



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

May 17, 2016

### Ordinance 18290

Proposed No. 2016-0199.2

Sponsors McDermott

1 AN ORDINANCE approving September 2016 public  
2 transportation service changes for King County.

3 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

4 1. The proposed changes to Metro's fixed route transit network include  
5 changes that affect service in the cities of Bothell, Kenmore, Kirkland,  
6 Redmond, Renton, Seattle and Tukwila, as well as portions of  
7 unincorporated King County.

8 2. The proposed changes are consistent with the policy direction and  
9 priorities adopted via Ordinance 17641 in August 2013, in the 2013 update  
10 to King County Metro's Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-  
11 2021 and associated Service Guidelines.

12 3. In February 2012, Ordinance 17259 directed the reduction or  
13 elimination of low performing fixed-route bus service and reinvestment of  
14 resources into priorities established within the King County Metro Transit  
15 Strategic Plan 2011-2021 and Service Guidelines.

16 4. Ordinance 17259 directed the elimination of Route 42 effective with  
17 the Winter 2013 service change.

18 5. Ordinance 17259 directed the executive to collectively engage the  
19 riders and stakeholders associated with Routes 8 and 42 and any other bus

20 routes directly affected by potential service change concepts identified in a  
21 community-developed proposal to meet rider needs in the southeast  
22 Seattle and Rainier Valley area.

23 6. Between 2012 and 2014, Metro met with a coalition of community-  
24 based organizations ("Transit for All") and engaged with the general  
25 public to collect feedback about potential service changes and related  
26 needs in southeast Seattle.

27 7. Riders and organizations that serve populations that depend on transit  
28 identified the need for better connections between southeast Seattle,  
29 Renton and other areas south of the city, as well as more convenient bus  
30 service to stores, services and the many social, health, cultural and  
31 religious activities along Martin Luther King Jr Way South.

32 8. In 2015, Metro formed a community advisory group, including  
33 representatives from Transit for All, to inform the development of the  
34 service change proposal reflected in this ordinance.

35 9. In September 2006, Ordinance 15582 directed the submission of a  
36 proposition to King County voters to authorize the county to fix and  
37 impose an additional sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent to fund  
38 expansion of the public transportation system and a variety of transit  
39 service improvements ("Transit Now").

40 10. Ordinance 15582 identified a number of transit service measures to be  
41 implemented using the one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax collected  
42 through Transit Now that focused on capital, operating and maintenance

43 improvements that were expected to expand and improve bus service  
44 within King County.

45 11. The service partnership program was one of the key strategies  
46 identified in Transit Now, approved by King County voters in the general  
47 election on November 7, 2006.

48 12. Two types of service partnerships were authorized by Transit Now:  
49 direct financial partnerships and speed-and-reliability partnerships.

50 13. Transit Now service partnerships are consistent with Strategy 3.1.1 of  
51 the King County Metro Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, 2013  
52 Update, which indicates that Metro enters into agreements with public and  
53 private entities to fund new or improved public transportation services in  
54 which the partner contribution may be in the form of direct funding or  
55 investment that results in transit speed or reliability improvements.

56 14. In April 2008, Ordinance 16041 authorized the county executive to  
57 enter into specific Transit Now service partnership agreements, including  
58 a speed-and-reliability partnership agreement with the cities of Bellevue  
59 and Redmond.

60 15. In December 2008, Metro and the cities of Bellevue and Redmond  
61 executed a Transit Now speed-and-reliability partnership agreement. That  
62 agreement specifies that the cities of Bellevue and Redmond are eligible to  
63 receive up to ten thousand annual bus service hours in exchange for  
64 implementing transit speed and reliability improvements specified in the  
65 partnership agreement.

66           16. Metro has determined that the cities of Bellevue and Redmond have  
67           fulfilled the responsibilities identified in the speed-and-reliability  
68           partnership agreement and are now eligible to receive ten thousand annual  
69           bus service hours.

70           17. Metro and the cities of Bellevue and Redmond have agreed to use a  
71           portion of the ten thousand annual bus service hours to implement new  
72           Route 243, as specified in this ordinance.

73           BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

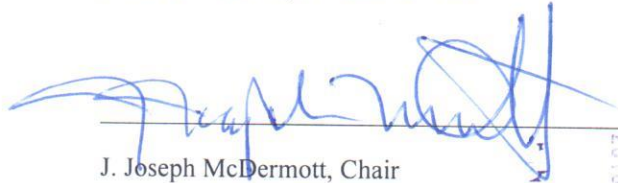
74           SECTION 1. The September 2016 public transportation service changes,

75 including new Route 243, substantially as described in Attachment A to this ordinance,  
76 are hereby approved and shall be implemented effective September 10, 2016.  
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Ordinance 18290 was introduced on 3/28/2016 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 5/16/2016, by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove and Ms. Balducci  
No: 0  
Excused: 4 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Dunn and Ms. Kohl-Welles

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J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

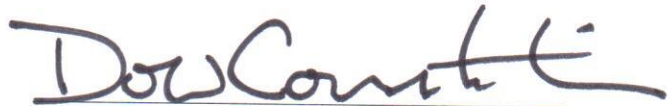
ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 25 day of MAY, 2016.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. September 2016 – Public Transportation Service Changes – May 3, 2016

May 3, 2016

SEPTEMBER 2016  
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICE CHANGES  
FOR KING COUNTY

May 3, 2016

ROUTE: 9 Express

OBJECTIVES:

Revise service to improve productivity and operate in coordination with other public transportation modes, in accordance with the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, 2011-2021 and King County Metro Service Guidelines:

- *Strategic Plan Strategy 3.2.2:* Coordinate and develop services and facilities with other providers to create an integrated and efficient regional transportation system.
- *Strategic Plan Strategy 3.4.1:* Serve centers and other areas of concentrated activity, consistent with *Transportation 2040*.
- *Strategic Plan Strategy 6.1.1:* Manage the transit system through service guidelines and performance measures.
  - *Service Design Guideline* – Routes should be designed in the context of the entire transportation system.
  - *Service Design Guideline* – Routes should serve connection points where riders can connect to frequent services, opening up the widest possible range of travel options.
  - *Service Design Guideline* – Routes should be designed to avoid competing for the same riders.

IMPACTED SERVICE AREA:

Rainier Beach, Columbia City, First Hill, Broadway

SERVICE CHANGE:

Delete midday service on Route 9 Express and use the resources to improve other service in Southeast Seattle.

Alternative service is available on Route 7 between Rainier Beach and South Jackson Street/12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Alternate service is available on Route 60 and also the First Hill Streetcar between South Jackson Street/12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and Broadway. Alternate service is available on Link Light Rail between Rainier Avenue South at the Mount Baker Station and the Capitol Hill Station.

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ROUTE: 38

OBJECTIVES:

Improve the productivity of Metro Transit's network of bus routes by restructuring service, in accordance with the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, 2011-2021 and King County Metro Service Guidelines:

- *Strategic Plan Strategy 6.1.1*: Manage the transit system through service guidelines and performance measures.
  - *Service Design Guideline* – Routes should be designed in the context of the entire transportation system.
  - *Service Design Guideline* – Routes should serve connection points where riders can connect to frequent services, opening up the widest possible range of travel options.
  - *Service Design Guideline* – Routes are more efficient when designed to serve multiple purposes and destinations rather than specialized travel demands.
  - *Service Design Guideline* – Routes should be designed to avoid competing for the same riders.

IMPACTED SERVICE AREA:

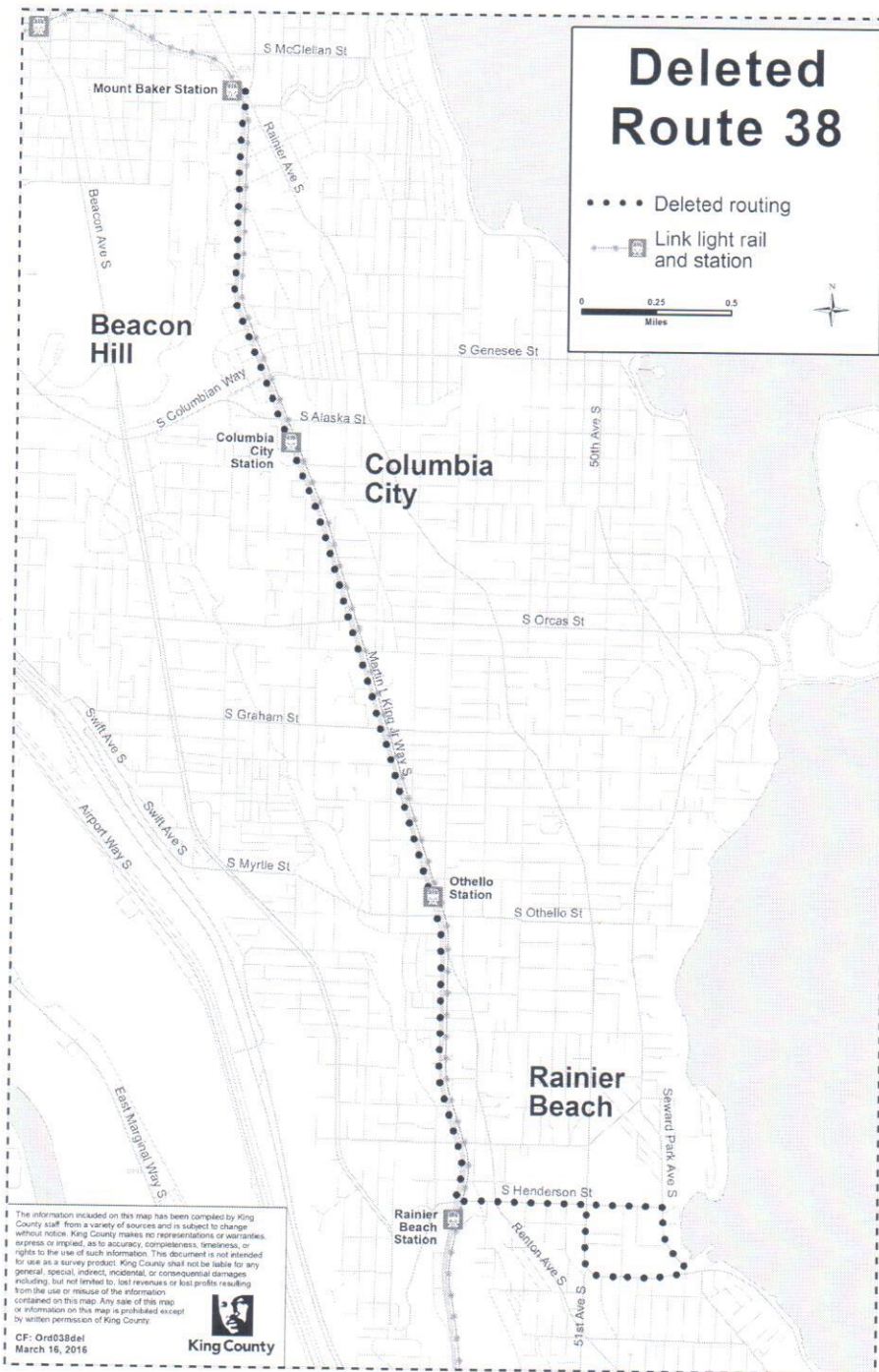
Mount Baker, Columbia City, Rainier Valley, Rainier Beach

SERVICE CHANGE:

Discontinue route to reduce duplicative service.

Alternative service will be available with revised Route 106, operating between Renton and the International District via Skyway, Rainier Beach, Martin Luther King Jr. Way South and Mount Baker.





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ROUTE: 106

OBJECTIVES:

Revise service to provide improved transit connections between Southeast Seattle, Renton and the International District, in accordance with the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, 2011-2021 and King County Metro Service Guidelines:

- *Strategic Plan Strategy 3.1.1:* Through investments and partnerships with regional organizations, local jurisdictions and the private sector, provide alternatives to driving alone.
- *Strategic Plan Strategy 3.2.1:* Expand services to accommodate the region's growing population and serve new transit markets. Coordinate and develop services and facilities with other providers to create an integrated and efficient regional transportation system.
- *Strategic Plan Strategy 3.4.1:* Serve centers and other areas of concentrated activity, consistent with *Transportation 2040*.
- *Strategic Plan Strategy 5.1.1:* Provide service that is easy to understand and use.
- *Strategic Plan Strategy 6.1.1:* Manage the transit system through service guidelines and performance measures.
  - *Service Design Guideline* – Routes should be designed in the context of the entire transportation system.
  - *Service Design Guideline* – Routes should serve connection points where riders can connect to frequent services, opening up the widest possible range of travel options.
  - *Service Design Guideline* – Routes are more efficient when designed to serve multiple purposes and destinations rather than specialized travel demands.

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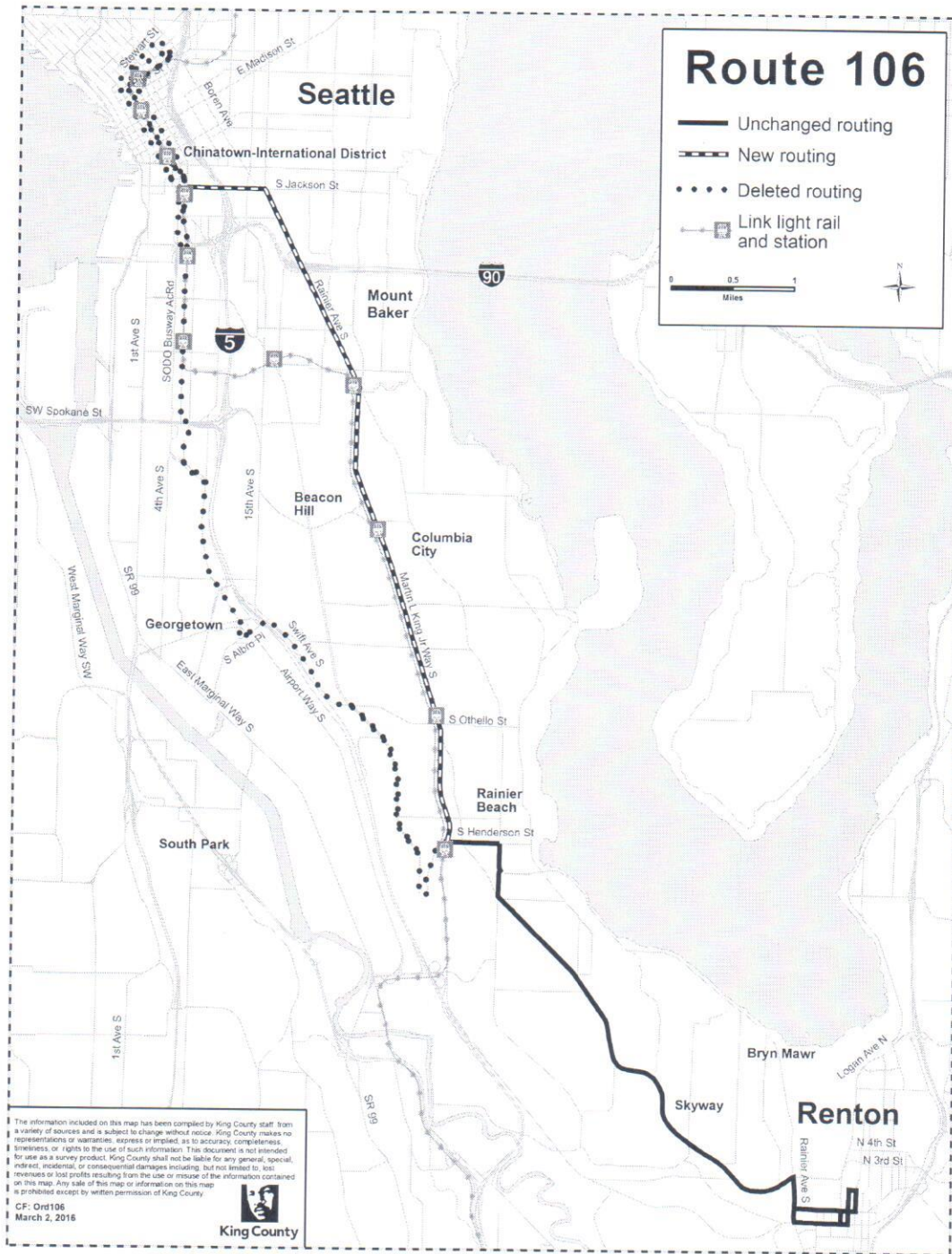
Renton, South Beacon Hill, Georgetown, SODO, Martin Luther King Jr. Way S, Mount Baker, International District, Downtown Seattle

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SERVICE CHANGE:

Service between Renton and Rainier Beach is maintained with improved frequency. North of Rainier Beach, revise Route 106 to serve Martin Luther King Jr. Way South, Rainier Avenue South, and South Jackson Street between Rainier Beach and the International District. Frequency will be improved on weekdays and Saturday to operate about every 10-15 minutes during the peak periods, about every 15 minutes during the midday, about every 30 minutes at night on weekdays, about every 15-30 minutes all day on Saturdays, and about every 30 minutes all day on Sundays.

Alternate service along Beacon Avenue South will be available with revised Route 107, operating between Rainier Beach and the Beacon Hill Link Station via South Beacon Hill. Alternate service between Georgetown and downtown Seattle via SODO will be provided by Route 124, with additional weekday and Saturday trips.



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ROUTE: 107

OBJECTIVES:

Revise service to provide improved transit connections between Southeast Seattle and Renton, in accordance with the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, 2011-2021 and King County Metro Service Guidelines:

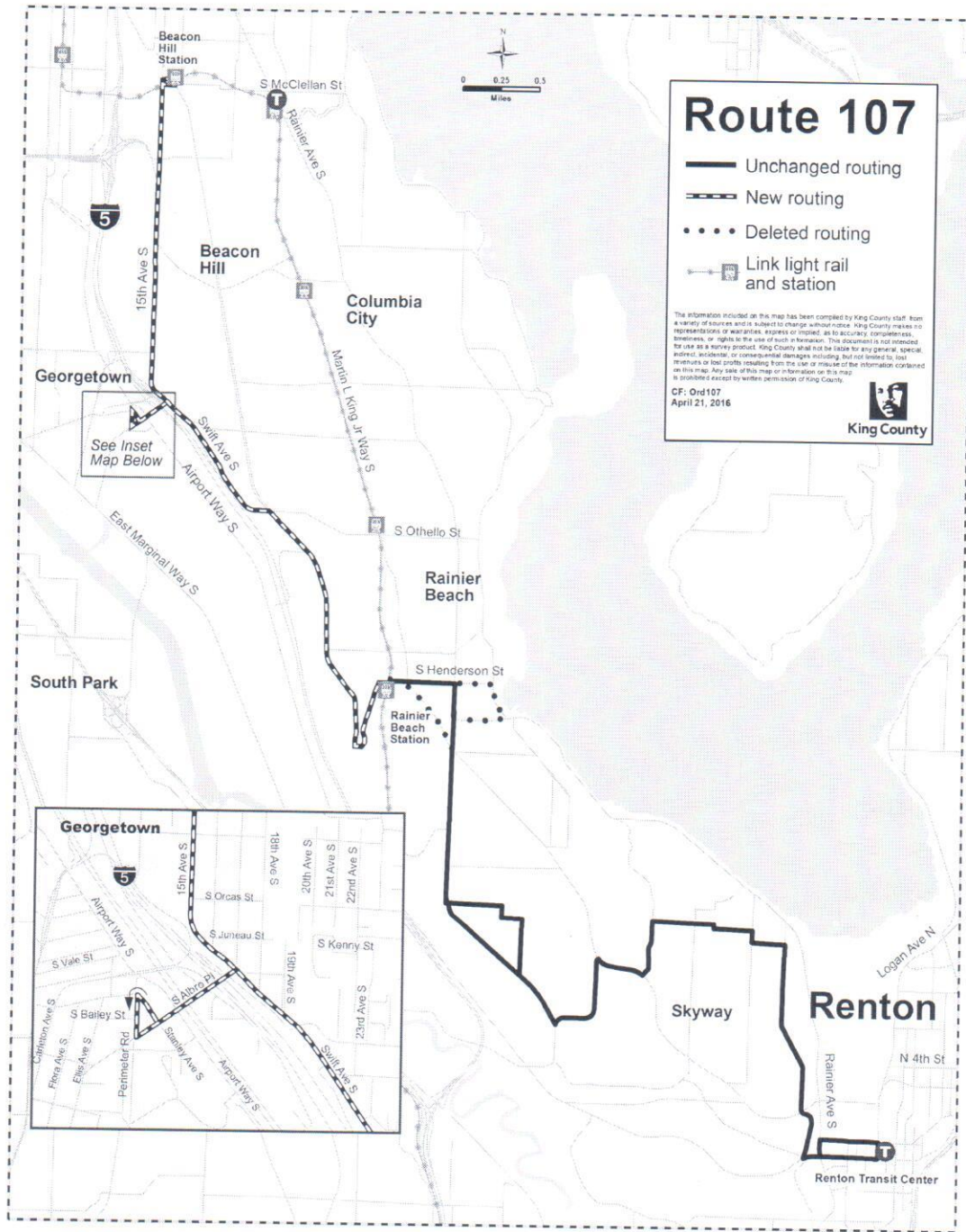
- *Strategic Plan Strategy 3.1.1:* Through investments and partnerships with regional organizations, local jurisdictions and the private sector, provide alternatives to driving alone.
- *Strategic Plan Strategy 3.2.1:* Expand services to accommodate the region's growing population and serve new transit markets. Coordinate and develop services and facilities with other providers to create an integrated and efficient regional transportation system.
- *Strategic Plan Strategy 3.4.1:* Serve centers and other areas of concentrated activity, consistent with *Transportation 2040*.
- *Strategic Plan Strategy 6.1.1:* Manage the transit system through service guidelines and performance measures.
  - *Service Design Guideline* – Routes should be designed in the context of the entire transportation system.
  - *Service Design Guideline* – Routes should serve connection points where riders can connect to frequent services, opening up the widest possible range of travel options.
  - *Service Design Guideline* – Routes are more efficient when designed to serve multiple purposes and destinations rather than specialized travel demands.

IMPACTED SERVICE AREA:

Renton, West Hill, Rainier Beach, Beacon Hill, Georgetown

SERVICE CHANGE:

Extend Route 107 between Rainier Beach and the Beacon Hill Link Station, which will replace current Route 106 between Rainier Beach, South Beacon Hill, and Georgetown. Frequency will be improved on weekdays to operate about every 15 minutes during peak periods and about every 30 minutes at night on weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays.



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ROUTE: 124

OBJECTIVES:

Improve service on major routes operating along corridors that are below target service levels, in accordance with the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, 2011-2021 and King County Metro Service Guidelines:

- *Strategic Plan Strategy 3.1.1:* Through investments and partnerships with regional organizations, local jurisdictions and the private sector, provide alternatives to driving alone.
- *Strategic Plan Strategy 3.2.1:* Expand services to accommodate the region's growing population and serve new transit markets. Coordinate and develop services and facilities with other providers to create an integrated and efficient regional transportation system.
- *Strategic Plan Strategy 3.4.1:* Serve centers and other areas of concentrated activity, consistent with *Transportation 2040*.
- *Strategic Plan Strategy 6.1.1:* Manage the transit system through service guidelines and performance measures.
  - *Service Design Guideline* – Routes should be designed in the context of the entire transportation system.
  - *Service Design Guideline* – Routes should serve connection points where riders can connect to frequent services, opening up the widest possible range of travel options.
  - *Service Design Guideline* – Routes are more efficient when designed to serve multiple purposes and destinations rather than specialized travel demands.

IMPACTED SERVICE AREA:

Tukwila International Boulevard Station, East Marginal Way South,  
Georgetown, SODO, Downtown Seattle

SERVICE CHANGE:

On weekdays, service frequency will be improved to about every 15 minutes during the peak periods, about every 15 minutes during the midday, and about every 30-60 minutes at night. On Saturday, day-time service frequency will be improved to about every 15 minutes.

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ROUTE: 243 Express

OBJECTIVES:

Improve the productivity of Metro Transit's network of bus routes by serving centers and areas of concentrated activity and through investments in partnership, consistent with the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, 2011-2021 and King County Metro Service Guidelines:

- *Strategic Plan Strategy 3.1.1:* Through investments and partnerships with regional organizations, local jurisdictions and the private sector, provide alternatives to driving alone.
- *Strategic Plan Strategy 3.2.1:* Expand services to accommodate the region's growing population and serve new transit markets. Coordinate and develop services and facilities with other providers to create an integrated and efficient regional transportation system.
- *Strategic Plan Strategy 3.4.1:* Serve centers and other areas of concentrated activity, consistent with *Transportation 2040*.

IMPACTED SERVICE AREA:

Redmond, Kirkland, Bothell, Kenmore

SERVICE CHANGE:

Implement new Route 243 Express. Provide four northbound trips to Kenmore in the AM, and four southbound trips in the PM on weekdays.



