# King County METRO

# Mobility Framework Workshop RTC May 15, 2019



# Video: Becoming a Mobility Agency

# As a value-driven, data-supported mobility agency, Metro will:

- Develop a regional mobility ecosystem with transit at the center and complementary shared mobility services
- Provide near door-to-door, seamless, multi-modal mobility solutions
- Lower number of vehicles, vehicle miles traveled, congestion, and energy use
- Be safe, sustainable, and equitable

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# Metro's Goals

**Framework:** to ensure policies and investments put people first, advance equity, meet mobility needs, and reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions

**Regional Planning:** to develop an ambitious yet realistic plan to fund and implement METRO CONNECTS while advancing equity and addressing climate change.





## Handout: Overview, High-Level Timeline & Deliverables

In 2019-2020, Metro will center equity and sustainability in policies and investments

#### Mobility Framework (Motion 15253)

Develop a regional Mobility Framework that will ensure that innovations in mobility put people first, use public space equitably and efficiently, and are coordinated with transit policies and regional funding strategies.

Guiding principles

Mobility

- Review of emerging technologies, workforce trends
- Opportunities for Metro
- Engagement with community

#### Scoping Document to be transmitted by April 18, 2019

- Context: Metro's transition to a mobility agency and commitment to equity
- Outline for Mobility Framework
- Expected work tasks to complete Framework
- Connection to Regional Planning effort
- Timeline
- Budget narrative

#### Framework anticipated by October 31, 2019

- Guiding principles for the equitable implementation of mobility
- Existing conditions, best practices, opportunities for Metro
- Recommended changes to Metro policies, programs, services, investment strategies

Engagement with communities and elected officials about policy implications of major issues will inform framework.

#### Framework will guide policy updates in 2020

Updated policies, including Service Guidelines and Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, that reflect recommended changes in Mobility Framework

#### Regional Planning (Motion 15252)

Undertake regional planning, coordination, and funding efforts to address the implementation of METRO CONNECTS and the needs of King County's transportation infrastructure.

- Regional planning effort during 2019
- Updated information for METRO CONNECTS
- Engagement with community

#### Status Report to be transmitted by May 31, 2019

- Regional Planning Effort: summary of progress to date
- Updated information: plans, scope, timeline to update information for METRO CONNECTS
- Engagement: summary of progress to date

#### Timeline will depend on engagement process

Proposals for updated or increased service

Regional decisions will guide implementation

Service implementation based on available funding and desired service plan

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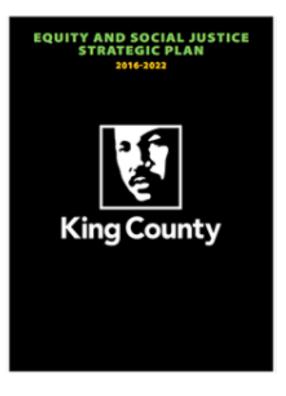
#### What do we mean by equity and inequities?

#### "Equity: A system of fairness."

full and equal access to opportunities, power, and resources

so that all people achieve their full potential and thrive

journey toward well-being as defined by those most negatively affected



#### Inequities

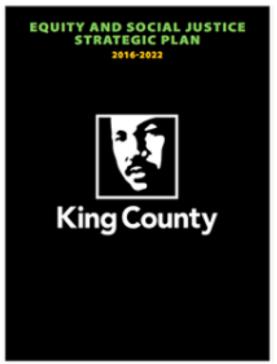
differences in wellbeing that are systemic, patterned and not random

disadvantage an individual or group in favor of another



#### In the context of Metro:

Investments that have historically been made to the advantage of certain populations and/or geographic areas, to the disadvantage and expense of others





### **ESJ Theory of Change**

# THE "UNHEALTHY STREAM" CREATES INEQUITIES

**POLICIES, PRACTICES & SYSTEMS** – Policies, structures and systems – including those in government – have sustained and even contributed to inequities **OUTCOMES** – Organizations and their programs historically have tended to react to problems and treat poor individual and family-level outcomes





#### **Targeted Universalism**





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**King County is leading with racial justice** because historical and racial inequities continue to affect all of us, <u>and our region's ability to live well and thrive</u>.

# EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2022 King County

#### SO ALL PEOPLE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO THRIVE

#### **KING COUNTY INVESTS...**



Upstream, and where needs are greatest,



in community partnerships,



and in employees,



with transparent and accountable leadership.



#### What do we mean by sustainability?

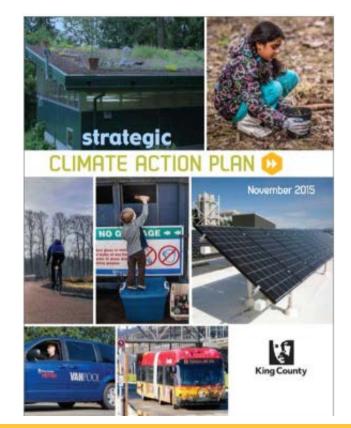
Climate changes threatens the health and safety of people, the economy, & environment. Communities of color, low-income people, & others bear the greatest burden.

Transportation emissions are 36% of regional greenhouse gas emissions (GHG).

Framework will consider how Metro can meet the <u>emissions reduction goals</u> of the Strategic Climate Action Plan:

- 25% by 2020
- 50% by 2030
- 80% by 2050

Percentages are compared to 2007 baseline





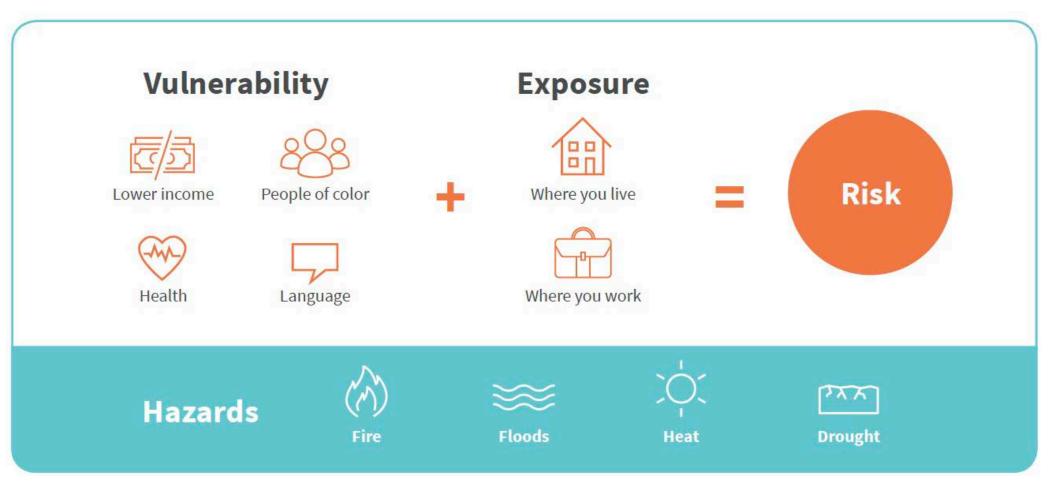
#### Regional vehicle mileage traveled is increasing







#### Climate Change is a threat multiplier



UW Climate Impacts Group, 2018.



# **Consultant team will assist Metro. Tasks include:**

- <u>Travel trends and mobility analysis</u>: update of demographic and travel trends, with analysis of implications for mobility, equity, and GHG emissions
- <u>Review of best practices and opportunities</u> to better advance equity and address climate change through areas like:
  - Mobility services
  - Emerging technologies
  - Policies for allocation of public space
- Land use and zoning patterns
- Transit accessibility
- Workforce trends



#### Work Tasks - Engagement

# Consultant team and community-based organizations will assist with:

- <u>Equity Cabinet</u> of approx. 20 paid community leaders representing low-income people, communities of color, immigrants and refugees, limited English proficiency populations, people with disabilities, and others countywide.
  - Will make recommendations to KC Executive and Council.
- 2) <u>Briefings, workshops, interviews, and/or discussions with</u> <u>partners</u> such as RTC on principles and policy changes.
- 3) <u>Online workshops, briefings, and other activities to</u> <u>engage transit riders</u> on principles and policy changes.





## Work Tasks - Guiding Principles & Recommendations

Metro will engage with communities, elected officials, and others to shape:

- 1) <u>Guiding principles</u> for the equitable and sustainable implementation of mobility.
- 2) <u>Recommendations</u> for centering equity and sustainability in policies and investments (*informed by principles*).

Travel trends and mobility analysis, best practices review, and engagement will inform this work.







#### Handouts: Timelines

