Metro hosts Renton segment RapidRide I Line online open house

King County Metro is continuing to implement new and expanded services to increase transit options for residents of Renton and the South Puget Sound.

They recently increased Via to Transit service to the Renton Highlands, making it easier and more accessible for riders to travel to and from transit centers and key community hubs. (Metro expands Via to Transit on-demand service to Renton Highlands; TWIR: Jan. 21, 2022)

Metro is now working to finalize RapidRide I Line service, which will upgrade the current Route 160 between Renton south and Auburn Station.

Route 160 combines routes 169 and 180, two of Metro’s busiest routes in South King County. The two routes carry nearly 8,000 weekday riders, including 6,000 from areas served by RapidRide I Line.

RapidRide I Line service will add fast, frequent, accessible, and reliable bus service to our city, bringing value to our community and improving the quality of life for residents and businesses. Redevelopment opportunities will also be available along the route, which travels from the downtown core along Talbot Road South to Benson Hill.
The RapidRide I Line project has been collecting community feedback since 2019. The plan is now ready for our residents to review and provide feedback through an online open house. The open house has detailed information for station design and locations, access, and speed and reliability. We hope you’ll take a few minutes to review Metro’s plans. Participation by our residents, businesses, and visitors is vital to ensure we get the service we need.

As you review the information and provide feedback, please ask yourself these three questions. Your answers will assist planners.

- What keeps you from taking the bus?
- Is there an intersection or crosswalk that needs to be improved?
- Is the location of your nearest station too far to walk?

The RapidRide I Line open house will remain open until February 20. Feedback can be emailed to rapidride@kingcounty.gov.

Sunset Gardens project receives $1.5m from county

Sunset Gardens, Renton Housing Authority’s (RHA) next affordable housing project, has received almost $1.5 million in funding from King County. The city has committed $1.5 million in funds generated from House Bill 1590 (a 0.1% sales tax collection) to the project. Sunset Gardens is our first project using HB 1590 funds. RHA is currently completing its fundraising effort and hopes to start construction soon.

Sunset Gardens will consist of 76 studio and one-bedroom housing units for veterans, persons with disabilities, and seniors.

The project will be in the Sunset area at 2900 NE 10th St., the location of RHA’s administration building. It will also include new administrative office space for RHA.

In the news this week

A recap of news posted on the city’s social media accounts. You can find us (@cityofrenton) on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter. Renton residents can also find us on Nextdoor.

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