**Question #1:** Please describe the decision making process by which you will identify the exact improvements and locations to be implemented from the list of potential improvements.

**Answer #1:** In December 2020, the K Line team established a framework for prioritizing transit speed and reliability improvements in the Kirkland and Bellevue portions of the corridor. The framework sets for a two phase process – phase 1 screening and a more detailed phase 2 analysis – that uses data driven and qualitative measures to establish priority projects. The two phase process is informed by work with the local jurisdictions and input from a comprehensive public engagement program. Key steps to develop a preferred set of transit priority projects for K Line include:

- Development of potential projects and signal treatments: technical analysis of delay and operational issues, city staff input, public input and projects identified in City of Kirkland and City of Bellevue Transit Plans
- Technical analysis to evaluate potential project benefits including Synchro and Vissim transportation modeling and simulation, evaluation of traffic, ROW, and business access impacts, ridership forecasting, and assessment of impacts/benefits to people of color, low-income households, and other communities of concern
- Development of concept designs for key improvements to assess potential right-of-way needs, support environmental assessment, and identify potential need for property acquisition

Project development and assessment will lead to a prioritized list of transit priority improvements that include capital costs for each project or set of projects. King County uses a standard process for developing a full set of RapidRide projects including transit priority measures, passenger facility improvements, communication and technology improvements, and access to transit improvements. A final set of transit priority measures will be developed through a balancing process that aligns community and project priorities with available project funding.

**Question #2:** Please provide more detail on how the current local KCM bus routes will be impacted after the start of RapidRide K Line service.

**Answer #2:** RapidRide K Line will upgrade portions of several routes: Route 271, Route 250, Route 255, and Route 239. When RapidRide K Line opens, these routes will no longer operate on the K Line corridor, so there will be changes to them. These changes will be determined during service restructure processes in advance of K Line opening.
**Question #3:** Please provide more information on the current collision rates along this route.

**Answer #3:** The K Line alignment includes several corridors and intersections with high collision rates. These areas have been identified by the cities of Kirkland and Bellevue in formal City wide studies and planning documents, including the City of Kirkland’s Local Road Safety Plan – 2020, and City of Bellevue’s High Injury Network (HIN), and by the K Line design team through a current review of documented serious and fatal collision history.

The K Line team has focused collision research on serious and fatal accident locations and will utilize this data to evaluate spot improvement work priority at locations with known high collision history in the corridor.

Within Kirkland, routing within arterials identified as the highest safety priority, with corresponding higher collision rates, include:

- Downtown Kirkland
- NE 85th Street

Intersecting streets along the K Line alignment with the highest safety priority include NE 124th St (Level I), NE 68th St (Level I), NE 116th St (Level II), and NE 128th St (Level III).

Within the City of Bellevue, the following sections of K Line alignment were identified as being on the City of Bellevue’s HIN with any serious and fatal collisions noted after:

- 108th Ave NE between NE 37th Ct and Northup Way – 1 serious vehicle crash
- Northup Way between 108th Ave NE and NE 33rd Pl
- Northup Way between I-405 underpass to 116th Ave NE
- 116th Ave NE from NE 12th St to NE 1st St - 2 Serious Vehicle and 2 Serious pedestrian crashes
- Potential K Line routes through the Bellevue Central Business District – total of 3 serious vehicle and 1 serious bike crash
- Lake Hills Connector Rd & SE 8th St intersection – 2 serious vehicle crashes
- Lake Hills Connector Rd & Richards Rd intersection
- Lake Hills Connector Rd & 140th Ave SE intersection – 2 Serious vehicle crashes
- 145th Pl SE and SE 16th St
- 148th Ave SE between Landerholm Circle SE and SE Eastgate Way