King County Metro Updates

Redmond City Council October 6, 2020



September 2020 Service Change

- ~85% of pre-Covid-19 service levels
- Renton-Kent-Auburn Area Mobility Plan implemented
- Service suspensions and reductions
 - Continued suspensions respondented to Covid-19 and decreased ridership
 - Some permanent reductions due to loss of STBD funding



2021 Bus Network Changes

- COVID-19 service response and restoration
- STBD Reductions
 - STBD-affected routes operate largely within Seattle
- North Link Connections (September 2021)
 - Integrate bus with rail at three new Link stations
 - Final phase of engagement this fall





Responding to Covid

What Metro is doing





Requiring masks





What riders should do



Wear a mask



Maintain physical distance



Pay with ORCA card





Upcoming in Redmond

- Restoration & recovery planning
- East Link Connections project start-up



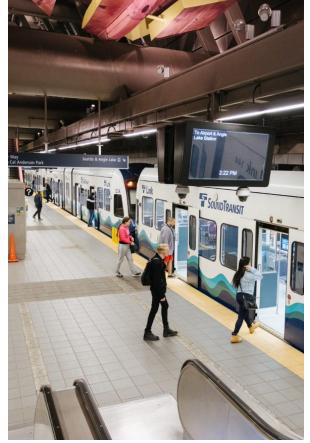
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Ridership changes







Planning 2021 Service

What we're assuming

- Pandemic impacts will most likely continue through 2021
- Decline in revenue and ridership requires \$23 million cost savings in purchased transportation services
- Flexibility is key: if ridership returns, Sound Transit will need to add service

What we don't know

- How ridership may change throughout the year
- How social distancing needs will change
- When major employers and schools will return in-person



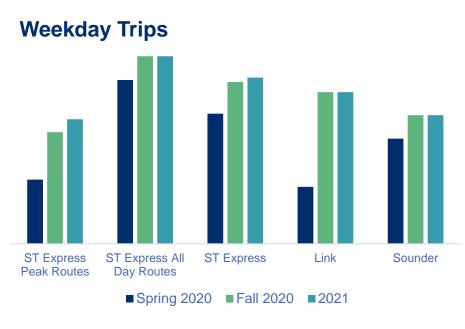
Restructure service with Northgate Link opening

- 3 New Link Stations
- ST Express routing changes to feed expanded Link system brings increased reliability, regional access





Proposed 2021 service levels





Link – 8 min peak,15 min off-peak/weekend, 30 late night



Sounder – 9 roundtrips in South, 2 roundtrips in North



Tacoma Link – continue full service



ST Express – restore some trips & continue some route suspensions



Keeping riders safe

Action Plan

- Achieve 100% passenger and employee face covering compliance.
- Increase cleaning protocol.
- Communicate passenger loads by route and time of day.
- Increased passenger communications.
- Mask distribution pilot.
- Testing feasibility to provide hand sanitizer.
- Analyze opportunities to increase airflow and filtration.

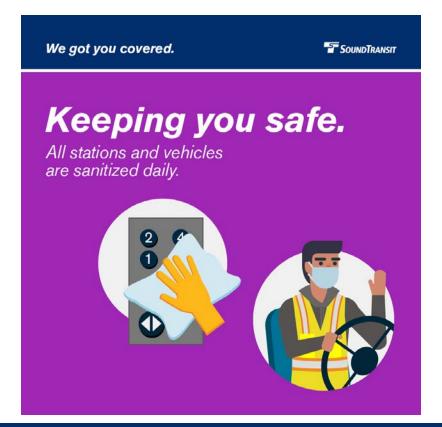


Passenger communications





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