

AANHP BUS WRAP DETAILS

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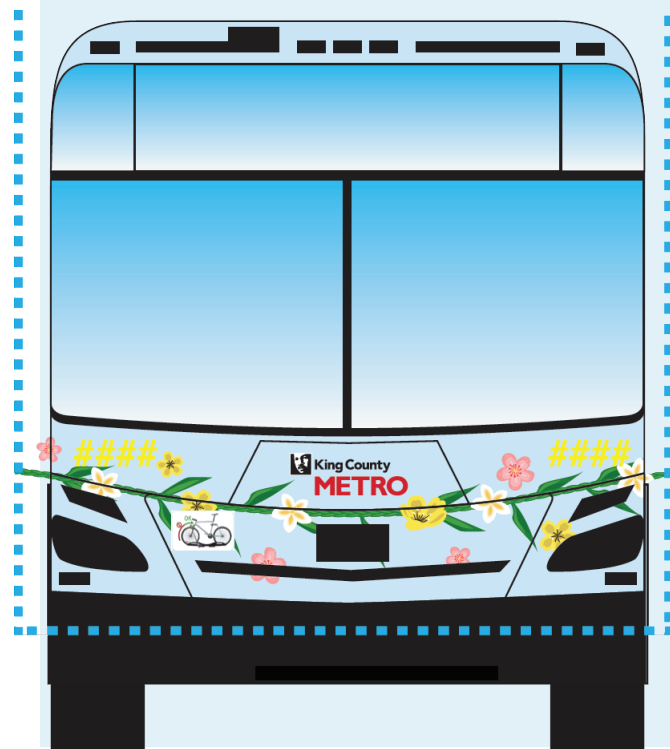


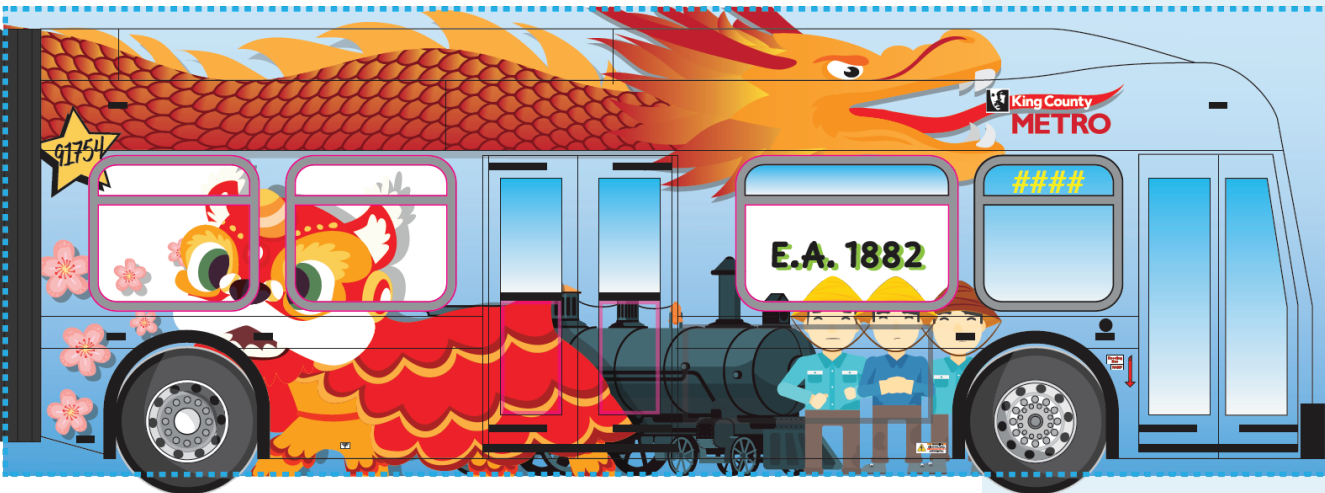
HAWAIIAN

Under the tribal bands representing strength are the great ocean navigators, the Polynesians paddling to new land, with iconic Diamond Head (Le'ahi) in the background.

The ancient Hawaiian fishing hook (makau) is a symbol of safe passage over water; beautiful and fragrant plumeria (melia) flowers that are often used in leis to symbolize happiness and optimism; and King Kamehameha, who united the Islands; where my father and his family were all born and raised.

The Hawaiian maile ti leaf lei, which represents appreciation, respect or admiration, was used to signify peace with opposing ancient Hawaiian chiefs and is used in many celebrations today. Also included are cherry blossoms (national flower of Japan), yellow hibiscus (state flower of Hawaii), and the fragrant plumeria flower.





CHINESE

Chinese Americans were denied immigration to the US for 10 years by the Exclusion Act of 1882. They formed Chinatowns as a refuge from racism and were not deemed “equal”. They built the transcontinental railroad system and their groundbreaking innovations contributed so much to this country and world.

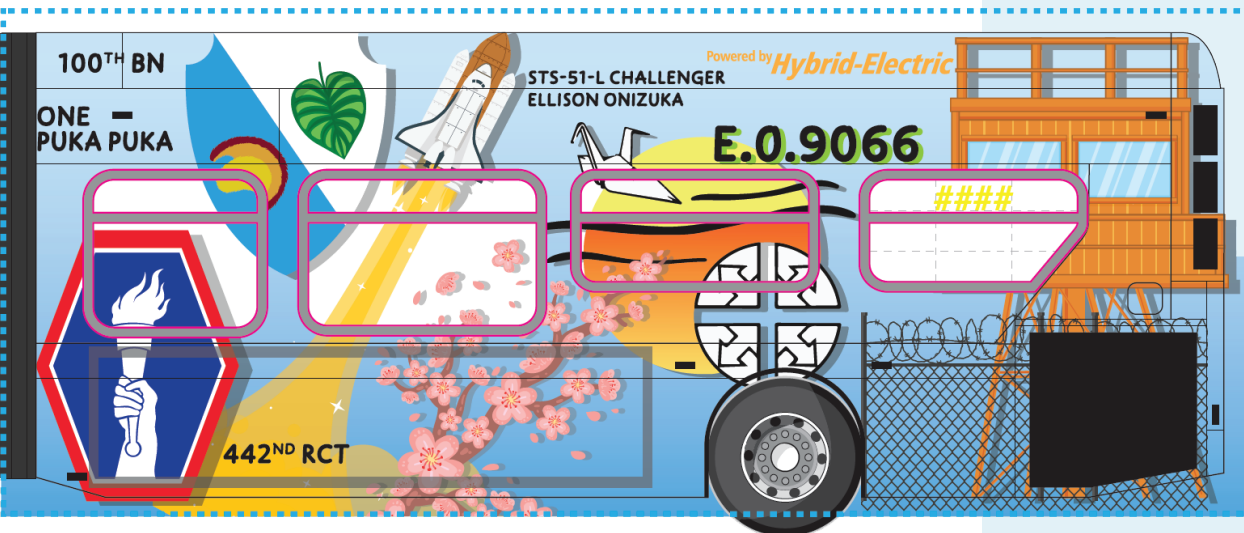
The dragon represents power, strength, and good luck. The lion is used for the traditional lion dance usually during Lunar New Year to bring good luck and fortune. China’s national flower, the beautiful plum blossom, symbolizes resilience, perseverance, and the ability to overcome challenges.

The star with zip code 91754 is to honor the people of Monterey Park, CA, and to those who tragically lost their lives on January 21, 2023.

THAI

The beautiful Thailand Wat Benchamabophit “Marble Temple” is depicted, along with Thailand’s national flower, the Ratchaphruek, that produces a waterfall of vibrant yellow flowers.





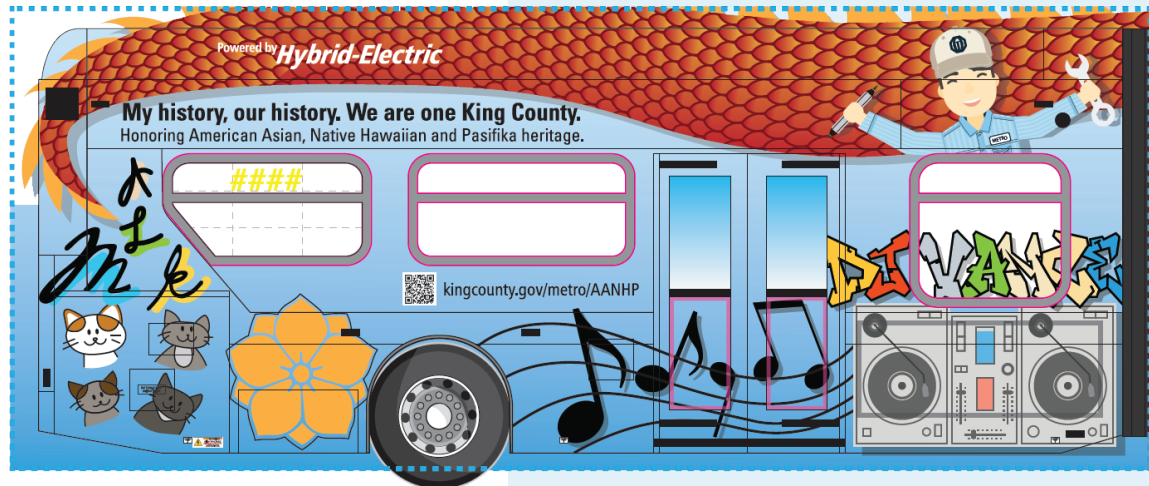
JAPANESE

Forced to leave their homes and businesses by Executive Order 9066, Japanese Americans were only able to take what they could carry. My mother's family was displaced and incarcerated in internment camps. The barbed wired fence and guard tower was a common site to see at all 10 camps.

The most decorated units in American history, the 442nd RCT and 100th BTN, also known as One-Puka-Puka. The 442 used the motto, "Go for Broke", which is local Hawaiian Pidgin meaning "go all in." Annually, April 5 is designated as National Go for Broke day, in honor of the 442nd RCT, with this date being chosen in honor of the 442nd RCT's first Medal of Honor recipient, Private First Class Sadao Munemori, who was killed in action in Italy.

The Space Shuttle Challenger carrying Ellison Onizuka from the Big Island of Hawai'i, was the first American Asian and person of Japanese descent to reach space on the Space Shuttle Discovery. Ellison tragically died in the STS-51-L Space Shuttle Challenger explosion on January 28, 1986, along with six other crew members, including school teacher, Christa McAuliffe.

The beautiful cherry blossom (Sakura) tree symbolizes renewal and hope, the beauty found in hardship, strength, and perseverance. The paper folded (origami) crane (Tsuru) represents peace. It's flying with the beautiful sun shining and the arrows pointing both in and out representing us as people and the importance to share goodness and accept in goodness and promoting equity for all.



VANCE

Metro's AANHP visibility project slogan: "My history, our history. We are one King County." The signature letters, A, L, M and E, are the for the people that mean the most in my life. The people that built, inspired, molded and are everything to me—my wife, Anna, daughter, Lily, and my loving father, Mitchell (rest in eternal love) and my wonderful mother, Elinor. I love you all. Thank you for molding me into the man that I am today. My little fur "babies" that all came from rescues in Seattle and Portland: (from top left, right, bottom left, right): Penny, Socks, Zuri, and Nori.

Sakado family crest (formally known as kamon, but often referred as "mon" – rhymes with phone). I add this in honor for my father, whom I just recently lost from cancer. He was my hero and role model. All Japanese and Japanese Americans (aka "JAs") have a family crest, that tells you where you're from, your bloodline and it is a sense of pride, where many Japanese and JAs may incorporate it in family businesses, institutions, and other things where they put their name, pride, and quality behind it.

I learned how to DJ back in 1987 in my junior year of high school in a friend's garage. I was always amazed how DJs can make the music continuous, non-stop, and always on beat. I never stopped spinning, buying vinyl, and learning this craft. I love listening to music, as it's a significant part of my life, for relaxation and creativity. The graffiti art is my "logo" that I have on my DJ bag and was designed by my wife.

Self-portrait is me, as I came into my Metro career as a mechanic 12 years ago. Although I am now a Transportation Safety Administrator with the Safety Security Quality Assurance division, in Employee Health and Services, I love to stay involved and take care of the VM people that took care of me. I won't forget where I came from and how much enjoyment those people and this career has given me. I am proud to serve the people of King County!

