

East Link Connections Mobility Project

Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee
February 18, 2025

Agenda

- 1. Recap of engagement**
- 2. Service Change highlights**
- 3. Implementation timeline**

Engagement highlights – Phases 1-3



- Comprehensive three-phase engagement process, starting in 2021
- 210,000+ mailers
- 26 partner-led community meetings
- 20 Interviews
- 8 Mobility Board meetings
- 4 Community partnerships
- 4 Virtual public meetings
- 3 Partner Review Board meetings
- 3 Surveys (5,000+ responses)
- Online Open House platform
- Community organization outreach toolkit
- Bus stop signs
- City Council engagement
- Paid media, social media

Engagement highlights – Phase 4



- Worked with our Mobility Board and Partner Review Board (including CBOs) to review the proposed network and previous engagement
- Confirmed priorities and needs are still consistent with current conditions, such as ridership, ORCA, and park & ride usage
- Worked with partners to adjust the final network
- Reviewed and updated list of future investment priorities
- Additional 1:1 meetings with staff/leadership from project area cities

Key Mobility Needs



- **Provide transit to/from important destinations** and where needs are greatest, including Seattle, Snohomish County, and major medical centers in the region.



- **Faster travel times** to get me where I want to go.



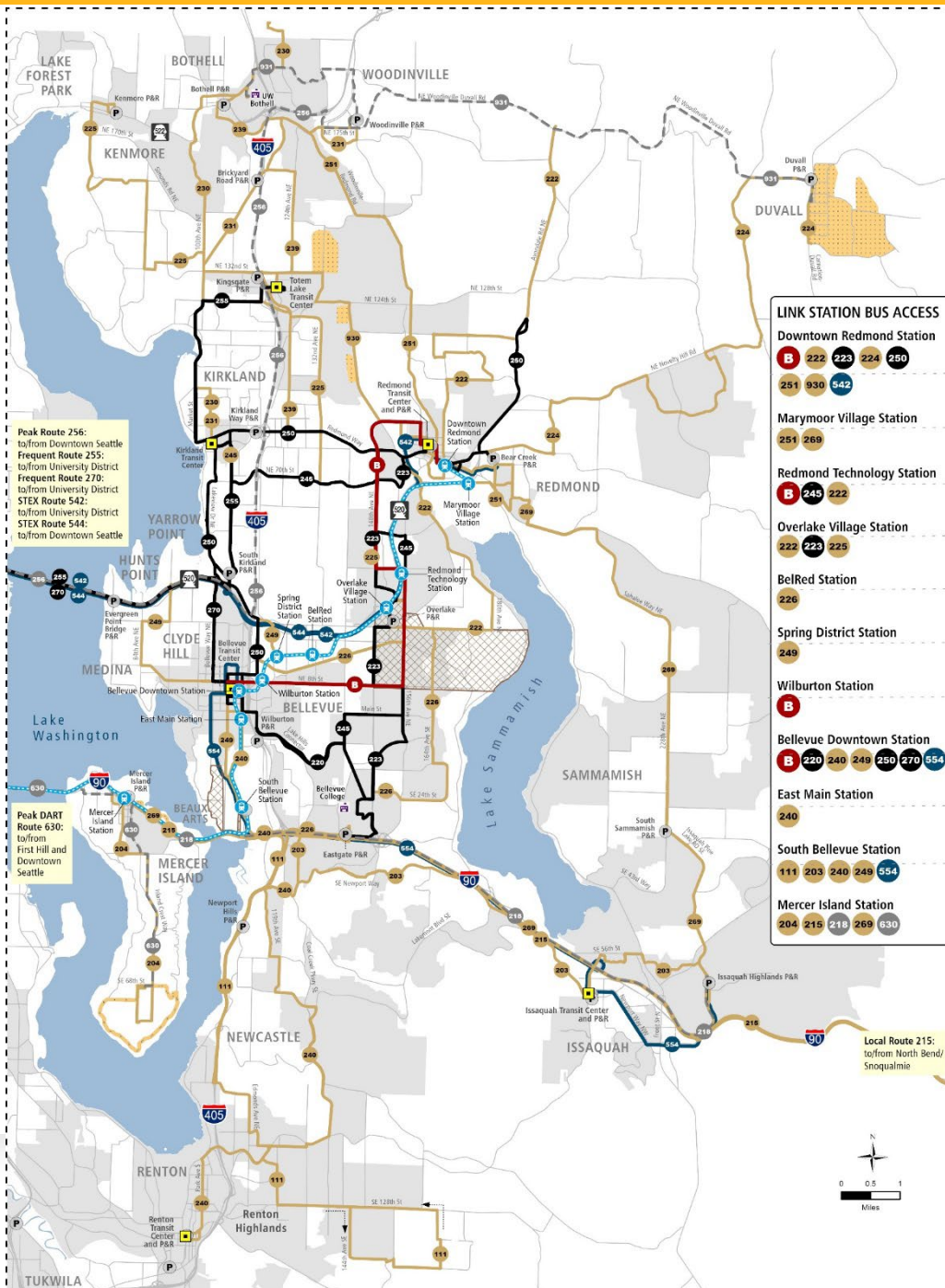
- **Additional and improved connections** to new locations.







- **More service outside peak periods and on weekends**, and more consistency between peak and off-peak/weekday and weekend service levels.



- **Make transfers easier** by being frequent, safe, and accessible, especially for seniors, riders with disabilities, transit-dependent riders, and long-distance travelers.



King County Metro Transit Services

-  RapidRoute
-  Frequent Route
-  Local Route
-  Peak-Only Route

-  New Metro Flex Areas
-  Unchanged DART/FLEX areas

Sound Transit Services

-  Proposed East Link light rail & station
-  ST Express Route**

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-  Transit Center
-  Permanent Park&Ride

 Equity Priority Areas

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Final network highlights



Later night service (4 routes) and new weekend service (5 routes)



More frequent service (8 routes)



Faster regional connections for Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah, and Renton



The number of priority population individuals with access to frequent transit will increase by 14% (+25,000 people)

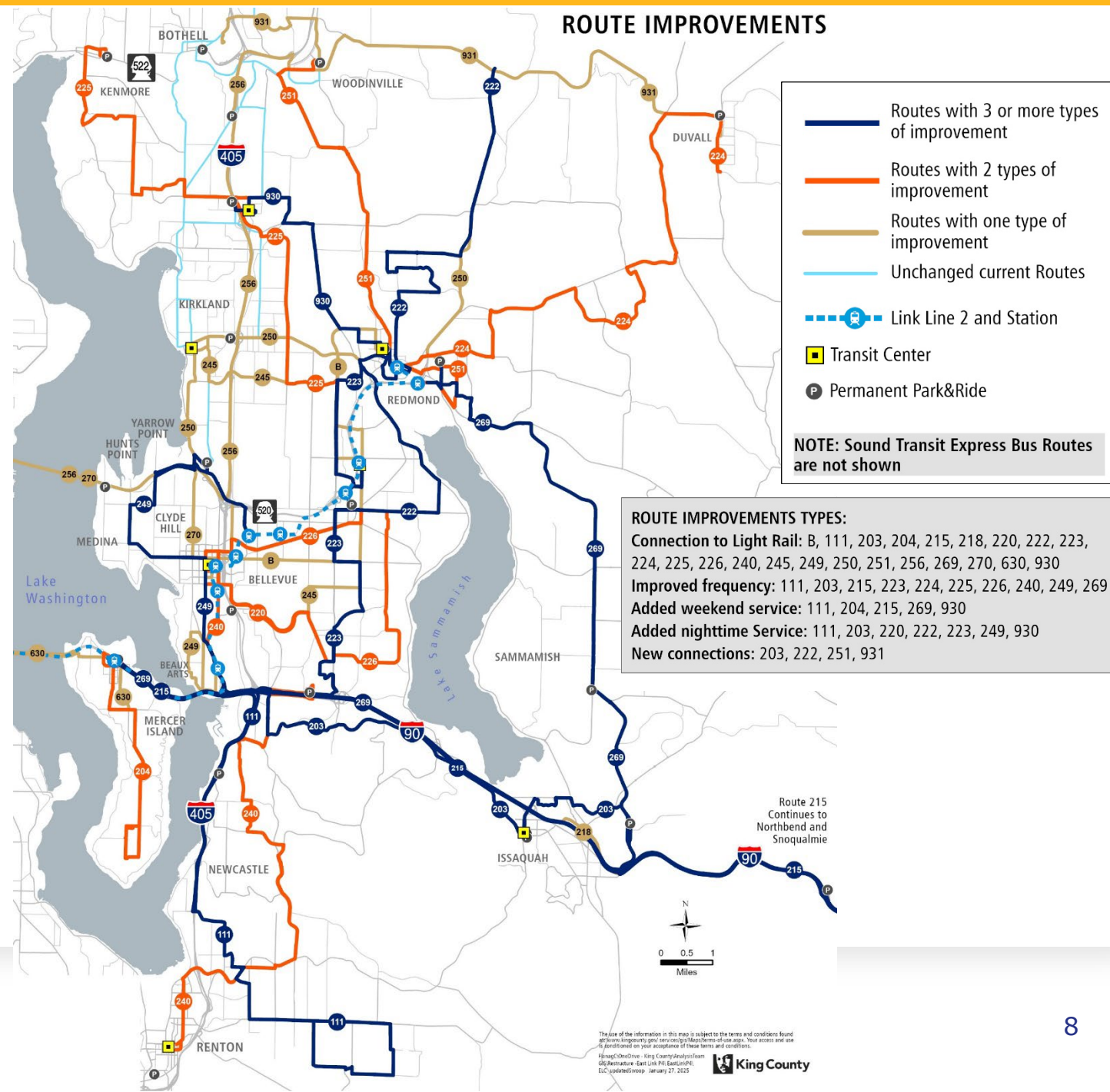


Greater reliability, new connections between cities and to Link (23 of 24 project routes connect to at least one light rail station)

Service improvements

- Connections to light rail stations
- More frequent service
- Added weekend service
- Added nighttime service
- New connections

Blue: 3+ improvements
Orange: 2 improvements
Gold: 1 improvement
Light blue: unchanged



Examples of Increased Frequency

- 1. Route 223**
- 2. Route 225**
- 3. Route 240**
- 4. Route 269**

New Route 223: Eastgate P&R to Downtown Redmond Station



How often would this bus run?

Frequency (minutes)

	Peak 6-9 a.m. 3-7 p.m.	Midday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Evening 7-10 p.m.	Night 10 p.m. - 5 a.m.	Hours of Service Rounded to nearest 15 minutes
Weekday	20	20	20	30	5 a.m. - 12 a.m.
Saturday	30-60	30-60	60	60	6 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Sunday	30-60	30-60	60	60	6 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

How would my bus be changing?

Proposed changes respond to the following needs:



Reliable and
convenient
transfers



Direct route to
improve speed and
reliability

This bus would go to:

1. Downtown Redmond Station
2. Redmond Transit Center
3. Overlake Village Station
4. Crossroads
5. Lake Hills
6. Bellevue College
7. Eastgate Park & Ride



Revised Route 225: Kenmore P&R to Overlake P&R



How often would this bus run?

Frequency (minutes)

	Peak 6-9 a.m. 3-7 p.m.	Midday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Evening 7-10 p.m.	Night 10 p.m. - 5 a.m.	Hours of Service Rounded to nearest 15 minutes
Weekday	30	30	60	60	5:15 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.
Saturday	60	60	60	60	7:15 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Sunday	60	60	60	60	7:15 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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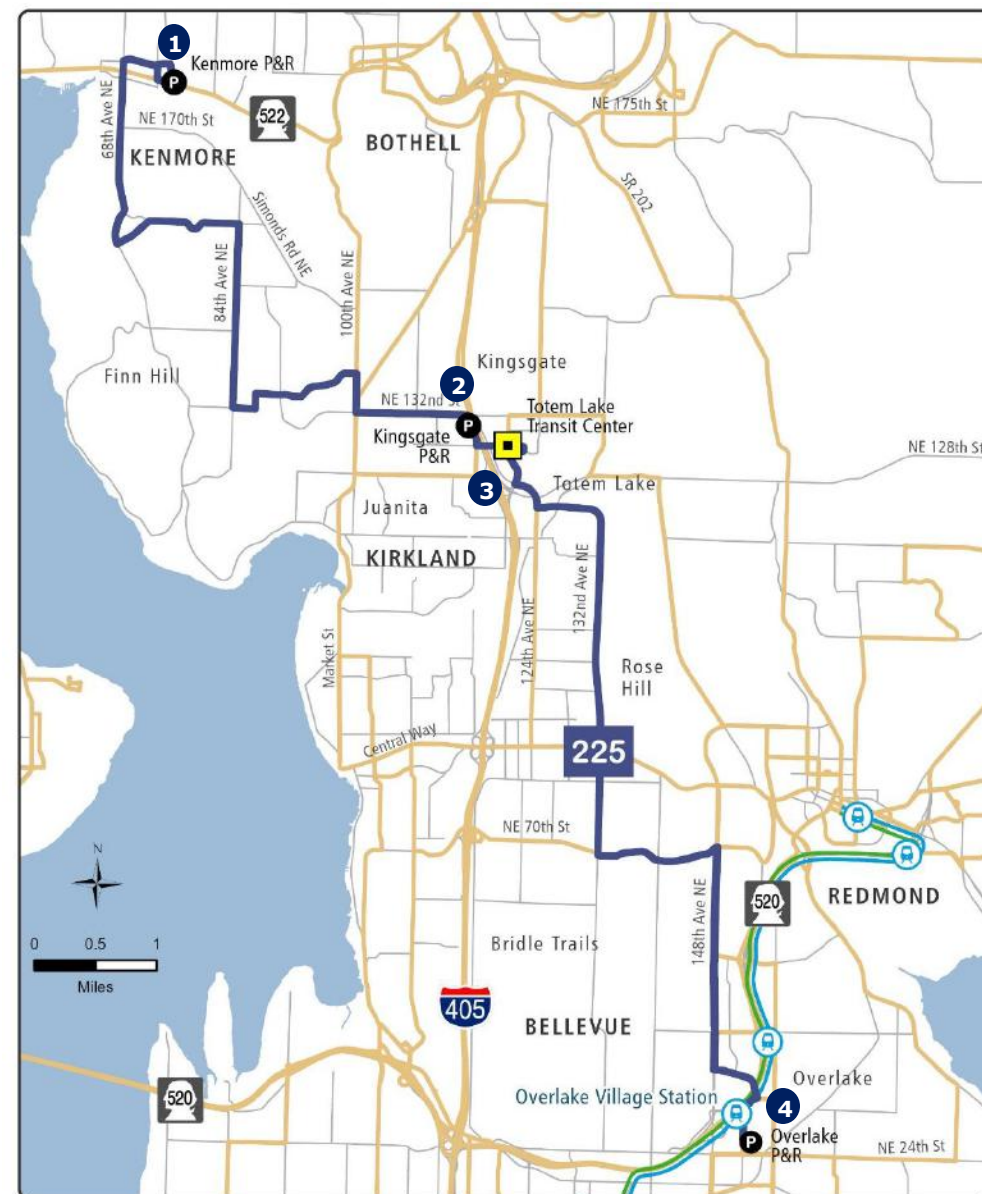
Proposed changes respond to the following needs:



Connects with key destinations

This bus would go to:

1. Kenmore Park & Ride
2. Kingsgate Park & Ride
3. Totem Lake Transit Center
4. Overlake Village Station



Proposed Route Other Routes Link line and station

Revised Route 240: Renton Transit Center to Bellevue Transit Center



How often would this bus run?

Frequency (minutes)

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Weekday	15	15	30	30	5:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Saturday	30	30	60	60	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Sunday	30	30	60	60	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

How would my bus be changing?

Proposed changes respond to the following needs:



Connects with key destinations



Reliable and convenient transfers



Provide transit services where needs are greatest

This bus would go to:

1. Renton Transit Center
2. Renton Highlands
3. Newcastle
4. Newport Hills
5. Factoria
6. Eastgate Park & Ride
7. South Bellevue Station
8. Bellevue Transit Center



Proposed Route Other Routes Link line and station

Revised Route 269: SE Redmond Station to Mercer Island Station



How often would this bus run?

Frequency (minutes)

	Peak 6-9 a.m. 3-7 p.m.	Midday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Evening 7-10 p.m.	Night 10 p.m. – 5 a.m.	Hours of Service Rounded to nearest 15 minutes
Weekday	15	30	30	-	6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	30	30	-	-	8:35 a.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Sunday	30	30	-	-	8:35 a.m. – 6:45 p.m.

How would my bus be changing?

Proposed changes respond to the following needs:



Connects with key destinations



Reliable and convenient transfers



More bus trips on weekends



Bus comes more often

This bus would go to:

1. Marymoor Village Station
2. Bear Creek Park & Ride
3. Sahalee
4. Pine Lake
5. South Sammamish Park & Ride
6. Issaquah Highlands Park & Ride
7. Eastgate
8. Mercer Island Station



Examples of Added Night Service

1. Route 203

2. Route 249

New Route 203: Issaquah Highlands P&R to South Bellevue Station



How often would this bus run?

Frequency (minutes)

	Peak 6-9 a.m. 3-7 p.m.	Midday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Evening 7-10 p.m.	Night 10 p.m. – 5 a.m.	Hours of Service Rounded to nearest 15 minutes
Weekday	30	30	30-60	30-60	5 a.m. – 12 midnight
Saturday	30	30	30	-	7:45 a.m. – 8:15 p.m.
Sunday	30	30	30	-	7:45 a.m. – 8:15 p.m.

How would my bus be changing?

Proposed changes respond to the following needs:



Connects with key destinations



Reliable and convenient transfers



More east-west connections

This bus would go to:

1. South Bellevue Station
2. Factoria
3. Newport
4. Issaquah Transit Center
5. North Issaquah
6. Issaquah Highlands Park & Ride



Revised Route 249: South Bellevue Station to Spring District Station



How often would this bus run?

Frequency (minutes)

	Peak 6-9 a.m. 3-7 p.m.	Midday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Evening 7-10 p.m.	Night 10 p.m. – 5 a.m.	Hours of Service Rounded to nearest 15 minutes
Weekday	30	30	60	60	5:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Saturday	45	45	60	60	6 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Sunday	45	45	60	60	6 a.m. – 10 p.m.

How would my bus be changing?

Proposed changes respond to the following needs:



Connects with key destinations



Bus runs later into the night

This bus would go to:

1. Spring District
2. South Kirkland Park & Ride
3. Clyde Hill
4. Medina
5. Bellevue Transit Center
6. Beaux Arts Village
7. South Bellevue Station



Examples of Added Weekend Service

1. Route 204

2. Route 930

Revised Route 204: Mercer Village to Mercer Island Station



How often would this bus run?

Frequency (minutes)

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Saturday	60	60	-	-	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	60	60	-	-	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

How would my bus be changing?

Proposed changes respond to the following needs:



Connects with key destinations



Reliable and convenient transfers



More bus trips on weekends

This bus would go to:

1. Mercer Village
2. Mercer Island Link Station



Revised Route 930: Kingsgate P&R to Downtown Redmond Station



How often would this bus run?

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Weekday	30	30	60	60	6 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Saturday	60	60	-	-	6 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sunday	60	60	-	-	6 a.m. – 7 p.m.

How would my bus be changing?

Proposed changes respond to the following needs:



Reliable and
convenient
transfers



Bus runs later into
the night

This bus would go to:

1. Kingsgate Park & Ride
2. Totem Lake Transit Center
3. Willows Rd
4. Redmond Transit Center
5. Downtown Redmond Station



Examples of New Two-Way Service

1. Route 111

2. Route 251

Revised Route 111: Maplewood Heights to South Bellevue Station



How often would this bus run?

Frequency (minutes)

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Sunday	30	30	30	30	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

How would my bus be changing?

Proposed changes respond to the following needs:



Bus comes more often



More bus trips on weekends



Reliable and convenient transfers



Connects with key destinations

This bus would go to:

1. Lake Kathleen
2. Renton Highlands
3. Kenndale
4. Newport Hills Park & Ride
5. South Bellevue Station



Proposed Route Other Routes Link line and station

New Route 251: Woodinville P&R to SE Redmond Station



How often would this bus run?

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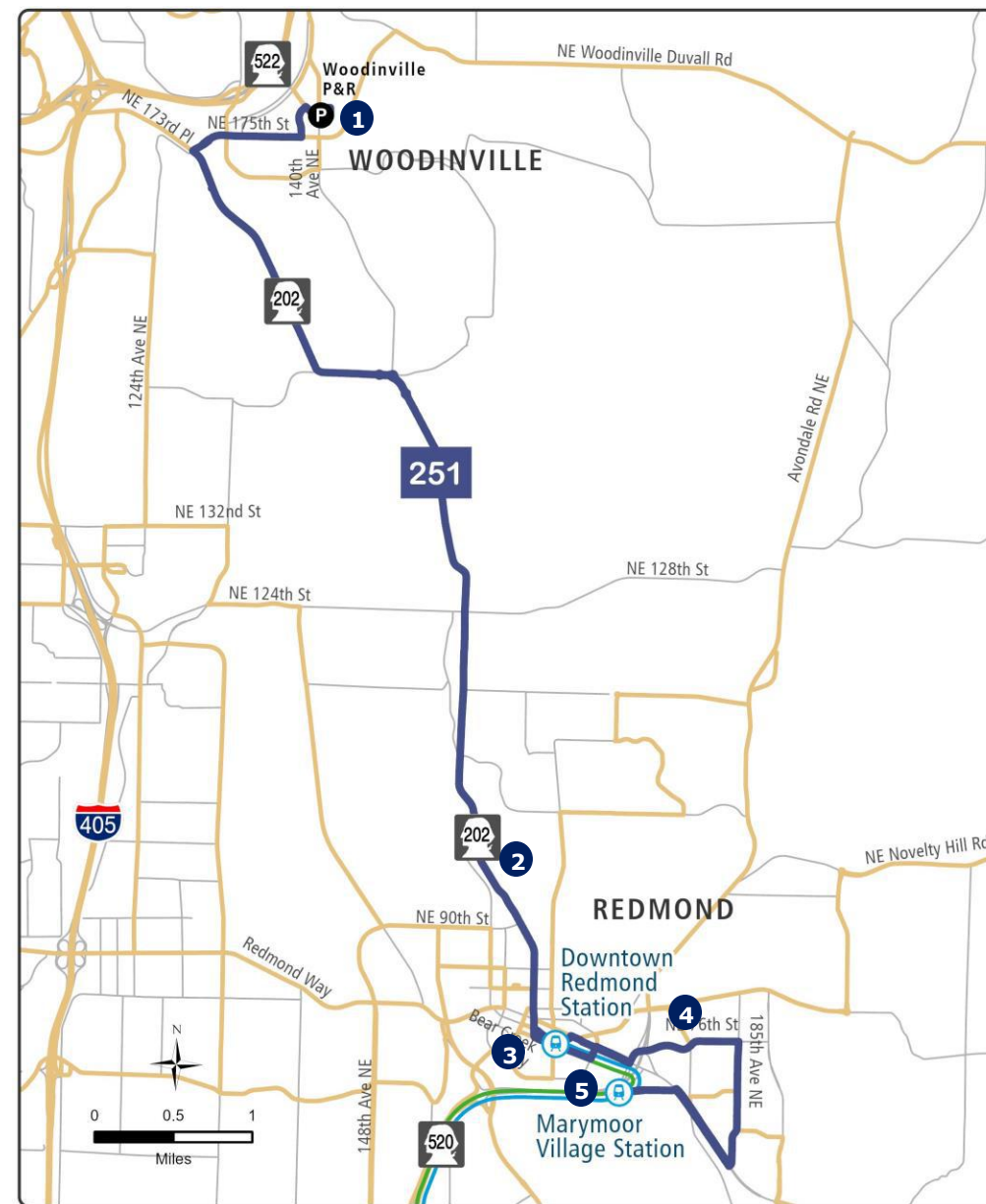
Connects with key destinations



Reliable and convenient transfers

This bus would go to:

1. Woodinville Park & Ride
2. Education Hill
3. Downtown Redmond Station
4. Bear Creek Park & Ride
5. Marymoor Village Station



Metro Flex Pilot - Overlake

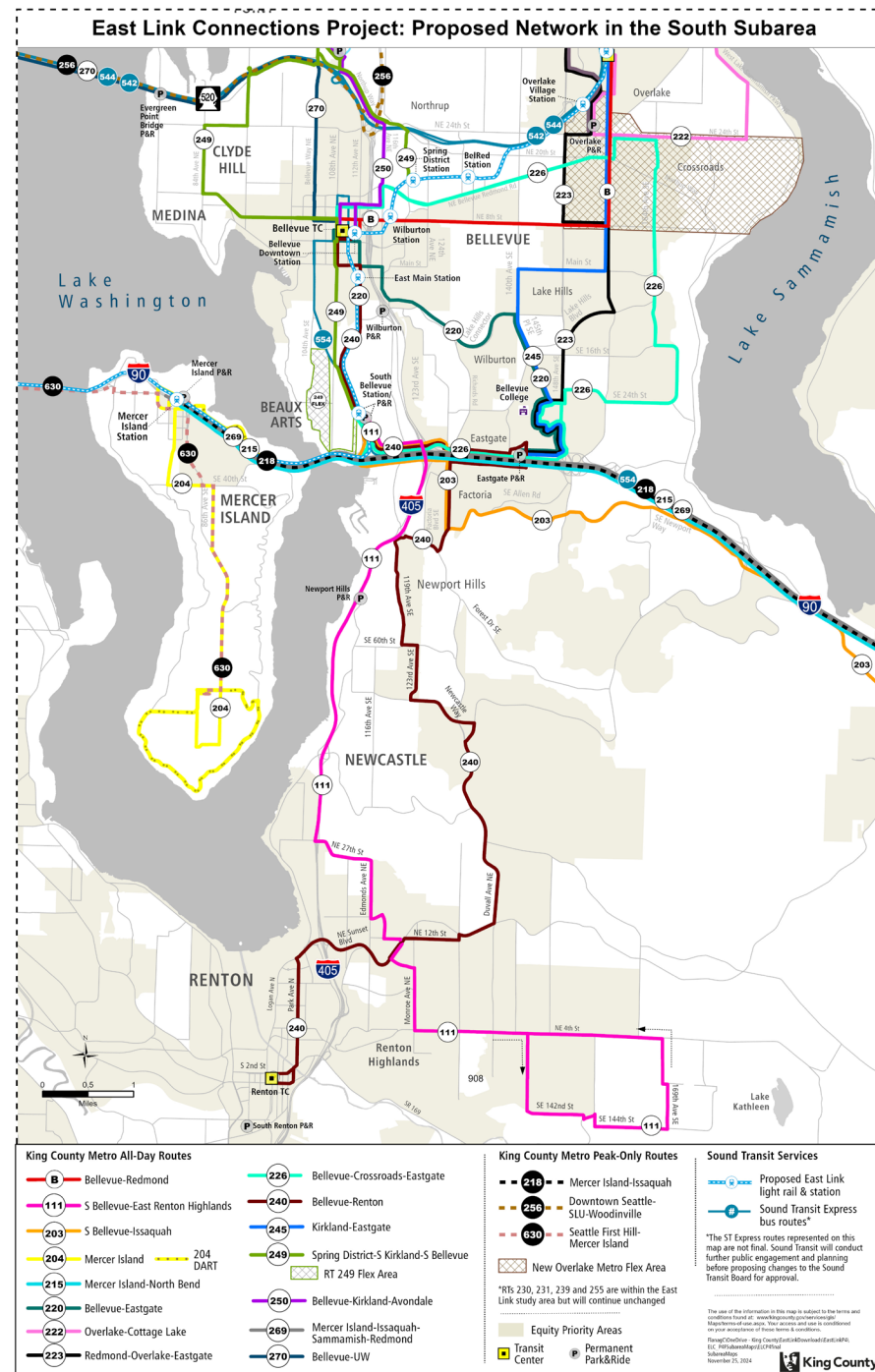
- Provides coverage
- Connects to Overlake Village Station
- On-demand service
- App enabled reservations
- Point to point within service area
- Pilots electric vehicles



Implementation

- **Spring 2025** – Minor administrative changes to serve Marymoor Village and Downtown Redmond stations opening May 2025
- **Fall 2025** – Larger-scale changes and service growth
- The balance of changes at subsequent service changes after the opening of the full Link light rail 2 Line and as Metro's workforce allows

Thank you!



East Link Connections Project: Proposed Network in the East Subarea

King County Metro All-Day Routes

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|---|---|
| B Bellevue-Redmond | 240 Bellevue-Renton |
| 111 S Bellevue-East Renton Highlands | 245 Kirkland-Eastgate |
| 203 S Bellevue-Issaquah | 249 Spring District-S Kirkland-S Bellevue |
| 204 Mercer Island | 249 RT 249 Flex Area |
| 215 Mercer Island-North Bend | 250 Bellevue-Kirkland-Avondale |
| 220 Bellevue-Eastgate | 251 Redmond-Woodinville |
| 222 Overlake-Cottage Lake | 269 Mercer Island-Issaquah-Sammamish-Redmond |
| 223 Redmond-Overlake-Eastgate | 270 Bellevue-UW |
| 224 Redmond-Duvall | 930 Totem Lake-Redmond |
| 225 Kenmore-Overlake | RT 249 Flex Area |
| 226 Bellevue-Crossroads-Eastgate | RT 249 Flex Area |

King County Metro Peak-Only Routes

- | | |
|---|---|
| 218 Mercer Island-Issaquah | 630 Seattle First Hill-Mercer Island |
| 256 Downtown Seattle-SLU-Woodinville | |

Unchanged Metro routes

The following routes are not part of the East Link Connections Project and will continue with no changes:

RT 230 - Kirkland-North Creek	RT 239 - Kirkland-UW Bothell
RT 231 - Kirkland-Woodinville	RT 255 - Totem Lake-U District

Sound Transit Services

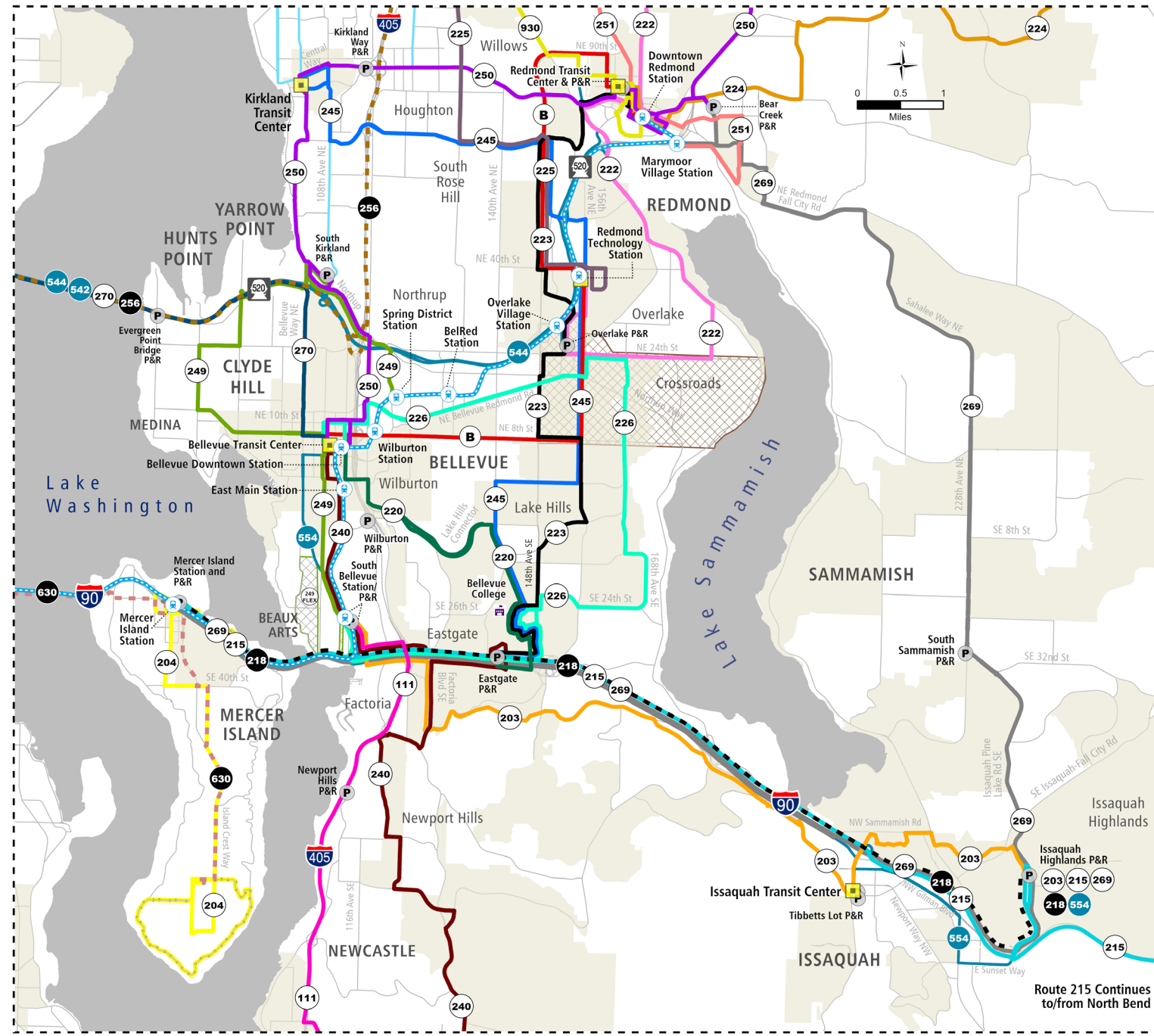
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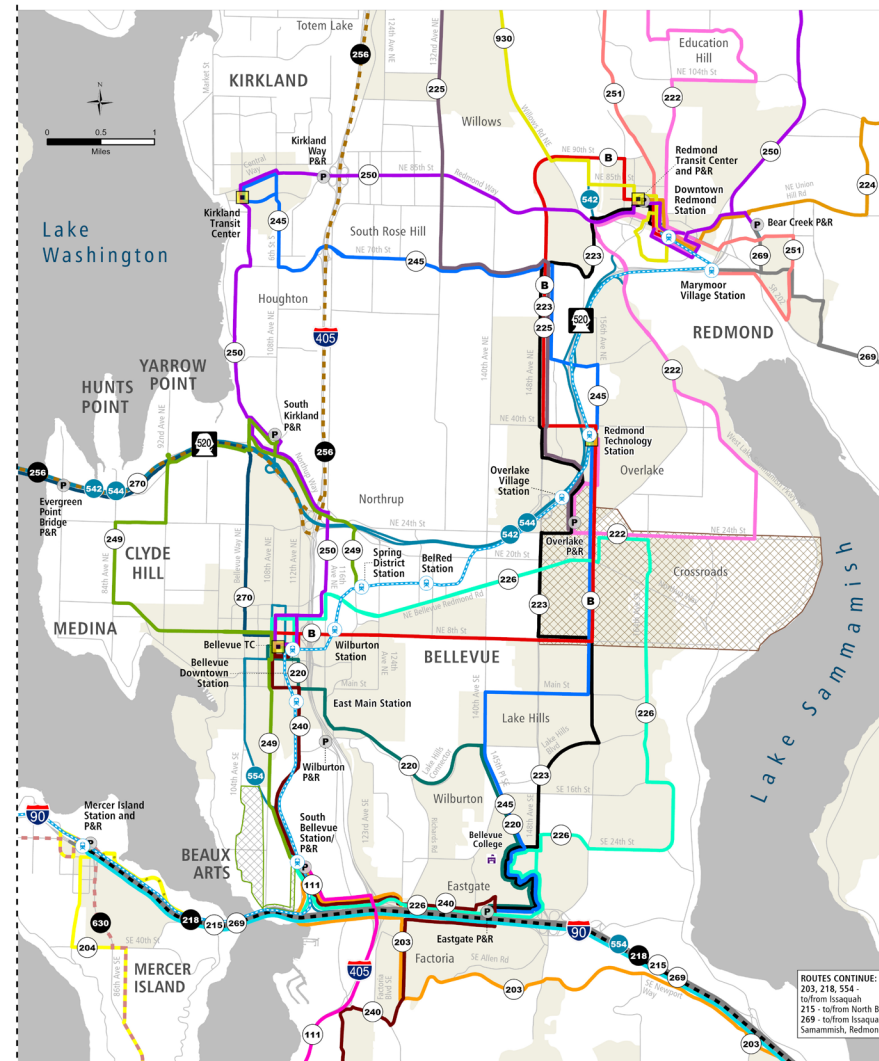
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East Link Connections Project: Proposed Network in the Central Subarea



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