

September 2016 Service Change Proposal

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The proposed September 2016 Service Change includes the following changes:

- Revisions to Routes 9 Express and Route 38 in Southeast Seattle
- The implementation of new Route 243 on the Eastside

Southeast Seattle Service Revisions – The Need for Change

The Proposal is an outcome of Metro's ongoing outreach in Southeast Seattle

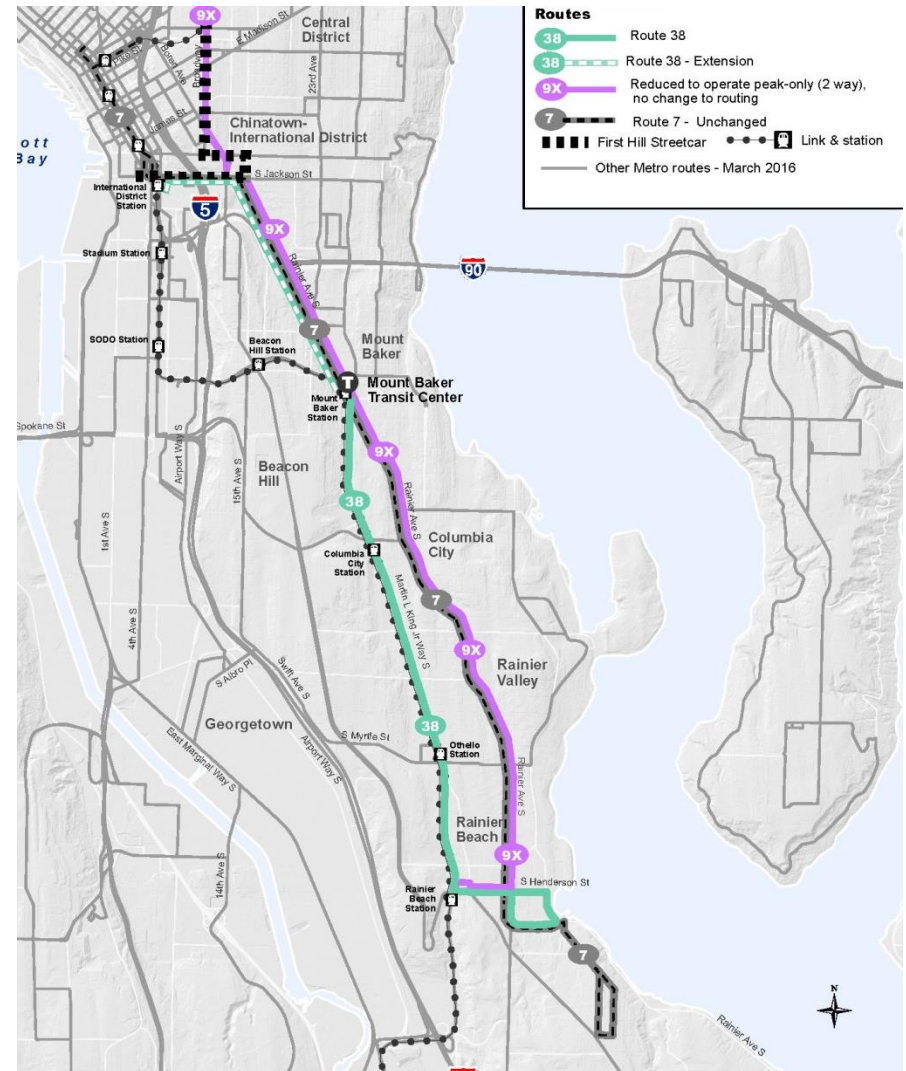
- Organizations have advocated for changes since the 2009 service revisions with the start of Link light rail service
- Metro has worked with community groups to develop new service concepts
- Re-establishes a direct connection between the MLK corridor and the International District
- Listening to riders and engaging the community is consistent with Metro's Service Guidelines



Southeast Seattle Service Revisions

The proposed Southeast Seattle service revisions involve changes to Routes 9 Express and 38

- Route 9 Express – reduced to operate peak only
- Route 38 – weekday extension beyond Mount Baker Transit Center to the International District via Rainier Avenue South and South Jackson Street



Route 9 Express – Service Reduced

Midday service on Route 9 Express would be discontinued – service would operate peak only

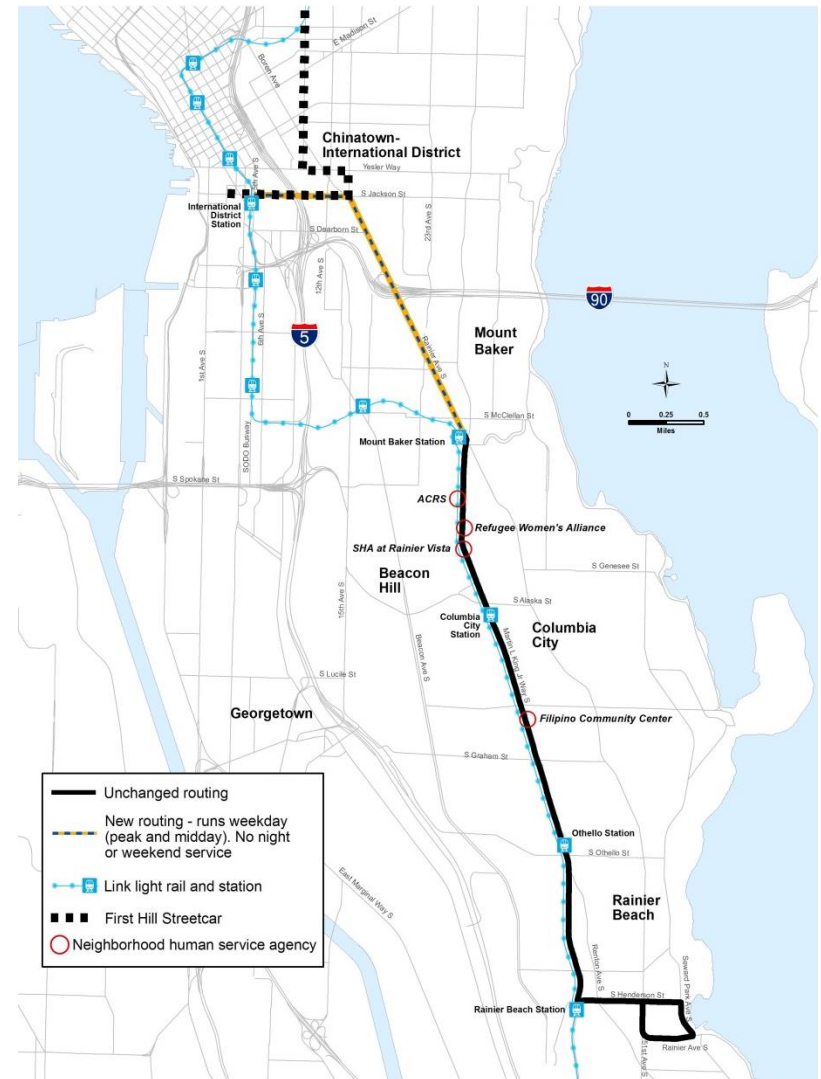
- Peak period service would continue to operate - serves the majority (59%) of the Route's riders
- Frequent service on the corridor is available via Route 7 with new connections to the First Hill Streetcar or Link serving the Capitol Hill Station
- The resources saved by discontinuing the midday service would be used to provide the extended service on Route 38



Route 38 – Service Extended

On weekdays Route 38 would be extended between the Mount Baker Transit Center and the International District

- Weekday service would operate between Mount Baker Transit Center and the International District.
- In the evening and on weekends, all service will continue to terminate at Mount Baker Transit Center with transfer opportunities to Link and other service
- Service would operate as a limited stop express between Mount Baker Transit Center and 12th Avenue South & South Jackson Street



Southeast Seattle Service Revisions – Summary

Summary of the major elements of the proposal

- New direct transit connection between the Martin Luther King Jr. Way South corridor and the International District
- Benefits a historically low income population/community of color with improved access for many riders traveling within Southeast Seattle
- Loss of midday Route 9 Express service mitigated with new transit options to/from First Hill/ Capitol Hill via Route 7 and connections with either the First Hill Streetcar or Link serving the Capitol Hill Station
- Uses existing service hour resources, reallocated among routes operating within Southeast Seattle

Southeast Seattle Service Revisions – Community Engagement

The proposal is an outcome of a collaborative effort between King County Metro and Southeast Seattle Community Organizations

- Since June 2012, Metro has been working with the community to identify ways of improving transit service in Southeast Seattle
- In May 2016, Metro convened a community advisory group to develop a proposal submitted for public outreach starting the past November
- The current service proposal has subsequently been shaped by the community and public input Metro has received since November



New Route 243

The proposed September 2016 Service Change also includes new Route 243

- Peak service operating on the Eastside between Kenmore and Redmond, northbound in the a.m. and southbound in the p.m.
- Serves three regional growth centers: Overlake, Redmond and Totem Lake, plus UW Bothell / Cascadia Community College and Kenmore
- Service would be provided through a Transit Now partnership between Metro and the Cities of Bellevue and Redmond.

