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RapidRide K Line Community Briefing Phase 3 Engagement | January 16 – February 13

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Agenda

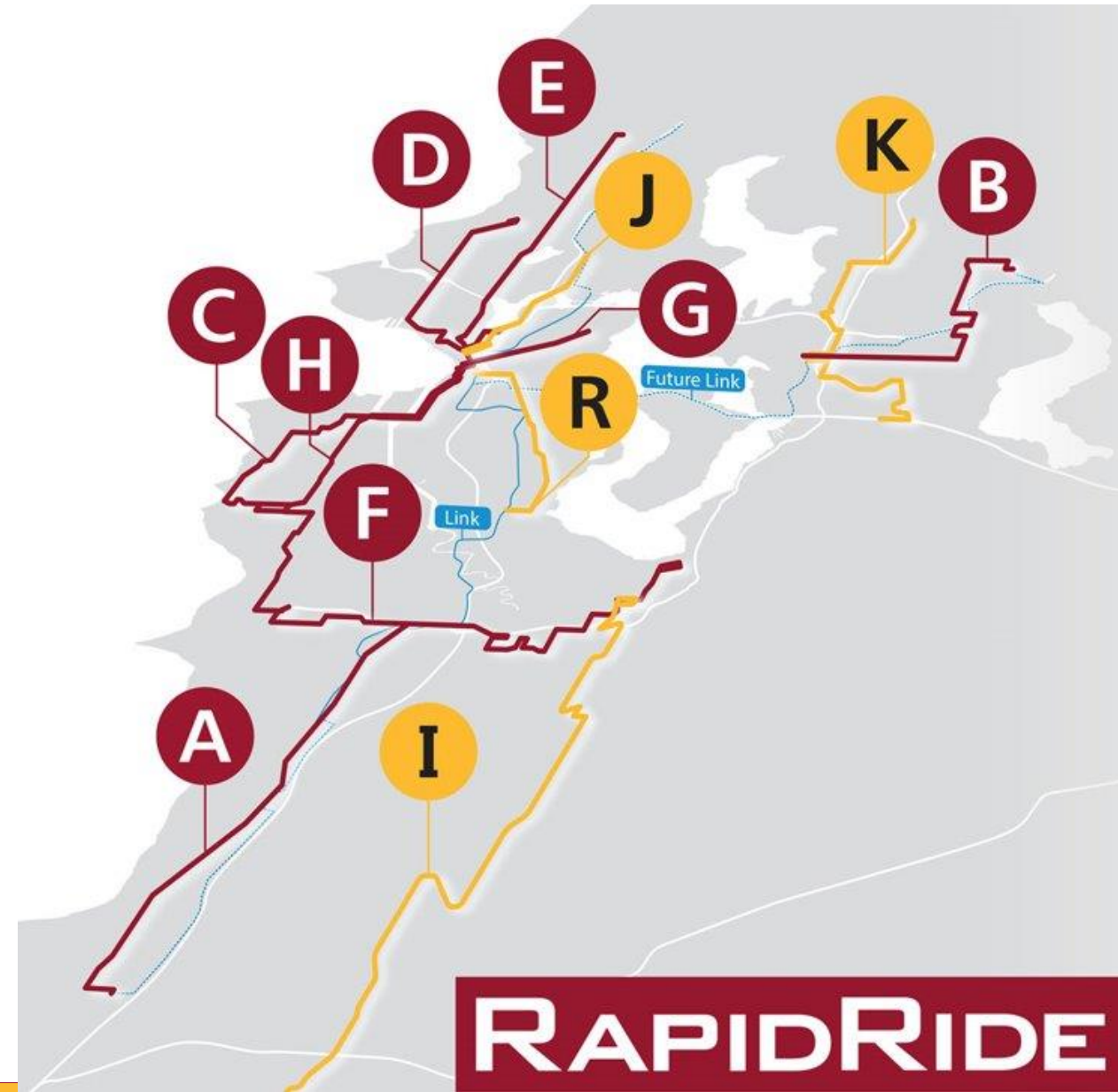
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- K Line Schedule
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- Q&A Session



Why Invest in RapidRide?

RapidRide K Line will provide key transit connections for East King County:

- 16-mile route with 35 station pairs
- Frequent 10-15 minute Service
- Connections to Regional Transit Options: Stride 405 BRT and Sound Transit Two Line
- RapidRide Projects are eligible for Federal Funding
- Connects Activity Centers: Totem Lake, 85th Street corridor, Downtown Kirkland, Downtown Bellevue, Bellevue College



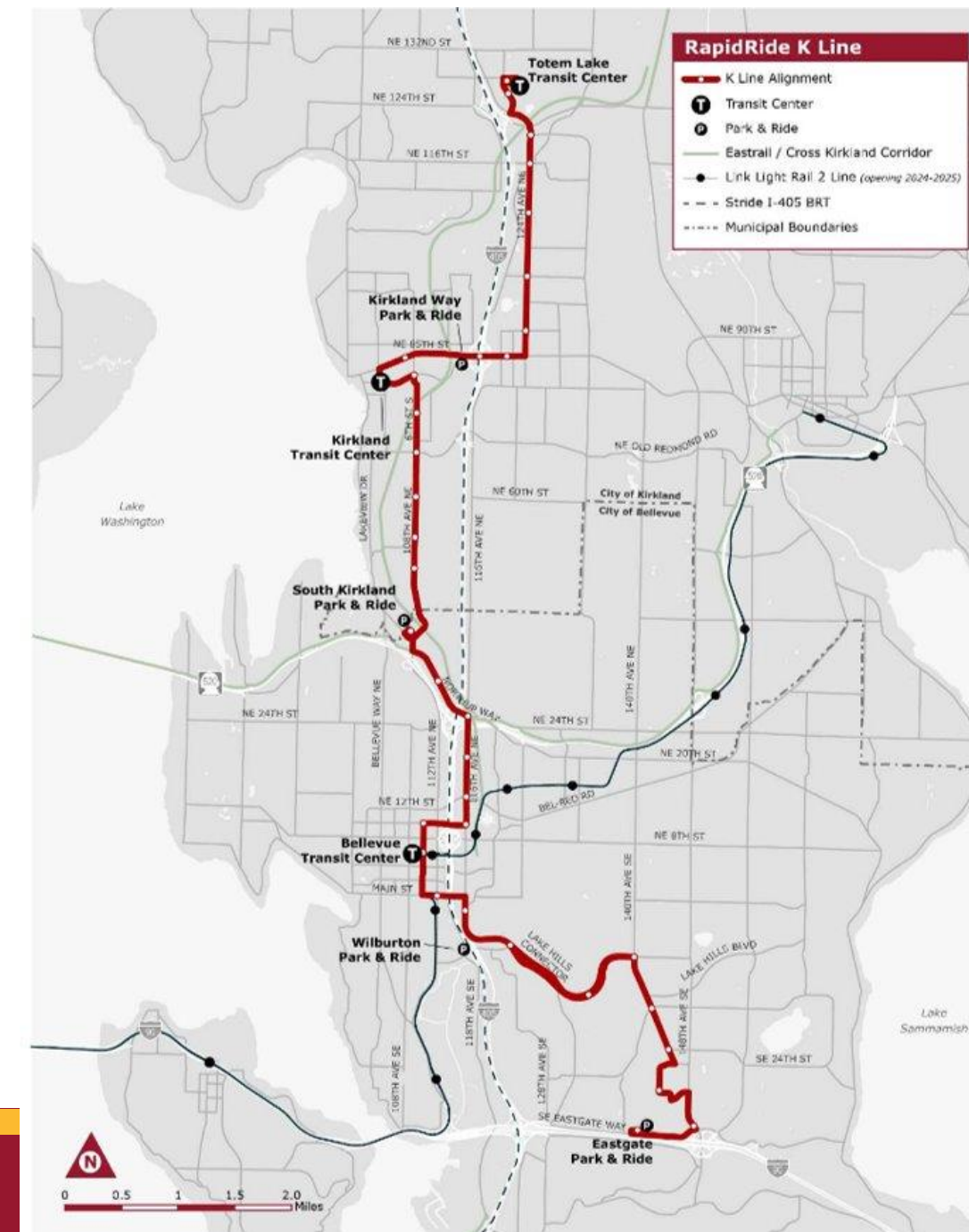


Example of a Large Station

K Line Project Background

RapidRide K Line originally began in 2019

- Project Paused in 2020, resumed in 2022/23
- Community Engagement in Summer 2024 to reintroduce the project to the community
- Current project work focused on documenting the Project Vision, Planning-Level Cost Estimate, and Phase 3 Engagement

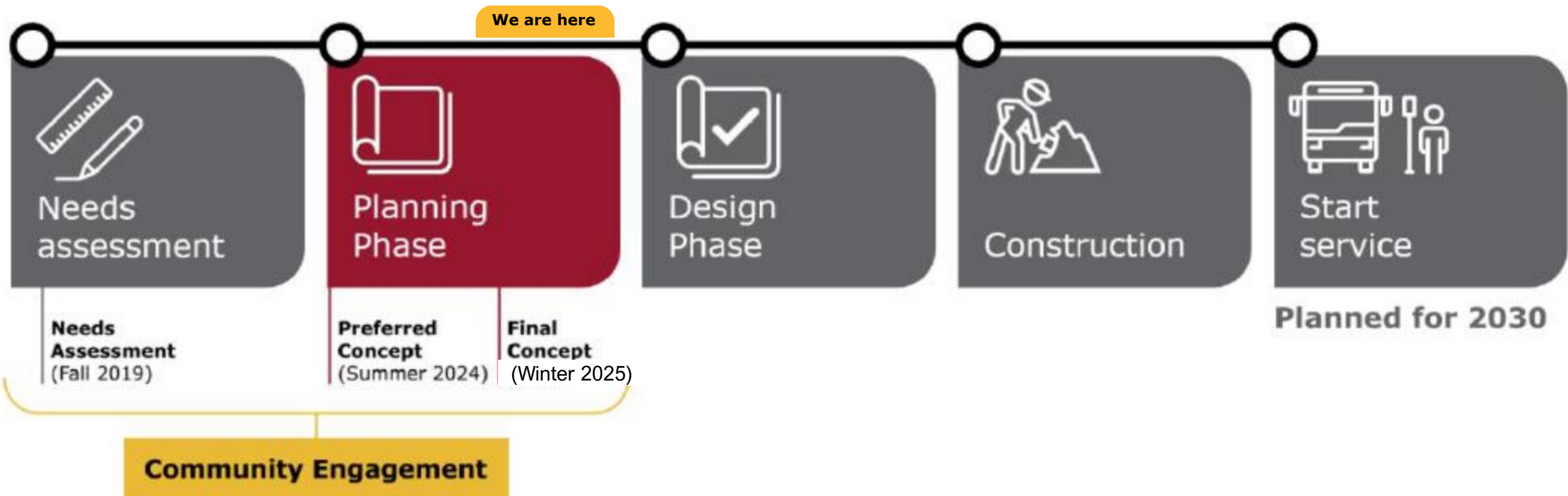


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What we've done

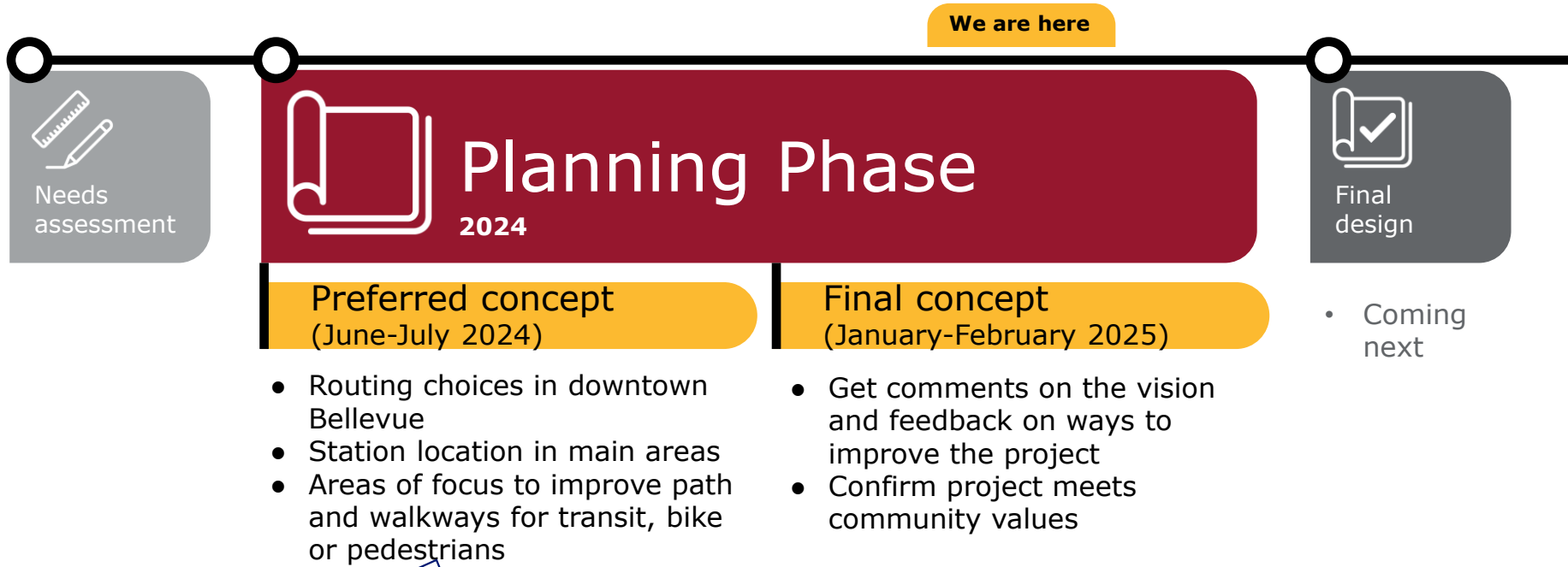


- **(Phase 1) Needs Assessment: Fall 2019**
- **(Phase 2) Preferred Concept: Summer 2024**
- **(Phase 3) Final Concept: Winter 2025**



Community Engagement

What we are doing

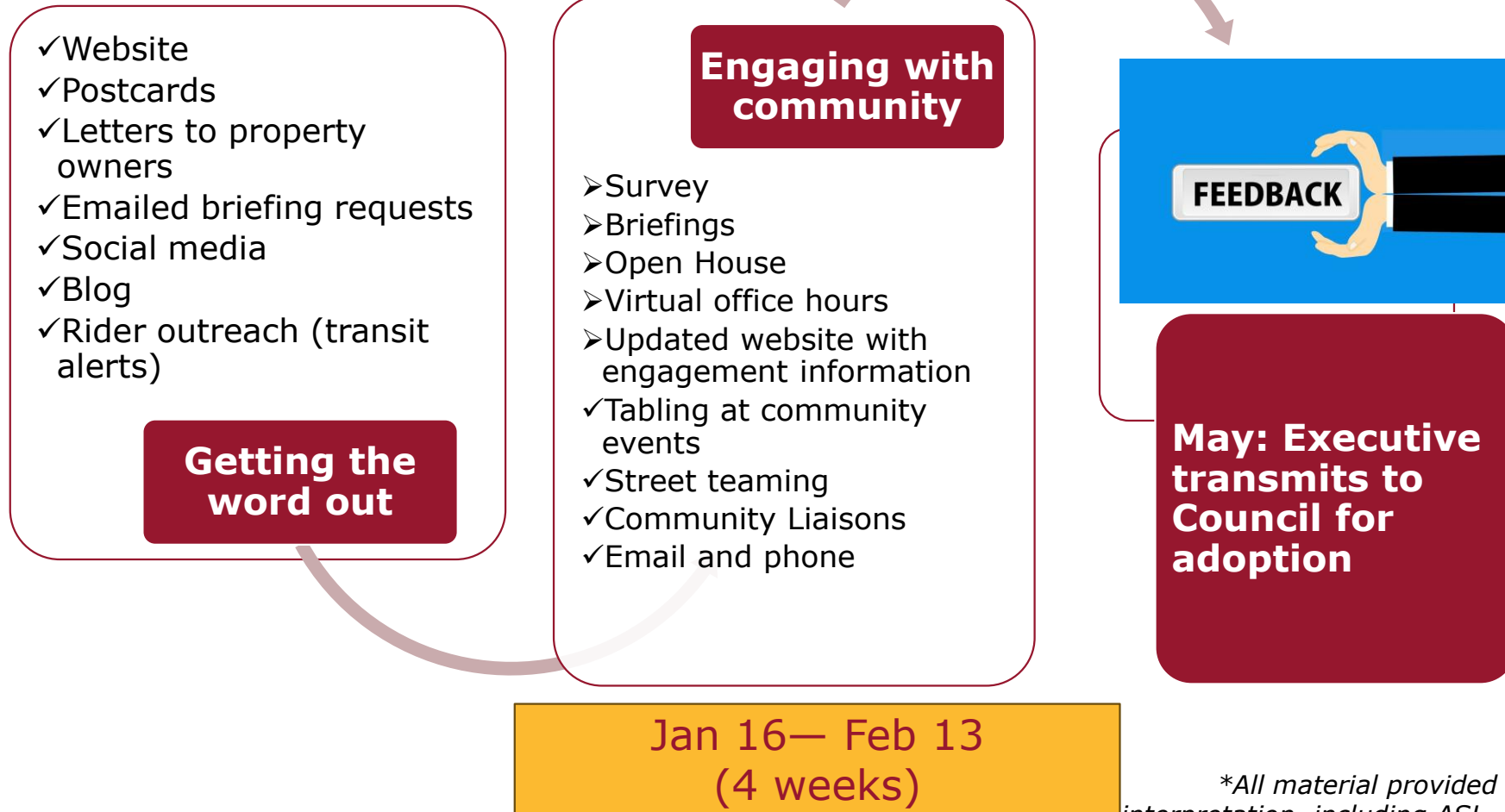


Community Engagement Reach (4 weeks)

- **Survey:** +1,000
- **(9) In-person tabling:** 615
- **(2) Street teaming:** ~60
- **(2) Virtual open house:** 17
- **(1) Briefing:** 15
- **Email and social:** 58
- **Community Liaisons:** 12 orgs.

Community Engagement

What's Next



**All material provided as a multilingual resource interpretation, including ASL, to be provided as needed*

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Phase 3 Engagement

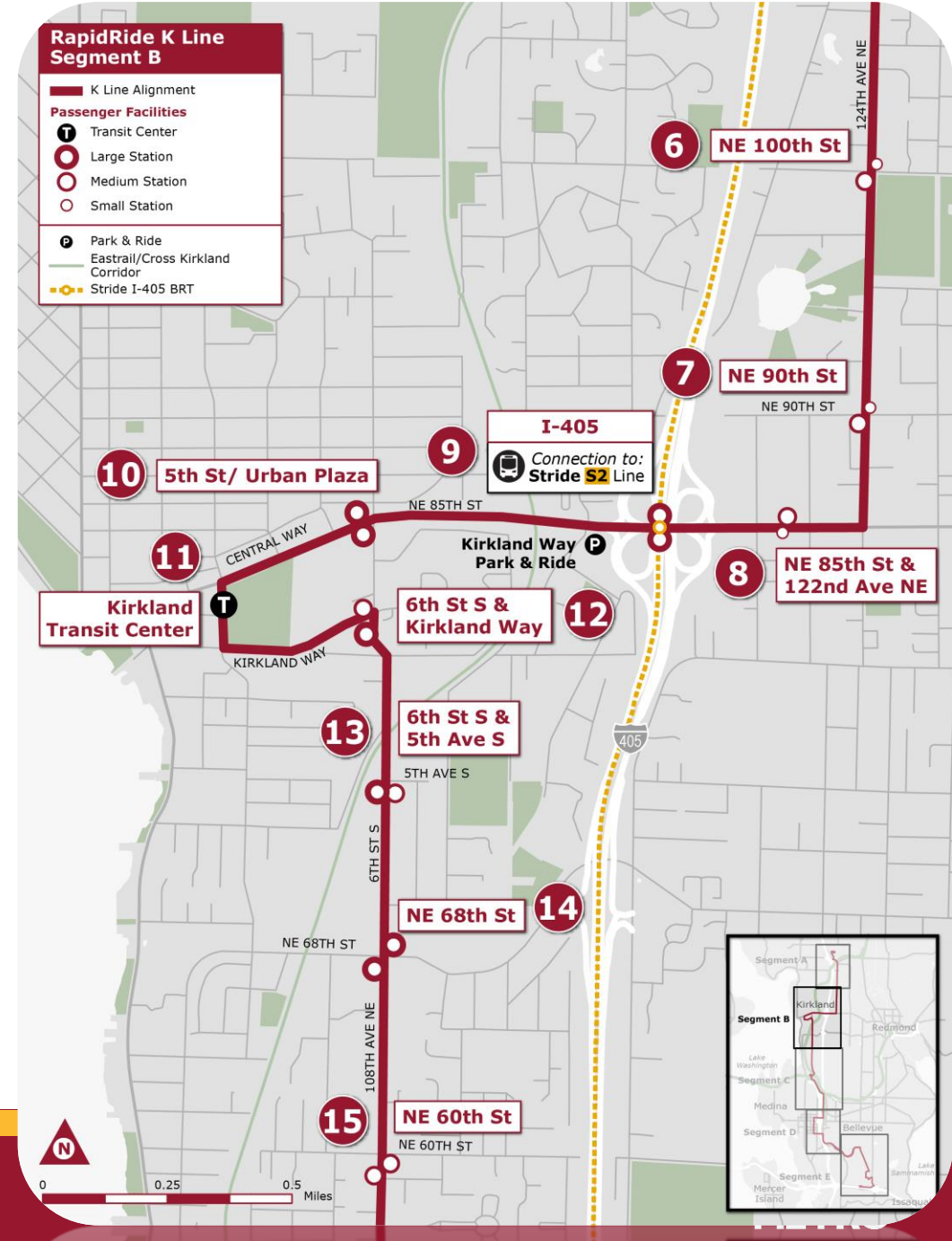
Getting feedback on investment areas:

1. Station locations
2. Access to Transit Investment Areas
3. Speed and Reliability (Transit Priority)

K Line Project Vision

Station Locations

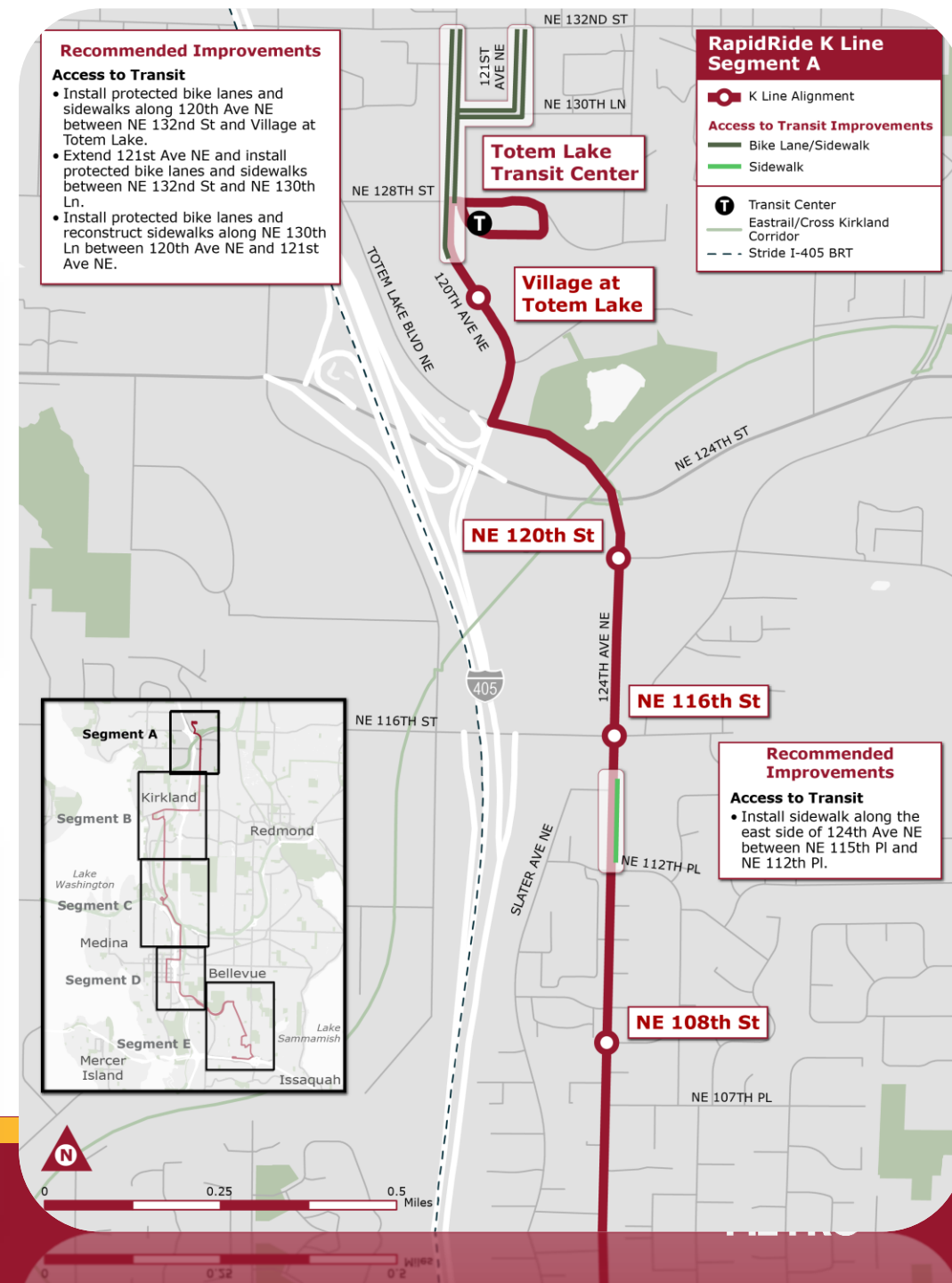
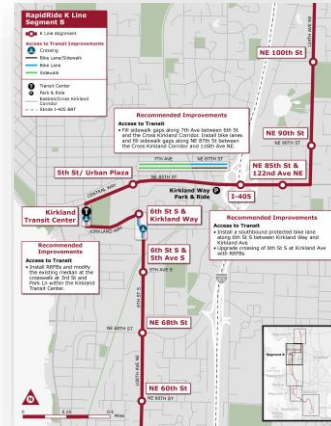
- 35 Total Station Pairs (18 in Kirkland, 17 in Bellevue)
- Amenities include shelters, benches, real-time message signs, lighting, off-board payment and all door boarding



K Line Project Vision

Access to Transit Investments

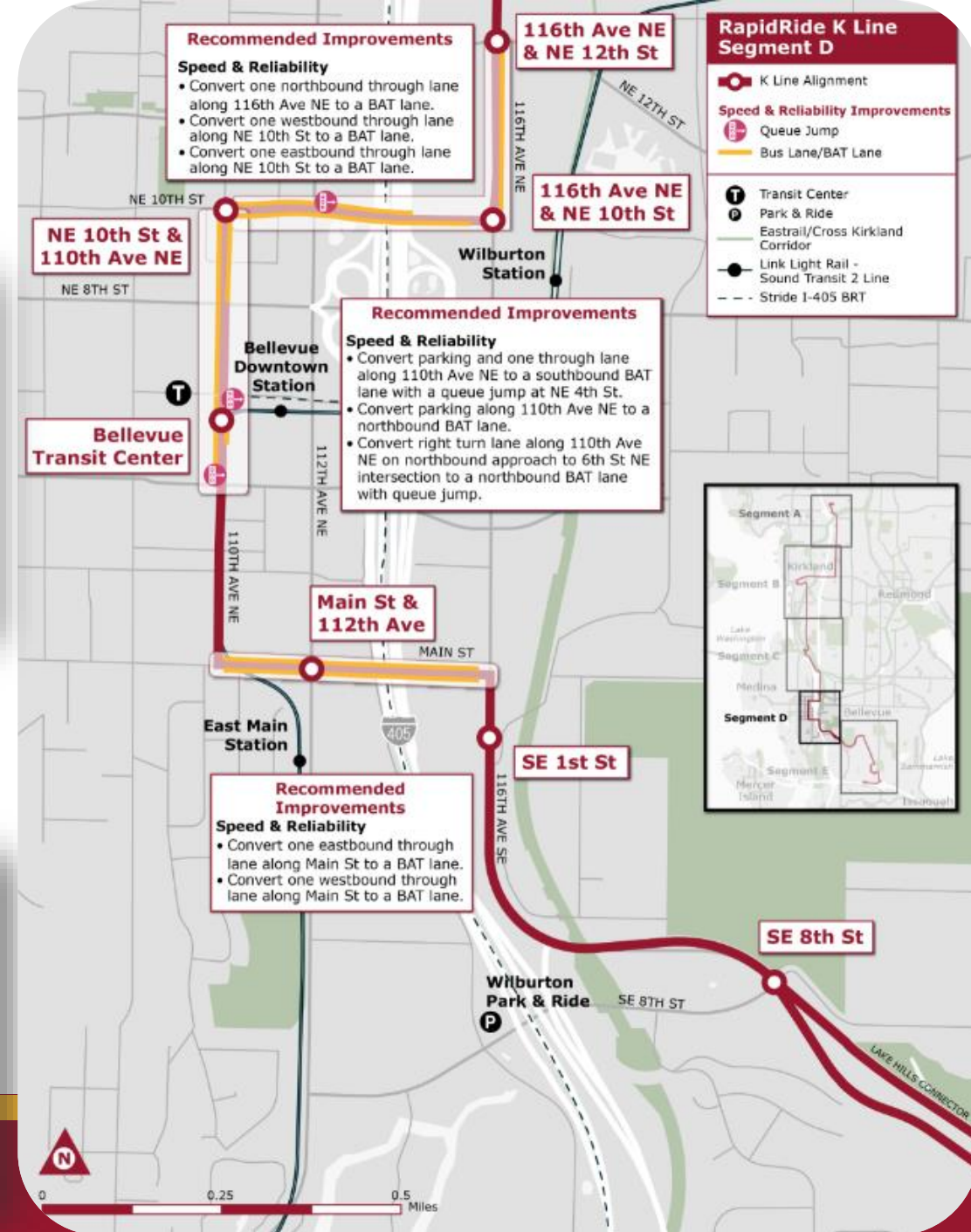
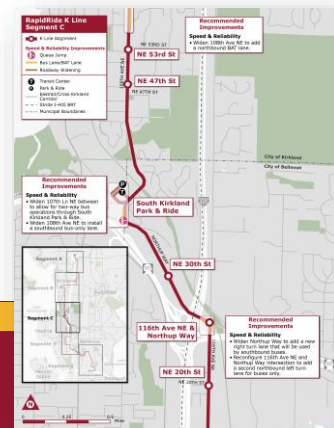
- 8 Investment Locations Along K Line Corridor
- Projects may include sidewalks, bike lanes, upgraded crossing treatments (i.e. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, Enhanced Crosswalks, ADA Compliant Ramps)



K Line Project Vision

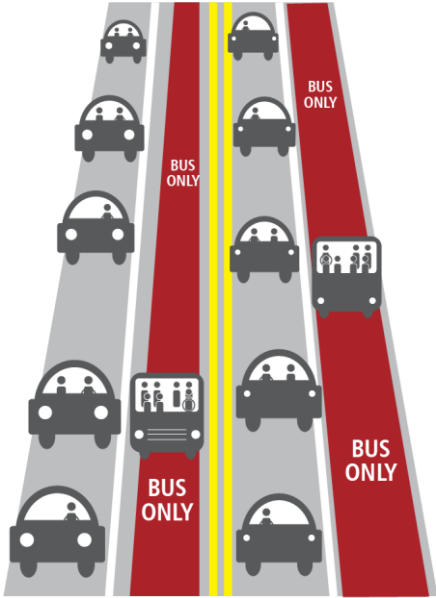
Speed & Reliability (Transit Priority)

- Can include Lane Priority Treatments or Signal Priority Upgrades
- RapidRide standard of 15%-30% time savings from existing travel time

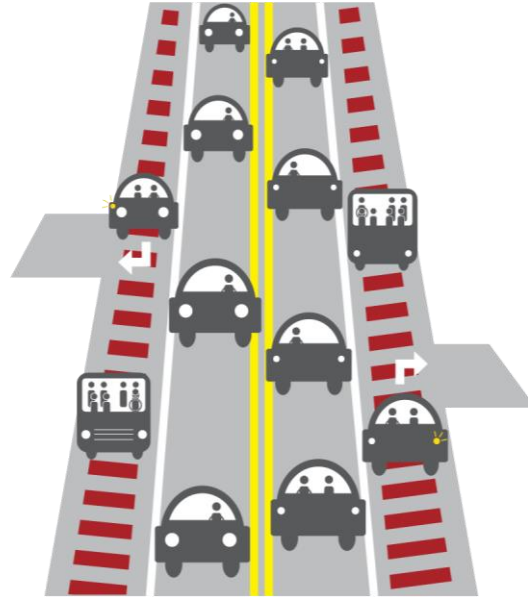


Types of Speed & Reliability Treatments

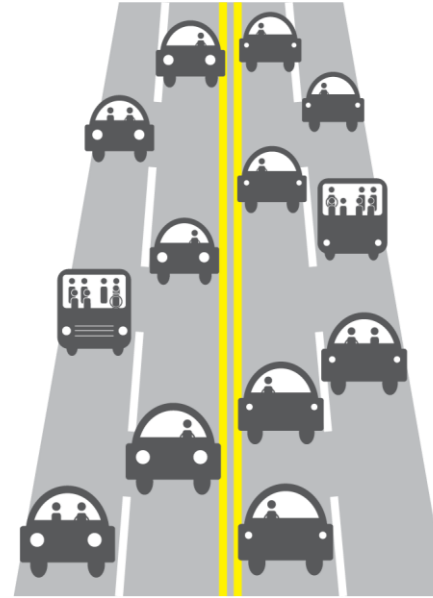
Transit Priority Lanes



Bus-Only Lanes
Exclusive Transit use
<1% Recommended



Business Access and Transit (BAT) Lanes
Transit + Right Turning Vehicles
15% Recommended



No Transit Priority
all vehicles share the roadway
84% Recommended

Signal Priority Treatments

- ❖ Transit Signal Priority – Extends green time for direction of transit travel
- ❖ Queue Jumps – Prioritizes transit through a red light



Speed & Reliability on K Line

Benefit of Recommended Projects



Estimated corridor travel time (during weekday PM peak hour)



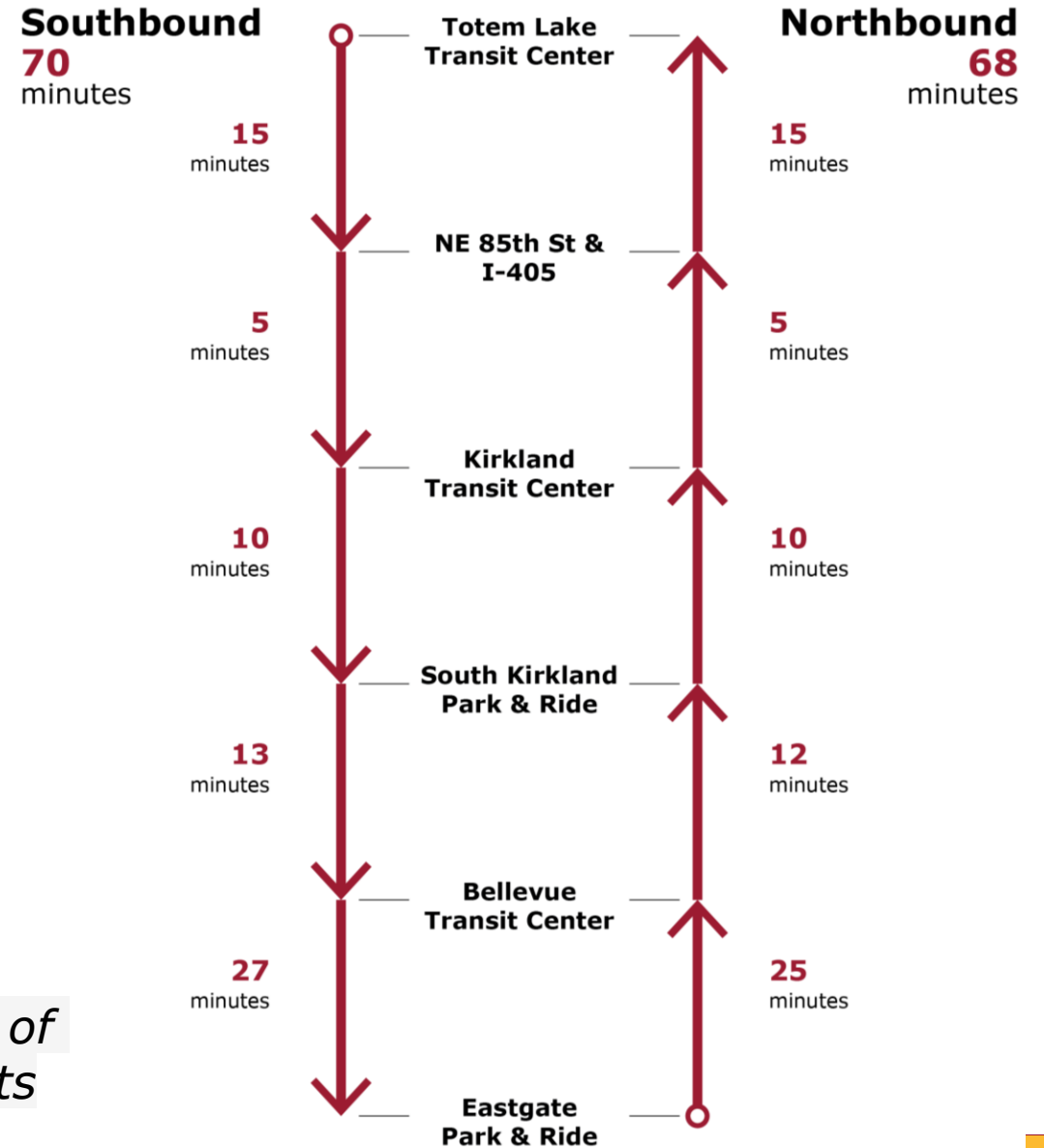
	Southbound Totem Lake -> Eastgate	Northbound Eastgate -> Totem Lake
 Corridor travel time No RapidRide investment ¹ K Line	96.5 minutes	88.5 minutes
	70.0 minutes	68.0 minutes
 Travel time savings Minutes saved per trip Percent travel time reduction	26.5 minutes 27%	20.5 minutes 23%

Speed & Reliability on K Line

Travel Time to Activity Centers

- 108th/68th to Downtown Bellevue in less than 23 minutes
- Bellevue College to Downtown Bellevue in less than 25 minutes
- Totem Lake Transit Center to Kirkland Transit Center in less than 20 minutes
- Bellevue Transit Center to Kirkland Transit Center in less than 22 minutes

**These time savings assume implementation of recommended Speed & Reliability projects*



Property Impacts

What to Expect

During the next project phase, preliminary design, the project team will evaluate any potential property impacts

- At this time, **NO Property Impacts** have been confirmed
- There is a potential for ROW acquisition from both shelter construction and roadway improvements for potential transit priority treatments
- If your property is impacted, you will be contacted by Metro/City of Kirkland – this process is separate from/in addition to the Community Engagement Phase
- If you are not contacted, there is no acquisition need from your property



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Property owners and Metro projects

RapidRide projects happen over a long period in three phases — planning, design and construction. Find out how we work with potentially affected property owners during each phase of the project and what to expect regarding your property.

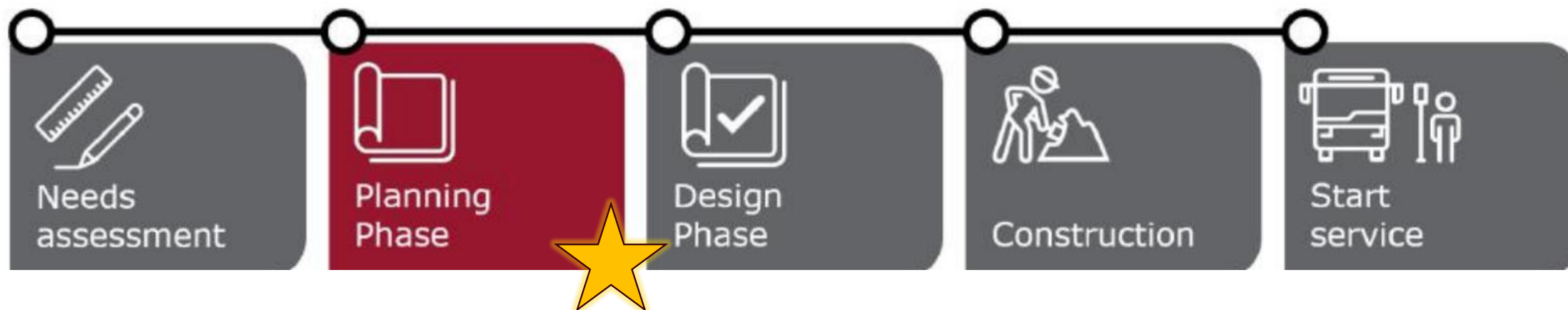


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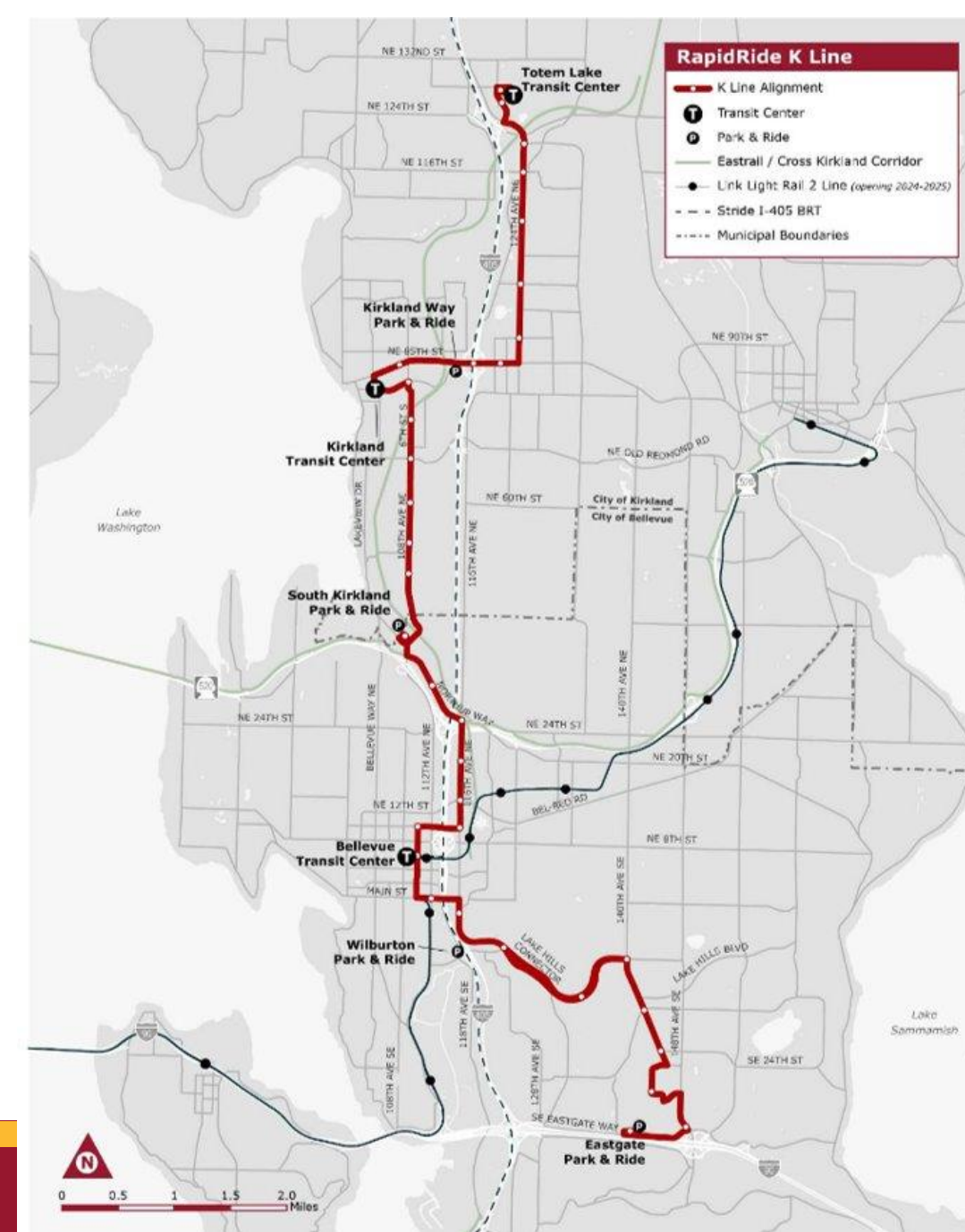
K Line Schedule in 2025

- **January 16th – February 13th** : Community Engagement Phase 3
- **April**: Project Vision Revised
- **May**: Project Vision Transmitted to King County Council
- **June**: Project Vision Adopted by King County Council
- **August**: Submit FTA Small Starts Grant Application
- **Fall 2025**: Preliminary Design to begin



Next Steps

- Visit the project website at: kingcounty.gov/rapidride/k
- Complete the survey by February 13th
- RapidRide Team to revise Project Vision based on Community Outreach and Engagement, by April 2025
- Preliminary Design Phase anticipated to start in mid to late 2025
- Community Engagement will be part of future project phases
- Note: Impacted Property Owners will be contacted when/if Property Impacts are known and separately from the Community Engagement Process



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Questions?

For additional questions please contact:

For K Line Questions:

email: rapidride@kingcounty.gov

website: kingcounty.gov/rapidride/k

For Metro Customer Service:

phone: 206-553-3000

website: kingcounty.gov/en/dept/metro/contact-us

For Sound Transit Service Questions:

email: servicechanges@soundtransit.org