DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

TITLE OF PROPOSAL: RapidRide H Line

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: King County Metro Transit Department (Metro) and the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) are jointly planning to upgrade the existing Metro Route 120 to RapidRide service as the H Line. The route connects downtown Seattle, West Seattle, White Center, and Burien. To improve travel times for H Line service, bus stop spacing will be expanded, resulting in some stop closures or relocations; some existing general purpose parking or travel lanes will be converted to Business Access and Transit (BAT) only lanes; and intersections and signals will be modified to give priority to buses through key intersections. Most work will occur within existing right-of-way, but some temporary construction easements or minor amounts of adjacent property may be acquired. Also included in the project are RapidRide-branded shelters, benches or leaning rails, lighting, trash receptacles, and real-time signs at stops. Other improvements include repaving, pedestrian lighting and flashing beacons, crosswalks, sidewalk and curb ramp improvements, bicycle lanes, stormwater improvements, landscaping, and public art. The start of revenue service for H Line is planned for fall 2021.

PROPONENT: King County Metro Transit and Seattle Department of Transportation

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: The H Line service will extend between downtown Seattle and the Burien Transit Center. The buses will generally travel the following streets from north to south: Westlake Avenue N, Lenora Street/Blanchard Street, 3rd Avenue, Columbia Street/Cherry Street, and 1st Avenue S, prior to crossing the West Seattle Bridge. After crossing the West Seattle Bridge, the buses will travel on Delridge Way SW to SW Barton Place, SW Barton Street, 26th Avenue SW, SW Roxbury Street, 15th Avenue SW to SW 107th Street, and 16th Avenue SW/Ambaum Boulevard SW to its southern terminus at Burien Transit Center. Other than creating a new layover in South Lake Union, project construction would not occur on the alignment until Delridge Way SW in West Seattle and continue to southern terminus.

The project traverses the following townships (T), ranges (R), and sections (S):
T25N, R4E, S30, S31, and S32; T24N, R4E, S5, S6, S7, S8, and S18; T24N, R3E, S13, S24, S25, and S36; T24N, R4E, S31; T23N, R3E, S1 and S12; T23 N, R4E, S6, S7, S18, and S19. Thomas Guide coordinates are map page 564, A2; 565, B2; 595, B3; 594, A3; 624, A4; and 654, A5.

LEAD AGENCY: King County Metro Transit
The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

X This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340 (2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by 5 PM on November 18, 2019.

DATE: November 4, 2019

SEPA RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Rob Gannon, General Manager

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** 17·OCT·2019

CONTACT:
Email comments on the project to transitproperty@kingcounty.gov with "RapidRide H Line" in the subject line. Send written comments on paper to Gillian Zacharias, Senior Environmental Planner, King County, Metro Transit Division, Transit Real Estate and Environmental Group, 201 South Jackson Street, MS KSC-TR-0431, Seattle, Washington 98104. Leave voicemail at 206- 477- 7915.

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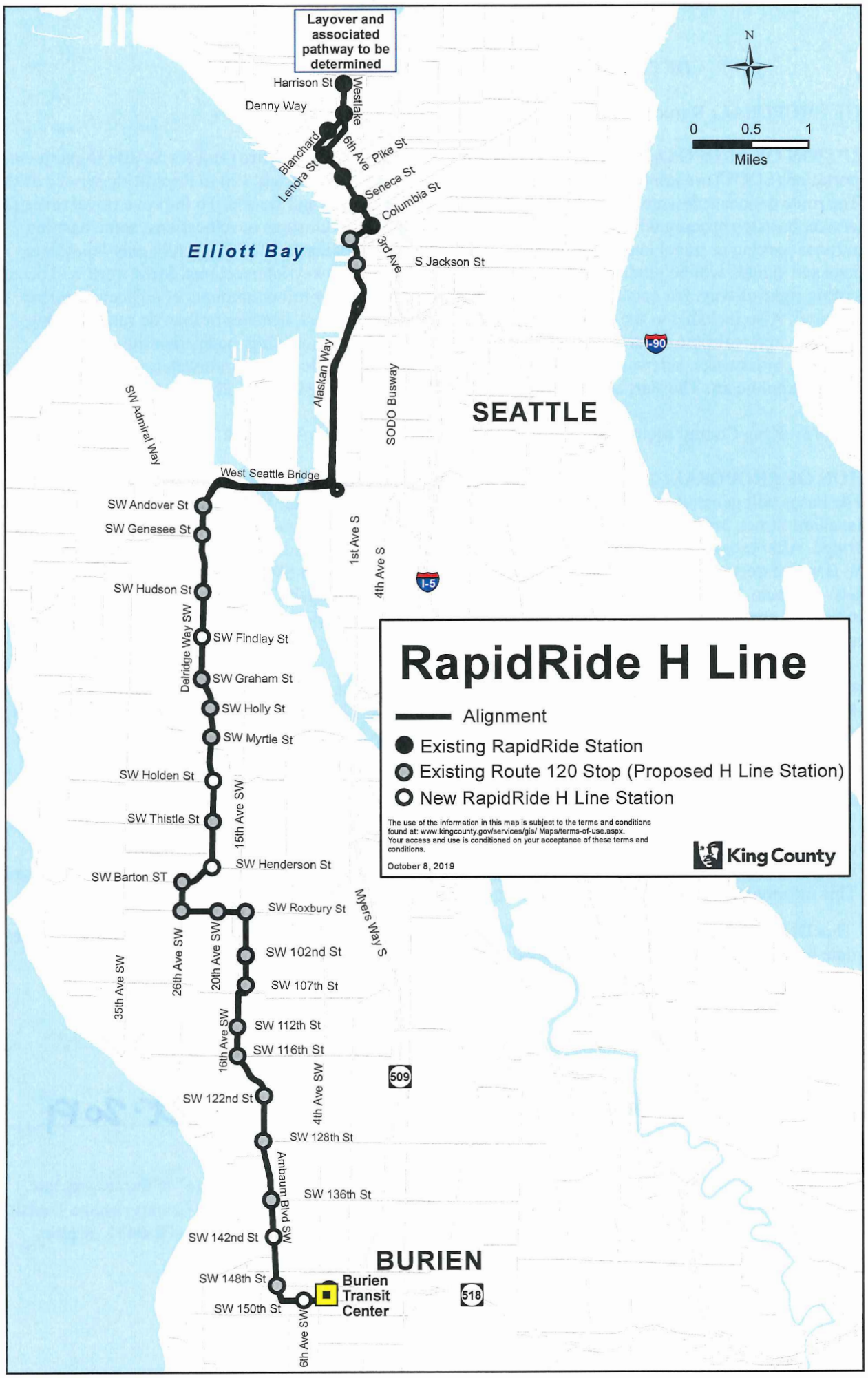
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SW 148th St
Burien Transit Center
SW 150th St
518
6th Ave SW
RapidRide H Line
Alignment
Existing RapidRide Station
Existing Route 120 Stop (Proposed H Line Station)
New RapidRide H Line Station
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October 8, 2019
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