# Metro Transit Green Fleet Initiatives

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### Metro's Green Fleets









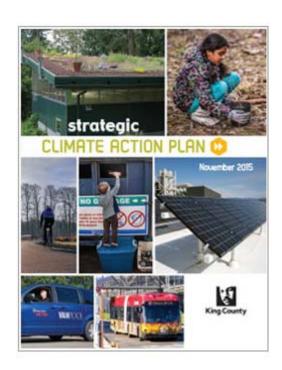
## Record ridership

### CHOOSING METRO MAXIMIZES THE ROADS WE HAVE. Transit takes 175,000 cars off the road each weekday, reducing congestion and saving everyone time—whether or not you ride the bus. Hills, lakes, and bridges limit road space. 400 people with transit Transit carries more people in the same amount of space. METRO IS AN IMPORTANT CHOICE FOR MANY PEOPLE. METRO provides AND DEMAND IS STILL GROWING!

### **Alignment with 2015 SCAP**

### **Key Goals & Targets**

- Double transit ridership by 2040
- Grow transit service thru 2020 with no increase in GHG emissions
- Goal all Hybrid or Electric Fleet by 2018
- Reduce Metro's normalized fuel use 10% from 2014 to 2020
- Increase use of alternative fuels 10% from 2014 to 2025 (all County fleets)



# Early Leadership: Hybrid Fleet

- 2004: Work with manufacturers to deliver nation's largest articulated fleet
- 2014: New cleaner and quieter hybrids



# **Continued Leadership: Trolley Fleet**

#### **FAST FACTS**

Metro's trolley system operates on

MILES

of two-way overhead wire in Seattle.

The new trolley purchase represents over

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of Metro's entire fleet.

30% more energy efficient

TROLLEY ROUTES

1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 36, 43, 44, 49, 70

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Of Metro's weekday riders

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Off-wire travel for limited distances

### **Alternative Fuel Vehicles & Charging Stations**

#### **Rideshare Operations**

- 2011 metropool launch
- 25 Nissan Leafs

#### **Charging Stations**

59 stations in King County

#### **Accessible Services**

- Converted 12 Access vans from gas to Propane (LPG)
- Convert 20 additional vans, and purchase 32 LPG vehicles in 2016





## **Looking Ahead: Battery Bus**

- All-electric battery bus
- Three buses in service for testing,
   Feb 2016 Feb 2017
  - Routes 226 and 241
- Fast-charge station at Eastgate P&R





## **Battery Bus: Areas of Consideration**

- In-service performance
- Economic, market and barriers analysis
- Battery and charging technology
- Infrastructure location and needs
- Alignment with climate and energy goals

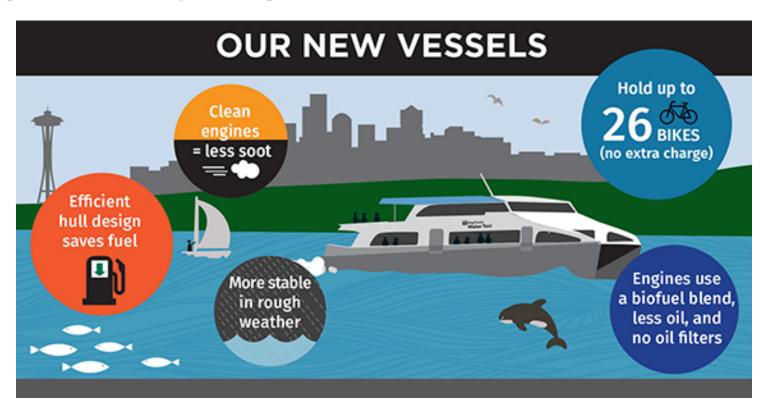


### **Battery Bus: Preliminary Route Review**

- Opportunities for electric bus expansion in Metro Transit fleet
- Screening Criteria:
  - Trolley routes excluded
  - Operated with 40' buses
  - Minimum scheduled layovers of 5 minutes
  - Round trip of 25 miles or less
  - Access KC facilities (some exceptions noted) for charging stations
- Potential application for 30+ routes, 150+ buses, based on 5 minute minimum layover
- Potential application for 8 routes, <50 buses, based on 10 minute minimum layover
- 18 charging station locations

### **Biodiesel Water Taxis**

- Water Taxis use a 10% locally-sourced biodiesel blend
- High efficiency design and new tech increases efficiency



## Partnership Opportunities

- Buy service or vehicles
- Help locate charging stations for buses and/or vehicles
- Joint purchasing of vehicles
- Long range planning for electrification



## **2016 Priority Actions**

- Complete Battery Bus program test and evaluation
- Put additional trolleys and hybrid buses into service
- Convert and purchase additional LPG Access vans
- Increase the number of hybrid and electric vehicles in non-revenue fleet
- Research and evaluate alternative fuels