



RAPIDRIDE

RapidRide 1027 Update Kirkland Transportation Commission

July 24th, 2019

Agenda

- **Northern endpoint alternatives**
- **Endpoint analysis conclusions**
- **What's next?**

RapidRide 1027 Alignment

- Representative alignment:
 - Identified in METRO CONNECTS
 - Totem Lake to Eastgate
 - Portions of Routes 234, 235, 255, 271
- Based on NEMP input, Metro RapidRide and Service Planning evaluated an alternative endpoint to Downtown Redmond instead of Totem Lake



Evaluation Considerations

- Compare benefits/trade-offs of serving Redmond as opposed to Totem Lake (representative alignment)
 - If serving Redmond provides distinct advantages, conduct focused engagement to further inform decision process
 - Without distinct advantage, eliminate Redmond alternative from further study and evaluate options to serve Totem Lake

Conclusions

- Overall difference between options is not large enough to warrant shifting from METRO CONNECTS terminus in Totem Lake
- Maintain Totem Lake as northern focus
 - Consistent with METRO CONNECTS
- Conduct outreach around alternative pathways to/from Totem Lake
 - Via Juanita
 - Via Rose Hill

Technical Analysis Criteria

Corridor Characteristics	Service Considerations	Community & Region	Speed & Reliability
Demographics	Existing/Forecast ridership	Public feedback NEMP	Existing transit delay
Regional activity centers	Origin/Destination patterns	Implications to Route 255	Opportunities to improve speed and reliability
Community assets and subsidized housing	Vehicle miles traveled	Compatibility w/local transportation plans	
Population/households	Travel times		
Employment	Financials (fleet/service hours)		
Walkability	METRO CONNECTS & network connectivity		
Transit-Supportive Zoning	Sound Transit integration		

What's Next?



Consultant notice to proceed (early August)
Further analyze alignment alternatives



Community engagement around alignment alternatives (Fall)



Kirkland City Council briefing (August 6, 2019)

- Introduction to the project
- Look ahead to community engagement

Coordination with City staff (ongoing)

Any questions?

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