

Bellevue RapidRide K Line Guiding Principles

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The Bellevue [Transit Master Plan](#) (TMP) envisions “abundant transit access ... that provides efficient, useful, attractive service for most people, to most destinations, most of the time, serving maximum ridership.” Furthermore, the Bellevue [Mobility Implementation Plan](#) (MIP) includes transit as a key element in a “layered network” of Bellevue’s interconnected multimodal transportation system, providing mobility options for all people that is supportive of the growing city envisioned in the Bellevue [Comprehensive Plan](#). The following guiding principles are based on Council-adopted policies in the TMP, MIP, and Comprehensive Plan.

1. **Convenient:** Make transit the logical choice for the largest possible share of trips. RapidRide K Line stations will be located where most people have easy access to service. The RapidRide K Line will help people reach more destinations in less time by minimizing wait times and improving connections.
2. **Appealing:** Design for high ridership, maximizing the value of public investment. Ensure the project is competitive for federal investment.
3. **Consistent:** Prioritize transit speed and reliability so that buses arrive on time.
4. **Multimodal:** RapidRide K Line should connect with and improve multimodal transportation systems.
5. **Direct:** Minimize deviations from the shortest path to provide the fastest service between activity centers. The RapidRide K Line will directly connect Eastgate Park and Ride, downtown Bellevue, and Totem Lake Transit Center in Kirkland. Route deviations are avoided unless they serve significantly more riders.
6. **Regionally connected:** Provide access to as many regional locations as possible by connecting to other transit services. The RapidRide K Line will operate frequently and provide connections with the 2 Line, Stride bus rapid transit, RapidRide B Line, and local transit routes.
7. **Efficient:** Improve the person-throughput of Bellevue’s street network. The RapidRide K Line will provide high-capacity transit, increasing the number of people that can travel on Bellevue’s street network.
8. **Growth-oriented:** Increase mobility options to support Bellevue’s growing and diverse population.
9. **Community informed:** Support equitable and meaningful community engagement. The RapidRide K Line will be developed through a robust public engagement strategy that prioritizes outreach to historically under-represented populations.
10. **Safe:** Provide a safe trip for transit users including at the bus stop and when traveling to and from the stop. The RapidRide K Line will support Bellevue’s Safe System approach to Vision Zero.
11. **Environmentally sustainable:** Aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by designing an attractive transit service that people choose to ride over driving alone. The RapidRide K Line’s blend of high-frequency, speed

and convenience will be more attractive to Bellevue residents when deciding what mode to use and should result in less greenhouse gas emissions per capita.