

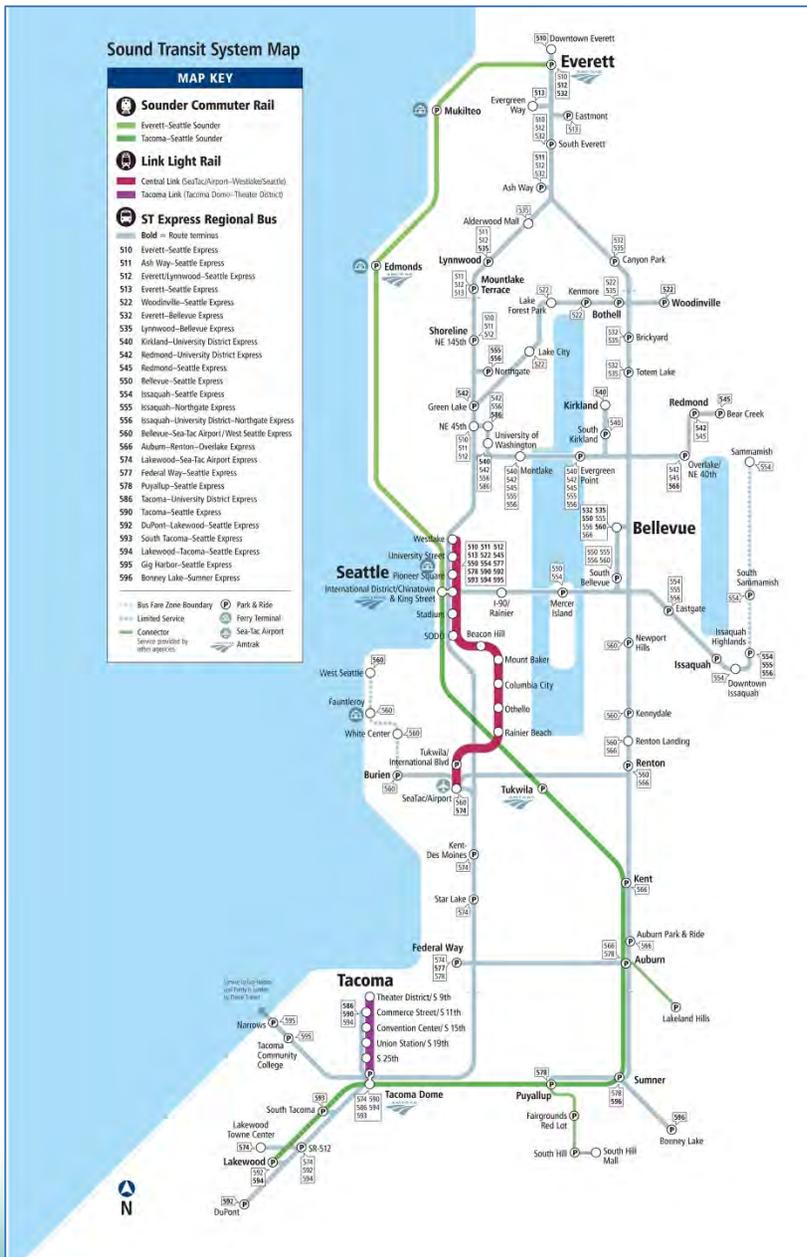
Sound Transit System Overview and ST Express History

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ST Express Service Characteristics

- Regional
- Serves longer-distance trips
- Uses direct paths
- Extensive use of HOV facilities
- High average speeds
- Limited stops based on connections, P&R access and land use rather than geographic coverage



ST2 at a glance

- Adds approximately 36 miles of new light rail, with at least 19 new stations
- Adds 4 round trip Sounder commuter rail trains between Lakewood and Seattle
- Improves Sounder stations along the entire line — north and south
- Adds 17% more ST Express regional bus service
- Adds a new streetcar connector line in Seattle



The ST2 Plan

- 15-year plan approved by voters in Nov. 2008
- Light rail to Lynnwood, Overlake and Star Lake
- Expanded Sounder South Line service, Sounder P&R expansion
- First Hill Streetcar
- +100k annual bus hours to address growth on existing system

The Recession and *ST2*

- Forecast revenues down 27%
- Board OK's *ST2* realignment plan Dec. 2010
- Some capital projects moved to post-2023
- +100k annual hours of new *ST* bus service reduced to +40k
- 40k annual hours added 2010-2011



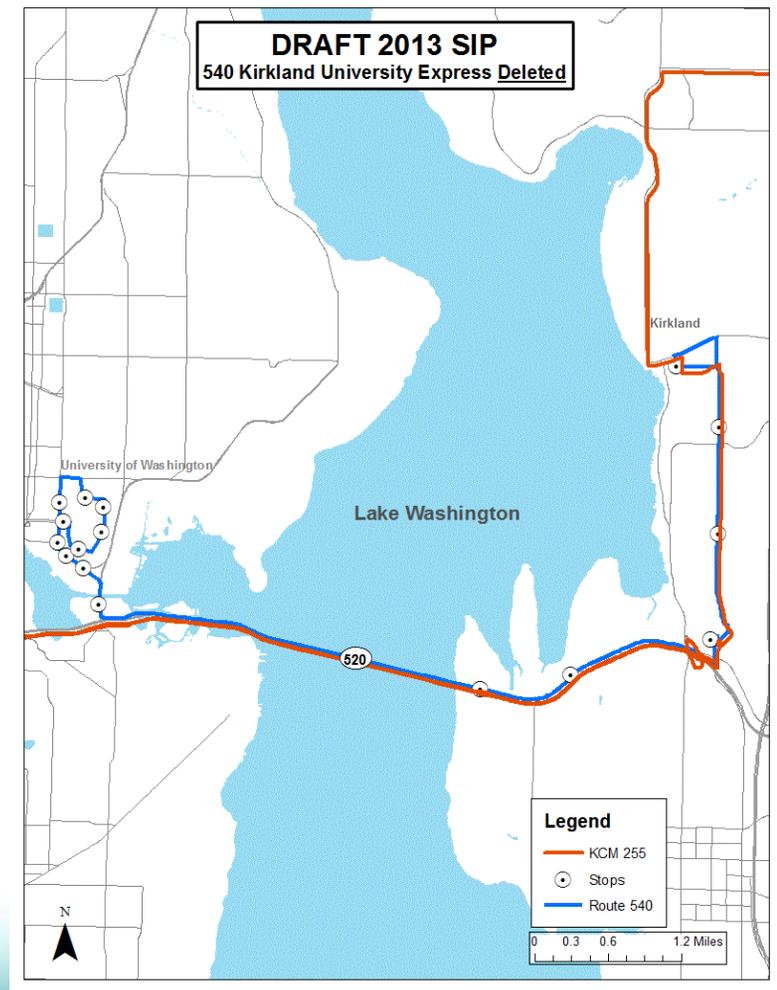
ST Express Today

- 26 express routes, 14.7 million boardings in 2012
- Bus service capped at 690k annual hours through 2023
- Ongoing coordination w/partner agencies through GM's, TIG, SIP and service agreements
- Ridership increasing – up 9% in 2011, up 12% first half of 2012
- Rush hour overloads
- Strategies: Larger buses; deferring bus retirements; redeploying resources from lower-ridership services; reducing duplication with partner agency routes



Example of Current Strategies: East Corridor

- Route 540 (Kirkland-U District) has lowest system boardings/trip
- Frequent Metro Route 255 parallels Route 540 for much of its length
- Action: Delete 9 weekday trips
- Maintain current service span and 30-minute headways or better
- Use savings to add trips on other crosslake routes that are overcrowded
- Keep resources within East King (subarea equity policy)



Sound Transit & Metro Central Link Integration Project (2009)

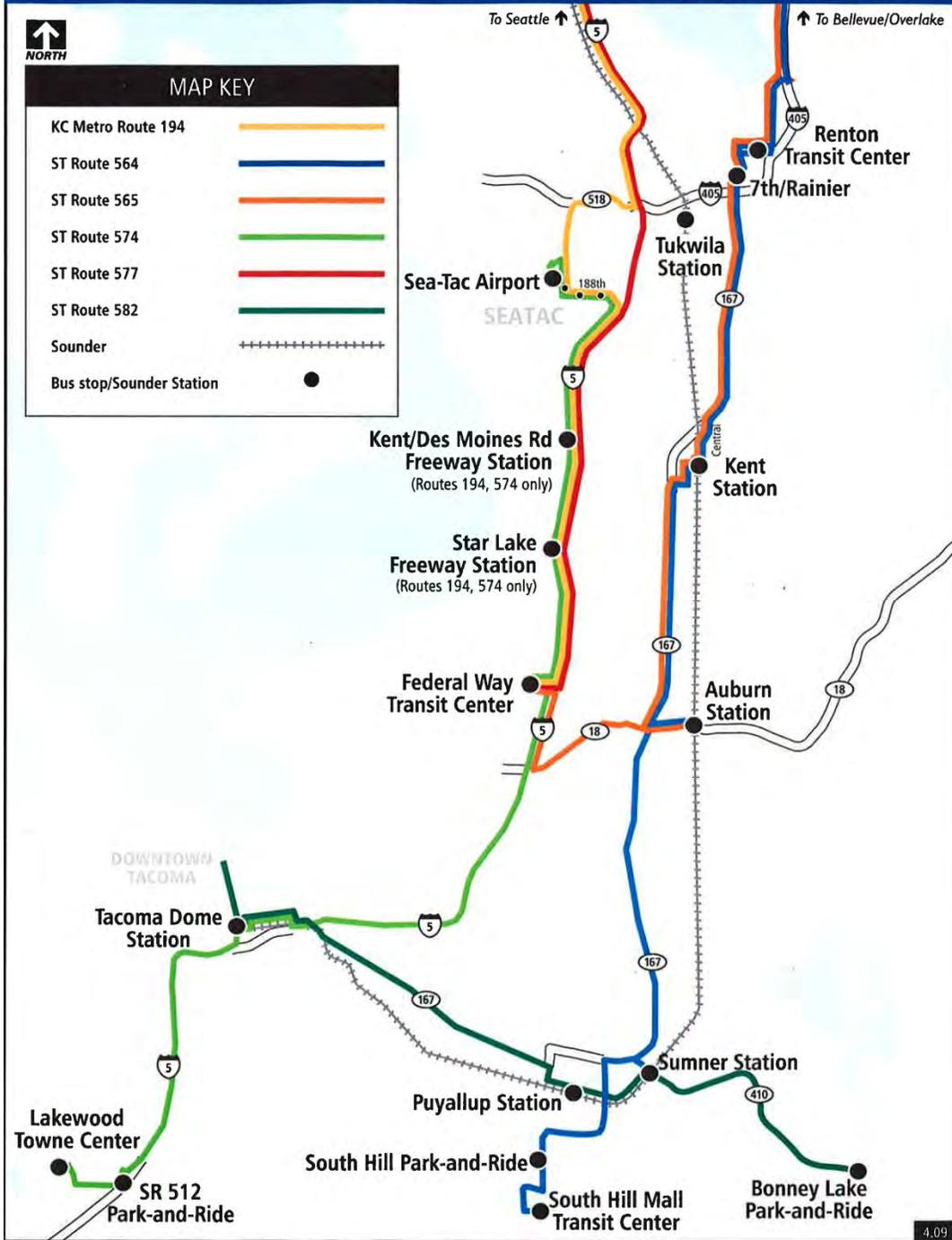


- I-5 South Changes
 - Improved ST service to replace Metro Rt 194 connections (Federal Way-Seattle, Federal Way-SeaTac)
- SE Seattle Changes
 - Reduced direct services to downtown Seattle
 - Restructured services to serve Link stations

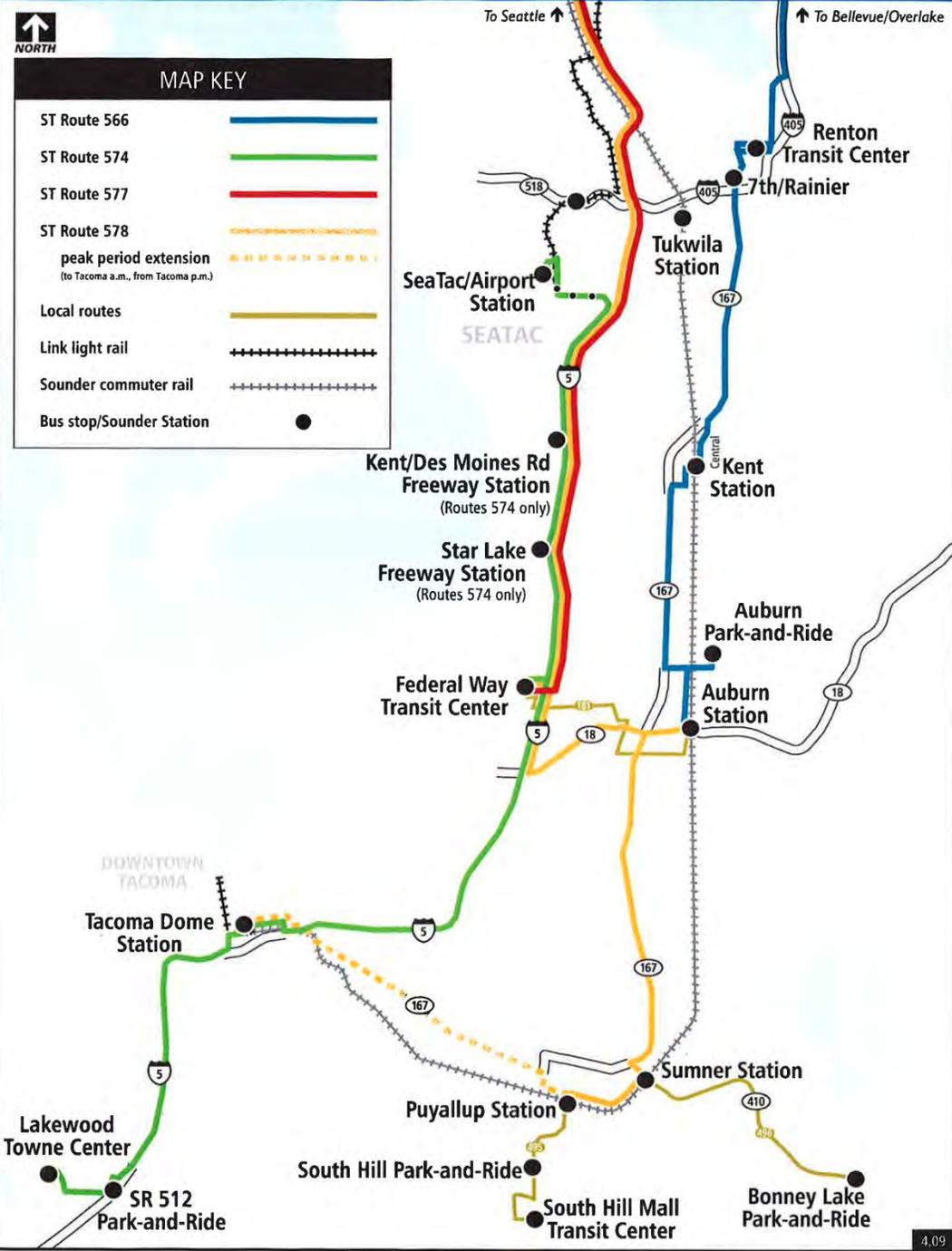
SOUTH KING COUNTY/PIERCE COUNTY CURRENT SERVICE (NOT ALL ROUTES SHOWN)



MAP KEY	
KC Metro Route 194	
ST Route 564	
ST Route 565	
ST Route 574	
ST Route 577	
ST Route 582	
Sounder	
Bus stop/Sounder Station	



SOUTH KING COUNTY/PIERCE COUNTY FEBRUARY 2010 PROPOSED SERVICE



Questions?

