



This Week from the Mayor

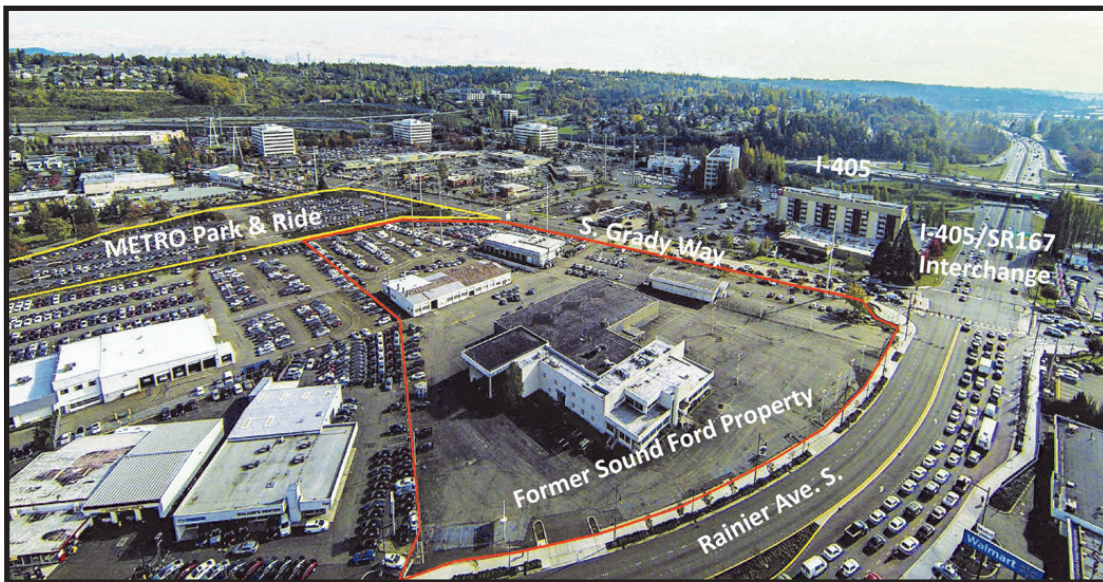


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Downtown revitalization moves a step closer as King County commits to relocating transit center

Downtown revitalization has been a priority for the city for many years and over the past couple of years we have made tremendous progress. Every city department is engaged and participating in our commitment to create a safe, pedestrian-oriented and vibrant downtown that will attract new businesses, shopping, dining, entertainment and activities. Our efforts are paying off and our vision for downtown revitalization is being realized.



On Monday, my staff [updated our strategy](#) to the City Council Committee of the Whole. We're moving forward with the plan's key component: relocating the transit center to the corner of Rainier Avenue South and South Grady Way (the old Sound Ford property). Non-commuter bus routes that provide direct access to the Downtown Business District and Civic Core will remain downtown.

We received written commitment from King County Executive Dow Constantine to set a firm date to make this transition while continuing efforts to get the new transit center built.

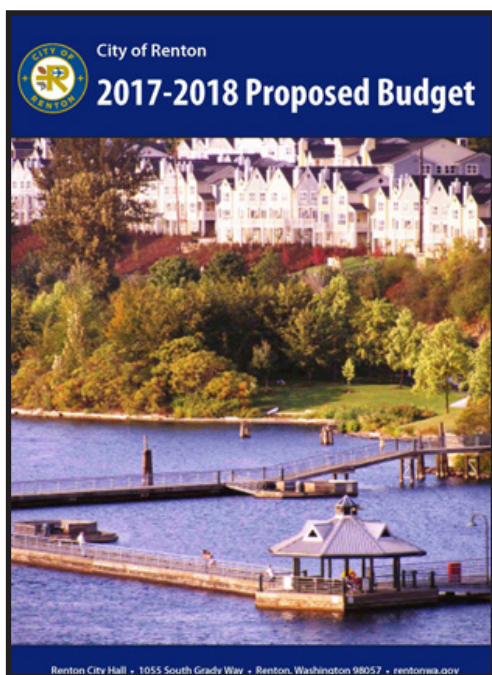
"I support the City of Renton's plans for revitalizing its downtown, including relocating its transit center, while maintaining bus service to the downtown core," said Executive Constantine. "I am committed to improving transit service to Renton, and will work with city staff to transition the bus transfer activity from the downtown center to the Grady Way Park and Ride facility, consistent with Metro Connects. I will also continue to work with the King County Council and the Sound Transit Board on developing the new proposed transit center and parking garage at Rainier and Grady Way."

Moving the transit center is vital to get better overall transit services to Renton. It is our intention to close the downtown transit center by the end of 2017 and I look forward to working with King County to make this a reality.

As part of the presentation, city staff provided the City Council with an update of progress made in several areas, including business recruitment, new developments, strategic public investments and public safety, several of which we have spotlighted in previous newsletters. I invite you to take another [look at our accomplishments](#).

2017-18 budget presented to city council on Monday

Monday evening, I will present the city's 2017-2018 budget to city council. The budget represents our fiscal roadmap for the next two years and is the result of months of intense, collaborative work by city staff, civic groups and citizens. I'd like to extend my thanks to all and especially recognize the work of our Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee. They spent many evening hours working with city staff prioritizing budget items. Thank you for your time and thank you for your commitment to the city.



DID YOU KNOW?



FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND

I hope you'll join me and your fellow Rentonites tonight and Saturday at [Renton's Multicultural Festival](#). It promises to be two days full of great entertainment, fun and, of course, food. I'm looking forward to the events and hope you can join us.

Feedback

If you have comments, questions or suggestions, or just want to share all the great things that are happening in the city, please [e-mail](#) me. Thanks for reading.