2021 SYSTEM EVALUATION SUMMARY

Timeframe covered: September 2020 - mid-March 2021

Adjusted from typical March-June timeframe, data collected during the COVID-19 pandemic

During this timeframe, Metro was operating approximately **85%** of the **4.2M annual service hours** of pre-COVID bus and DART service Needed investment: N/A

PRIORITY 1 Reduce Crowding

INVESTMENT NEED:

0 annual service hours

24,000 service hours restored in Sept 2020 to A, D, & E lines due to social distancing load limits

PRIORITY 2 Improve Reliability

INVESTMENT NEED:

6,500 annual service hours on 20 routes

PREVIOUS INVESTMENT:

0 hours added during 2020 due to pandemic impacts

PRIORITY 3 Service Growth

INVESTMENT NEED:

N/A

analysis not completed due to COVID impacts

PREVIOUS INVESTMENT:

3,900 hours added in Fall 2020 to implement the Renton-Kent-Auburn Area Mobility Project (initiated prior to pandemic)

PRIORITY 4

Route Productivity

- Top and bottom 25% of routes not identified due to COVID impacts
- Off-peak and South King County routes retained more ridership during the pandemic than other routes

Peak Analysis: Not completed as most peak-only routes were suspended for extended periods during the pandemic

Flexible Services: 8 services remained in operation during the pandemic (compared to 24 pre-pandemic) | daily ridership ranged from 2-80 | cost/boarding ranged from \$39-\$151 (compared with fixed-route cost per boarding of \$12.30 during 2020 – triple that of pre-COVID)

Metro Connects Progress: Not completed due to the impacts of the pandemic