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King County Councilmember

District 7 Spring 2026 Update



Dear Friends:

Happy Spring!

What a first quarter it has been! From the Seahawks clinching another Super Bowl victory to the Mariners kicking off their Spring training, and from the groundbreaking of the RapidRide I Line to the opening of the Link 2 Line Crosslake Connection, this season is truly focused on hard work and achievement.

You have heard me say it time and again: Sports brings people together! And it does! With FIFA Soccer making its way to our region, all sectors are diligently working together. Not to mention the exciting news about the potential return of the Sonics!

While current global events may not have unfolded as we had hoped, I take pride in the regional collaboration exemplified in these first few months of the year, as we continue to serve our residents and advocate for improvements that benefit our communities.

Please take a moment to explore some of the highlights from the first quarter of this year.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pete von Reichbauer', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

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Congratulations to the Seattle Seahawks

Sports brings people together has been my mantra for as long as I remember. This was evident February 2, 2014, and again on February 8, 2026, along with countless moments in between and across all sports.



Thank you, Allen Family, John Schneider, Mike Macdonald, and Bert Kolde. Although Paul Allen's first sport was basketball, his legacy is with the Seahawks today! I had the honor of joining Paul and Bert Kolde at the old Harbor Club on March 26, 2000, for the implosion of the Kingdome, and I truly appreciate the sense of pride and commitment that Mike Macdonald brings to the Allen legacy. Go Hawks!

Pete Carroll: "This is the world's oldest selfie."

Me: "Why?"

Pete: "Because of OUR combined ages!"

Captured on May 21, 2014, the selfie with then-63-year-old Coach Pete was taken outside the Obama White House. From the oldest to 38-year-old Mike Macdonald, one of the youngest NFL coaches, inside the Seahawks' locker room at Lumen Field. Two different coaches, but one legacy of commitment!



Harborview Board of Trustees

In 2015, I nominated Steffanie Moxon Fain to be my representative on the Harborview Board of Trustees, where she served as president for over five years. In 2025, I nominated Richa Malik to be our new board member as Steffanie was elected to the King County Council. Both are mothers of two, accomplished attorneys, and strong advocates for medical care in South King County, representing the best and brightest of our underserved region. Richa speaks fluent English, Hindi, Urdu, and Punjabi, and is learning other languages reflective of our growing region.



With Richa Malik, her daughter, and Steffanie Fain

“Good Eggs” Breakfast with King County Executive Girmay Zahilay

Thank you to Girmay Zahilay, the newly elected and first King County Executive from outside Seattle, for participating in the January “Good Eggs” Breakfast in Auburn. During the meeting, he outlined his goals and emphasized the importance of listening to the community during the recent election.

Thanks to John Daniels Jr., Vice Chair of the Muckleshoot Tribal Council, for presenting a Muckleshoot blanket to our speaker. In population alone, King County would be the 37th largest state.

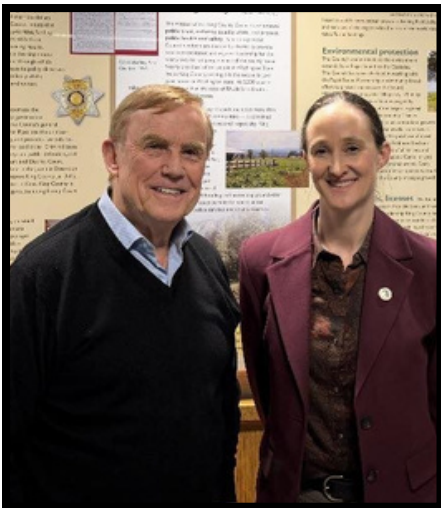


With King County Executive Girmay Zahilay, King County Councilmember Steffanie Fain, and South King County mayors and councilmembers

King County Regional Policy Committee Invites Seattle Mayor Katie Wilson

Who says Seattle and King County cannot agree on anything?

Seattle Mayor Katie Wilson accepted my invitation to appear before the first meeting of the King County Regional Policy Committee this year, where we discussed how we can work better together to attack the issues of homelessness, transportation, criminal justice, among others. Problems do not stop at the city limits; they can only be solved with the suburban cities and Seattle working together.



With King County Councilmembers Sarah Perry, Jorge Barón, and Steffanie Fain, and Seattle Mayor Katie Wilson

King County Council Recognitions

The King County Council recognized King County Superior Court and Washington State Supreme Court Judge Mary Yu, as well as Undersheriff Jesse Anderson of the King County Sheriff’s Office, for their decades of public service upon their retirement.

Judge Mary Yu’s journey began at the King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, leading to a remarkable 25-year tenure as a judge on both the King County Superior Court and Washington State Supreme Court within her 32-year career.



With my fellow King County Councilmembers Rhonda Lewis, Claudia Balducci, Steffanie Fain, Rod Dembowski, Sarah Perry, Reagan Dunn and Jorge Barón, Prosecuting Attorney Leesa Manion, Public Defense Director Matt Sanders, former bailiff and court reporter Rhonda Salvesen, and Judge Mary Yu



Undersheriff Jesse Anderson dedicated 35 years to the King County Sheriff’s Office, demonstrating his lifelong commitment to safeguarding all residents of unincorporated King County, as well as the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and the cities of Beaux Arts, Burien, Carnation, Covington, Kenmore, Maple Valley, Newcastle, Sammamish, SeaTac, Shoreline, Skykomish, and Woodinville.



With my fellow King County Council colleagues and Undersheriff Jesse Anderson

South King County Leadership & Volunteerism Recognition

Every two years, I host a “bridge party” aimed at connecting incoming and outgoing local elected officials while recognizing volunteers in my district who are building bridges of cooperation and communication across South King County. In addition, I invite one of the consul generals in the state to represent the growing diverse population of my district.



Thanks to Deputy Consul General Gerardo Guiza of the Mexican consulate for accepting my Seahawk 12 flag and for speaking about the importance of volunteerism alongside King County Councilmember Steffanie Fain, Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, and Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell.



With Mexican Consulate Deputy Consul General Gerardo Guiza and South King County mayors and councilmembers

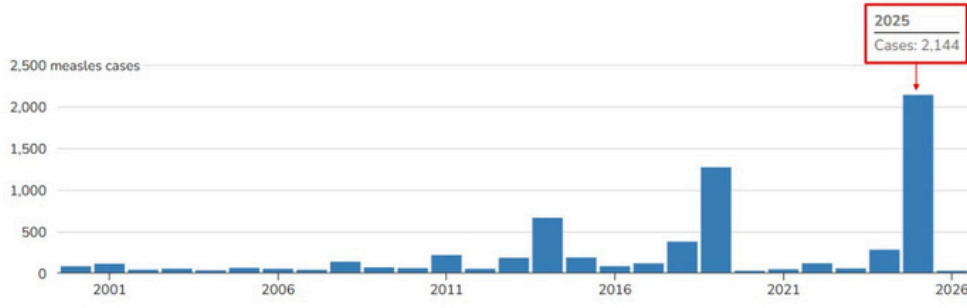
“Good Eggs” Breakfast with Public Health – Seattle & King County Health Officer and Interim Director

At the February “Good Eggs” Breakfast Meeting, Dr. Sandra J. Valenciano, Public Health – Seattle & King County (PHSKC) Health Officer and Interim Director, provided a general health update, particularly about the flu season and the recent emergence of diseases like measles. Thank you, Dr. Valenciano, for sharing these important updates and for actively engaging with civic and community leaders regarding pressing health issues in South King County.



With Edgewood Mayor Dave Olson, Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, Black Diamond Mayor John Adler, Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell, Algona Mayor Pro Tem Tim Fairley, PHSKC Health Officer & Interim Director Dr. Sandra Valenciano, King County Councilmember Steffanie Fain, Federal Way Councilmembers Lydia Assefa-Dawson and Melissa Hamilton, and Auburn Deputy Mayor Tracy Taylor-Turner

National measles cases have been increasing since 2000 with the highest yearly count in 2025.



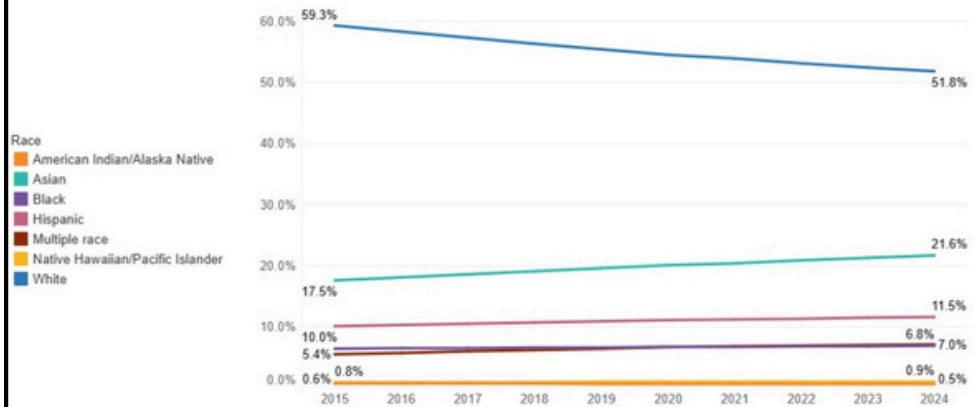
This graph reflects measles cases reported to CDC as of January 6, 2026.

Measles cases as of January 6, 2026
From <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/data-research/index.html>, accessed 1/13/2026

Public Health
Seattle & King County

This graph shows King County's population as of 2024.

King County has grown more diverse over time



Data source: Washington State Office of Financial Management

PHSKC, APDE, 7/2025

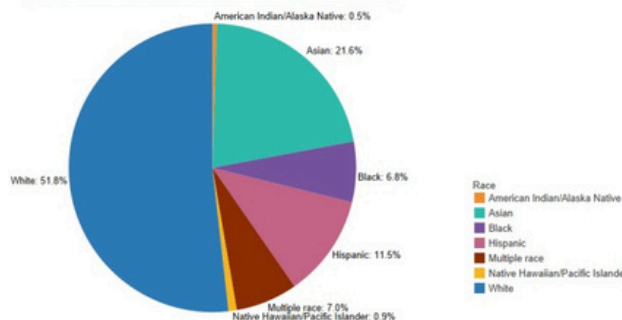
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King County has over 2.3 million residents

In this presentation, you will see the following abbreviations:

- AIAN - American Indian/Alaskan Native
- NHPI - Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- Black – Black/African American

King County population by age and race, 2024
Total King County population - 2,378,100



Data source: Washington State Office of Financial Management

PHSKC, APDE, 7/2025

Public Health
Seattle & King County

This graph shows how King County has grown more diverse over time.

In Memoriam

Rev. Jesse Jackson

“Keep Hope Alive.” “You may be in the slum, but the slum doesn’t have to be in you.” In the 1970s, I had the opportunity to talk with Rev. Jesse Jackson with Sen. George Fleming. After our discussion, George and I escorted Jesse to speak to a session of the Legislature, where he wowed the audience with his powerful oratory skills; he truly had everyone in the palm of his hand! An original!



Lou Holtz

“Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you respond to it.”

“Do the right thing. Do your best. Show people you care.”

“Everybody needs four things in life, something to do, someone to love, someone to believe in, and something to hope for.”

I met Coach Holtz once in Tacoma, but I recall his words EVERY week. Rest in peace, Lou Holtz!



Amy Hatcher

We would like to acknowledge the passing of Amy Hatcher, a former recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medal of Distinguished Service for King County Council District 7, who worked tirelessly for every member of our community.



IN MEMORIAM

Amy Hatcher

King County Council Celebrates Women’s History Month & Transit Appreciation Week

The King County Council has recognized Women’s History Month to acknowledge the invaluable contributions women have made to our nation's past and their ongoing impact on its future. This year is especially significant as it marks a milestone with a female majority on the Council.

The Council has proclaimed March 22-28, 2026, as Transit Appreciation Week, with March 18th recognized as Transit Operator Appreciation Day. This celebration honors our operators for their commitment to safely transporting passengers, as well as all transit employees who consistently serve the public and keep our region on the move.



With my King County Council colleagues, King County Metro leadership, and community members

Sound Transit Board Retreat

On March 18th, the Sound Transit Board held its annual retreat to discuss strategies for the capital program and to develop the updated ST3 System plan, considering current and future regional challenges. A collaborative approach across the region is imperative for effectively addressing these challenges.



With my fellow Sound Transit Board Members: King County Councilmembers Claudia Balducci, Steffanie Fain & Teresa Mosqueda, Redmond Mayor Angela Birney, Seattle Mayor Katie Wilson, Tukwila Mayor Thomas McLeod, Tacoma Councilmember Kristina Walker, Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers, Fircrest Councilmember Hunter George, Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin, Lynnwood Councilmember David Parshall, Washington State Secretary of Transportation Julie Meredith, Renton Councilmember Ed Prince, Seattle Councilmember Dan Strauss, Pierce County Executive Ryan Mello, King County Executive Girmay Zahilay, and Fife Mayor Kim Roscoe

King County Metro Launches Systemwide All-Door Boarding

Starting March 28, King County Metro enhanced bus service by implementing all-door boarding for greater efficiency. This update improves connections to Sound Transit's Link light rail, including the new 2 Line Crosslake Connection between Seattle and the Eastside. It also adds earlier morning trips, extended evening service, and more weekend options for passengers.

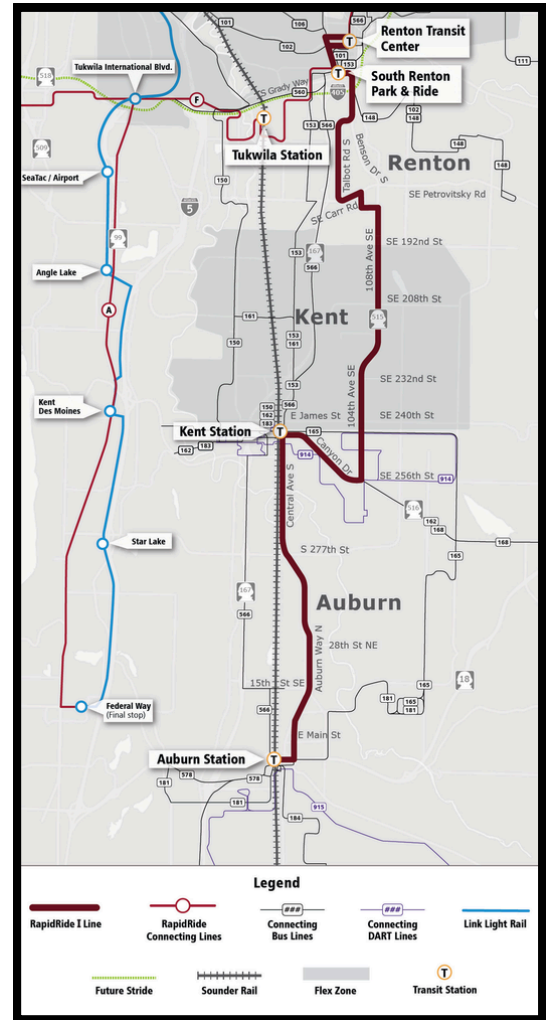
To learn more about the upcoming Spring changes, including those for South King County, check out this [Metro Matters blog](#).

RapidRide I Line Groundbreaking

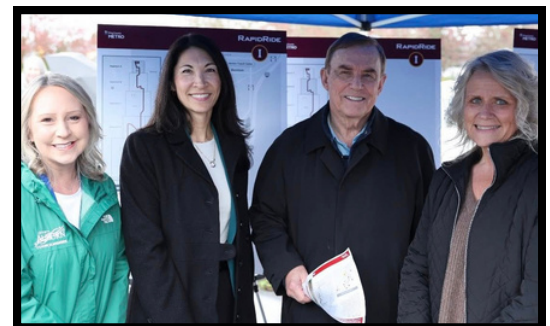
March 19th marked the beginning of construction for the 17-mile RapidRide I Line project that will provide reliable and FAST bus service from Renton to Auburn, as highlighted by King County Executive Girmay Zahilay and King County Council Transit Chair Steffanie Fain during the groundbreaking ceremony held in Renton.

The project will revamp the current Route 160 corridor, which accommodates about 5,000 daily riders, transforming it into a high-capacity transit line. This corridor serves one of the region’s most diverse populations, including many residents who depend on public transportation to access jobs, education, and essential services. Access to JOBS is essential!

[Read more on the RapidRide I Line project website here.](#)



With Metro General Manager Michelle Allison, State Rep. David Hackney, Auburn Deputy Mayor Tracy Taylor, Kent Mayor Dana Ralph, Renton Mayor Armondo Pavone, King County Councilmember Steffanie Fain, King County Executive Girmay Zahilay, and Former King County Councilmember De'Sean Quinn



Link 2 Line Opens Across Lake Washington

Every 8 minutes, the Sound Transit Link 2 Line will travel across Lake Washington into Seattle from 4:17 AM to 12:15 AM, and toward Bellevue from 5:44 AM to 12:30 AM. The Crosslake Connection links a 58-mile light rail system at a time when the price of gas is over \$5 a gallon. Great joining former Sound Transit CEOs and thousands of passengers for the official inaugural run. [Learn more about the Crosslake Connection here.](#)



With US Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, Governor Bob Ferguson, King County Executive Girmay Zahilay, King County Councilmembers Steffanie Fain, Claudia Balducci, and Teresa Mosqueda, along with our fellow Sound Transit Board Members, former Sound Transit CEOs Joni Earl, Peter Rogoff, and Goran Sparman, and Educator and UW Regent Constance Rice

SEATTLE MARINERS 2026 SCHEDULE

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Seattle Mariners 2026 Schedule

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