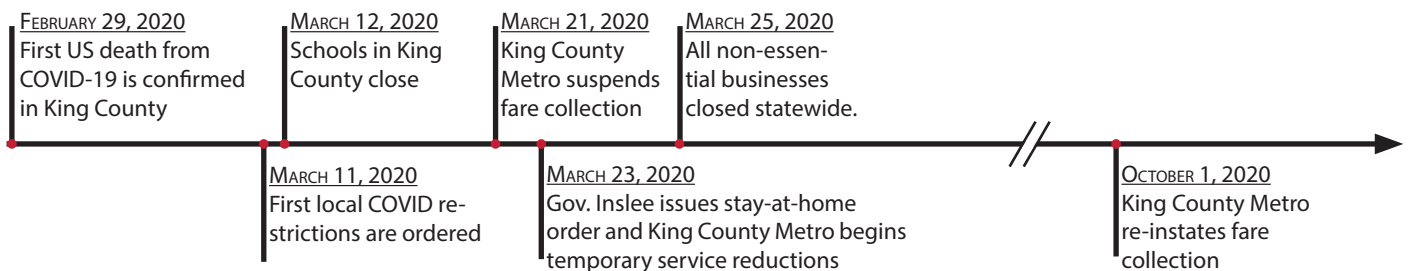


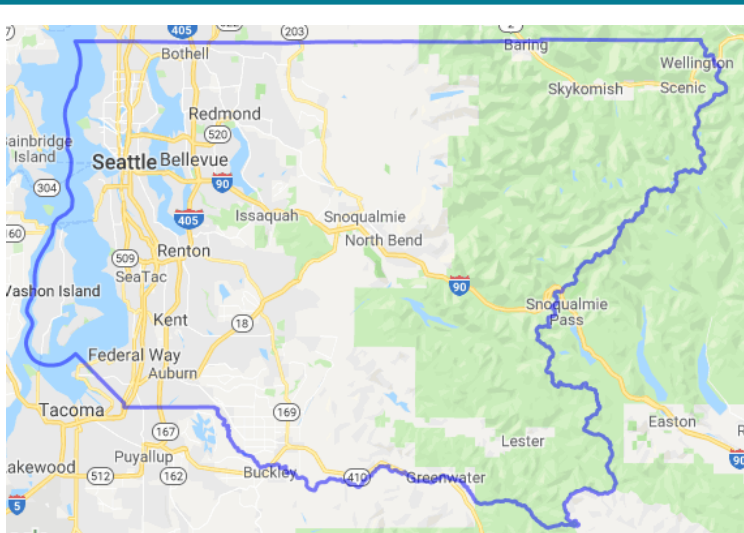
- A** How did the October 1, 2020 reinstatement of fares affect ridership on King County Metro?
- B** Did the reinstatement of fares by King County Metro have differential effects on ridership among socio-economic groups?

Background



From March 21, 2020 until October 1, 2020, King County Metro, which includes the city of Seattle and surrounding cities and areas, suspended transit fare collection as a measure to mitigate the transmission of the novel coronavirus. During this time, riders were not required to pay fare when using King County Metro services, including buses, water taxi, and Access paratransit. Fares were re-instated on October 1, 2020 and have been collected since. Metro decision-makers would like to learn about the impact of the fare suspension and reinstatement, especially on subgroups of the population who have been historically marginalized. Many transit agencies and advocates are actively exploring fare-free public transportation and these analyses will contribute to our learning about the impacts of fare-free transit on transit use and mobility

For more information on the fare suspension, please refer to the [King County Metro blog](#).



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Data

RIDERSHIP DATA was collected by King County Metro using automated passenger counters (APCs) on their fleet. APCs record how many passengers enter or exit the vehicle at a given stop.

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA comes from the American Community Survey. More information [here](#).