

Planning as a Team: Highlights & Challenges from Partnerships with ST and SDOT

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Today's Presentation

King County Metro overview

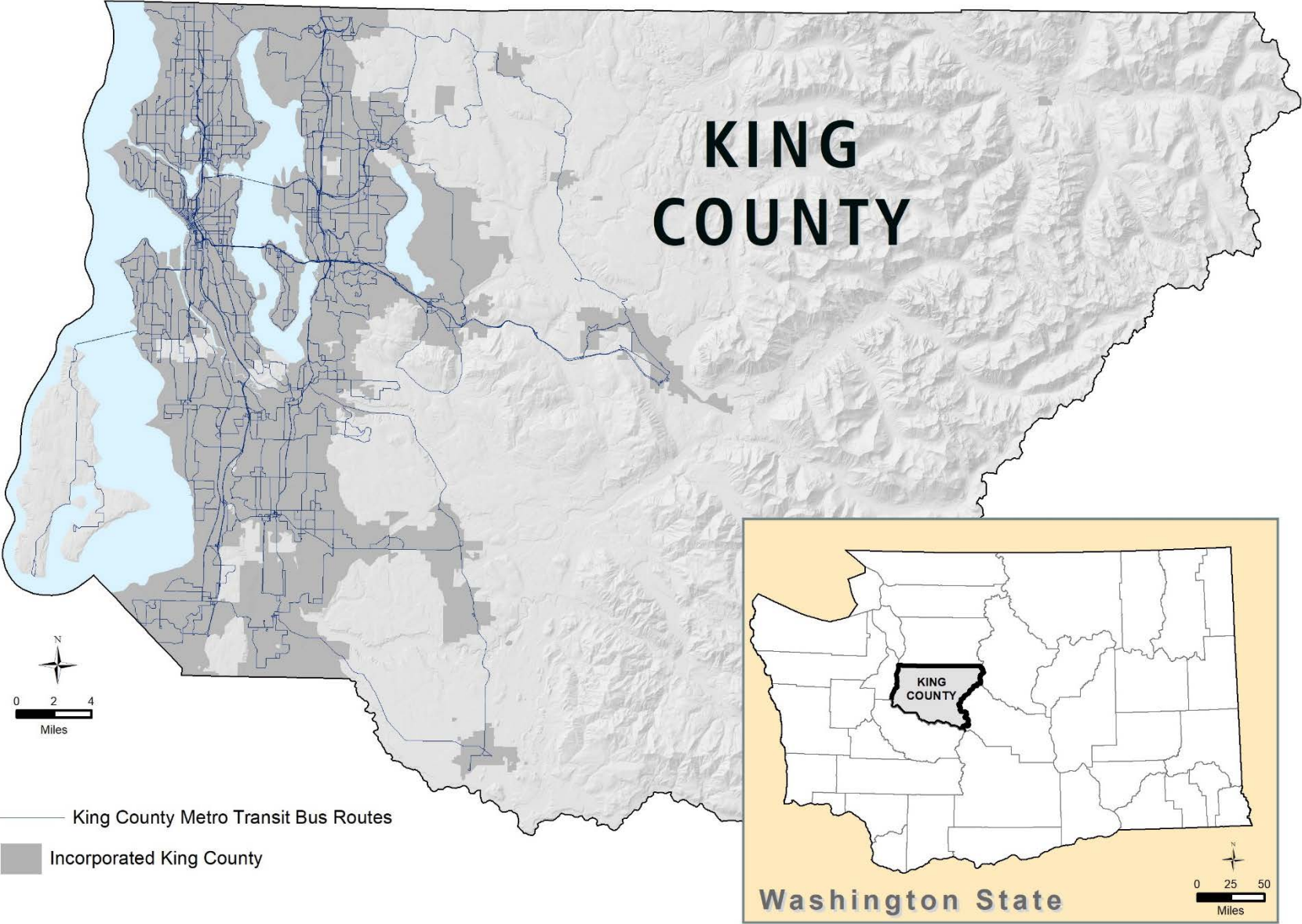
History of Partnerships with Sound Transit (ST) & Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)

Current Partnerships

Lessons Learned



King County Metro Overview



Sound Transit & Metro -- History

ST = Regional Transit Authority

Successful ballot measures:

Sound Move (1996)

Sound Transit 2 "ST2" (2008)

Sound Transit 3 "ST3" (2016)

King County elected officials on ST Board

Service Integration Projects

ST Express, Link, Sounder

Fare Integration & ORCA card



Sound Transit & Metro – Planning Partnership

Service Planning

- Staff coordination meetings
- Community engagement
- Sharing information & reporting

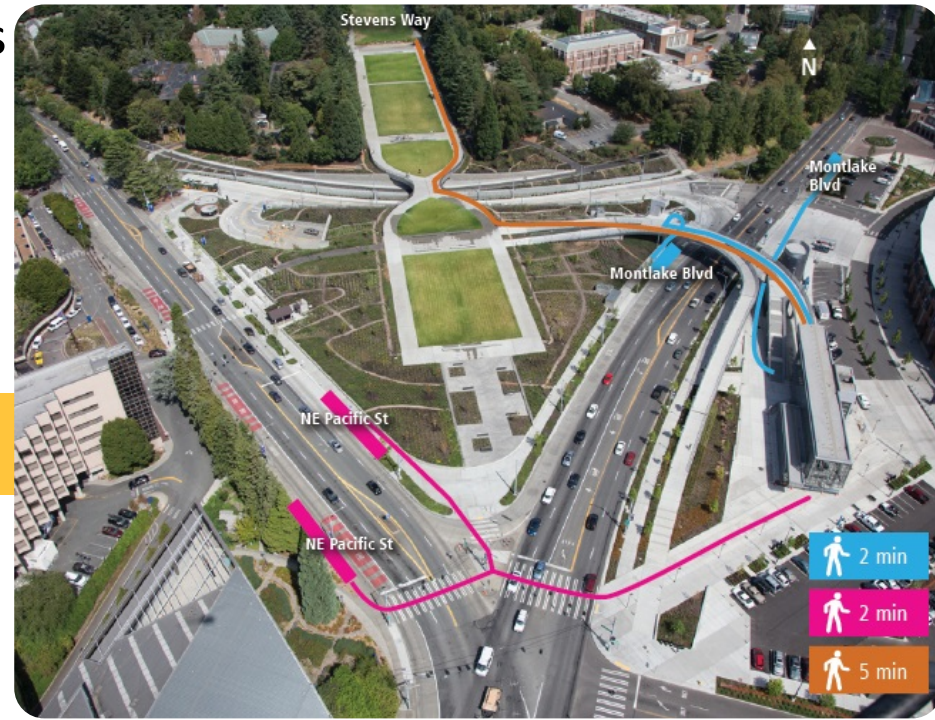
Service Integration

- Focus on connecting people
- Reorient bus service as rail expands
- Alignment & station design



Sound Transit & Metro – Highlights & Challenges

- + Service integration goals
- + Scheduling/planning relationships
- + Constant learning process
- +/- Fare integration
- +/- Station design for bus-rail transfers
- Political constraints
- Capital vs. operating focus
- Staffing mismatches for planning
- Separate budgets



SDOT & Metro -- History

Bridging the Gap (2006)

Transit Now (2007)

Seattle Transportation Benefit District (2014)

Levy to Move Seattle (2015)

All aboard.



More buses, more options, more Seattle.

SDOT & Metro – Planning Partnership

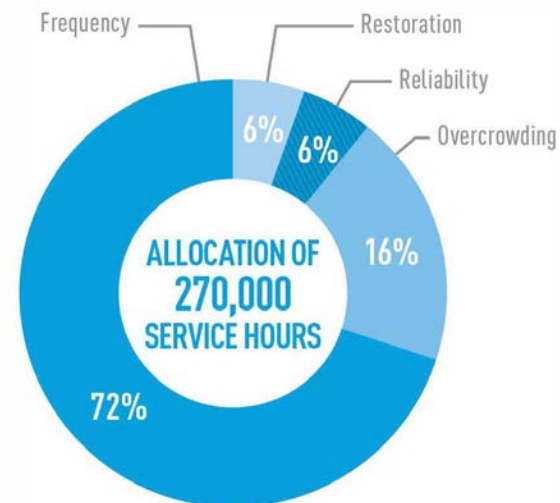
Service Planning

- Staff coordination meetings
- Service proposal development
- Reporting

Service expansion & changes

- Communications/promotions
- Community engagement
- RapidRide BRT program

Metro-SDOT Solutions Alliance



Source: Seattle Department of Transportation;
STBD Year 1 Investments

SDOT & Metro – Highlights & Challenges

- + Transit funding = more service
- + Transit as a clear priority
- + Ridership growth
- Different legislative processes
- City vs. County focus
- “Supplantation”
- Engagement/outreach approaches
- Transit vs all-mode focus



Lessons Learned (1/2)

Coordinate early, often, and at all levels

Identify common goals

Be honest about agency differences



Lessons Learned (2/2)

Develop protocols to elevate conflicts

Identify when conflicts are being driven by individuals vs policies

Celebrate success!!



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