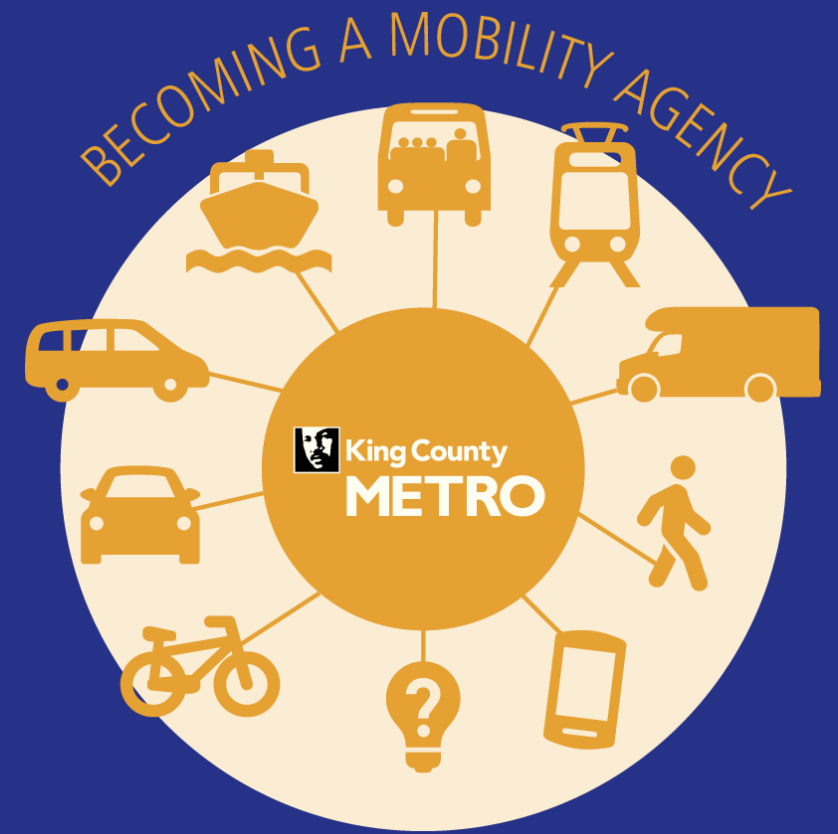


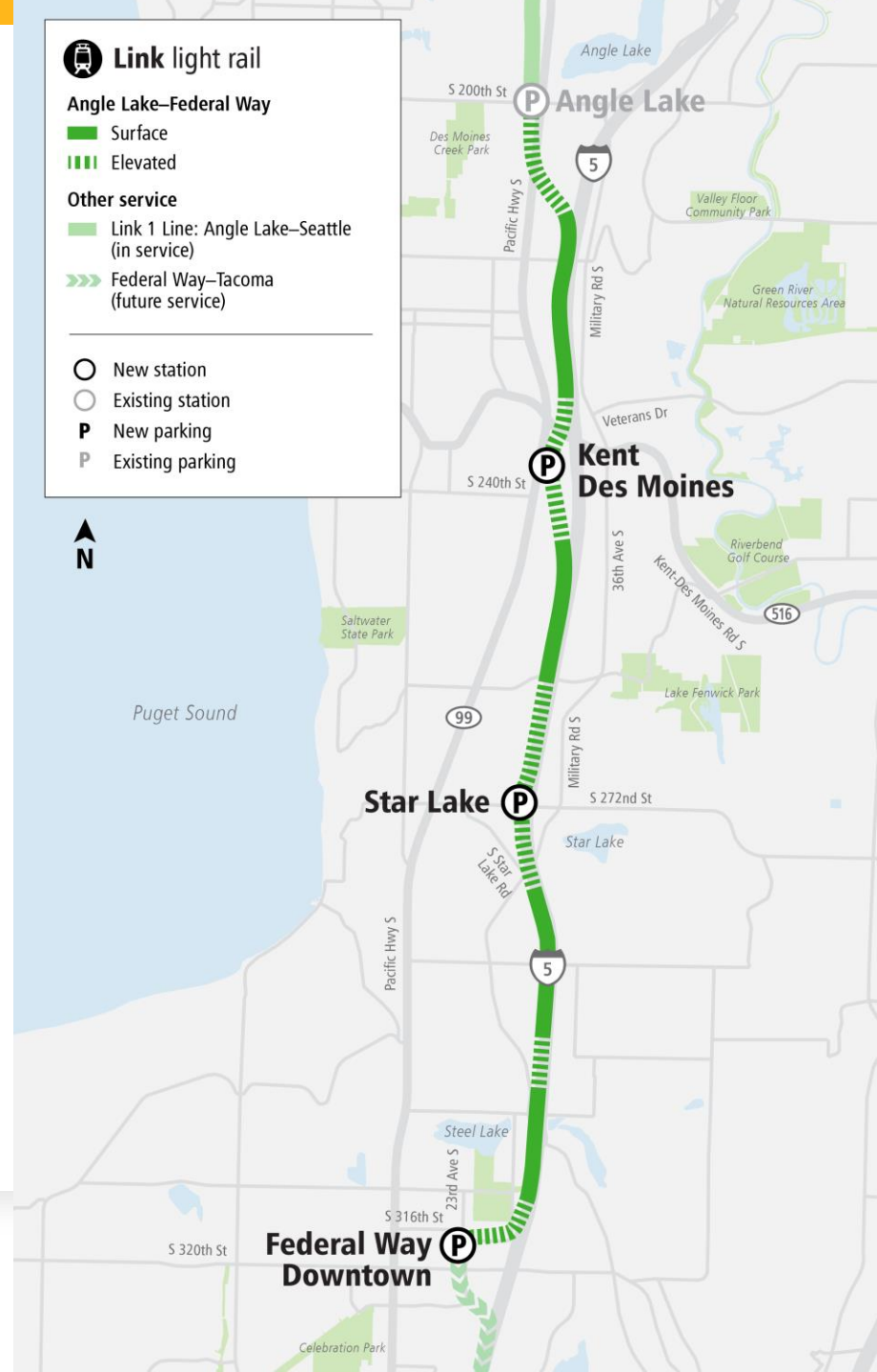
South Link Connections Mobility Project Overview

Highline Forum
September 25, 2024



Background

- Three new stations added to the 1 Line as early as 2026
 - Kent Des Moines
 - Star Lake
 - Federal Way Downtown



Project Goals

- 1. Improve mobility** for priority populations who are an important part of our current and potential customer base
- 2. Equitably inform, engage, and empower** current and potential customers traveling in the project area
- 3. Deliver integrated service** that moves towards the METRO CONNECTS vision and responds to Link expansion, changes in the transit network, and community needs
- 4. Improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and environmental sustainability** of the transit system

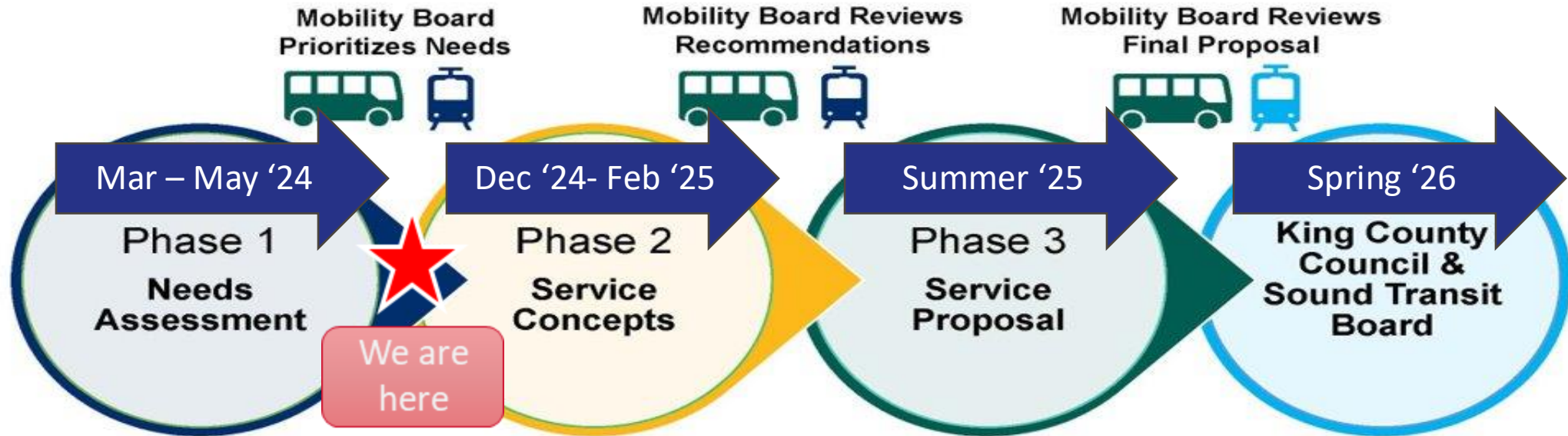


Project Scope

- **Project routes** – Twenty-two routes
 - Ten all-day routes: A Line, 156, 165, 181, 182, 183, 187, 631, 901, 903
 - Twelve peak-only routes: 121, 122, 123, 154, 157, 162, 177, 178, 179, 190, 193, 197
- **Project area** – Communities in eleven cities and unincorporated King County
 - Algona, Auburn, Burien, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, Normandy Park, Pacific, SeaTac, Tukwila, and unincorporated areas
 - The project area will be the focus of community engagement and equity analyses



Engagement Timeline



- Interview community stakeholders on mobility needs and barriers
- Review recent engagement in the project area
- Conduct baseline equity analysis and analysis of existing service needs and barriers
- Recruit Mobility Board and Partner Review Board



Partner Review Board

- Develop and present service concepts based on prioritized needs
- Solicit public feedback
- Learn more about community priorities
- Review of concepts using
 - Service Design Best Practices
 - Public Input
 - Equity Review



Partner Review Board

- Present proposed changes to public
- Explain how the design matured and what influenced the concepts
- Seek feedback on ways to refine and optimize
- Final equity analysis



Partner Review Board

- King County Executive transmits final service network to King County Council for adoption
- Final service network to Sound Transit Board for adoption
- Plan for implementation and community education

Engagement Activities

- Metro uses in-person outreach, online and electronic media, and print materials and signage in multiple languages to let people know about the opportunity to participate.
- We gather input about mobility needs, barriers, and opportunities to improve transit, and explore benefits and tradeoffs of future mobility options with community members and stakeholders using:
 - Online and paper surveys
 - Open houses and community conversations
 - Interviews with Community Based Organizations
 - Community Based Organization-led outreach
 - Meetings with jurisdictions, employers, schools, and major institutions
 - Focus groups
 - Bus operator engagement
 - Emails and phone calls



Mobility Board

- Transit riders and potential transit riders who live, work, or travel in the project area
- Members bring their perspective as an individual, not representing the interests of a larger group or organization
- Meet and collaborate with Metro staff to consider community and stakeholder needs
- Develop and refine a regional transit network in South King County that meets the project goals
- Members should equitably represent the project area population including Black, Indigenous, and People of Color; people with physical and/or cognitive disabilities; people with low- to no-income; immigrants and/or refugees; and people with linguistic diversity
- Estimated 5-7 meetings from June 2024 – Fall 2025



Partner Review Board

- Representatives from jurisdictions and major institutions in the project area, leaders of community-based organizations, and representatives from partner transit agencies
- Members represent the interests of a larger group or organization
- Review and provide feedback on service concepts developed by the Mobility Board and Metro
- Provide guidance on both engagement opportunities and implementation plans
- Estimated 4-5 meetings from June 2024 – Fall 2025



Jurisdiction Participation

- Mobility Board members from jurisdictions
- Partner Review Board meetings
- Jurisdiction resident feedback on concepts during engagement phases
- Meetings with jurisdictions



We want to hear from you

- **Sign up for project alerts by text or email**
SouthLinkConnections.com
- Encourage organizations and businesses to participate in South Link Connections
- Share engagement opportunities with constituents on social media
- Share key public spaces for outreach
- Share CBOs to connect with
- Sign up to help with outreach
- Send comments:
 - Email haveasay@kingcounty.gov
 - Call 206-263-1939
- Reach out to Metro Local Jurisdictions Lead Amanda Pleasant-Brown

