## **Project**: March 2020 North Eastside Mobility Project Locations: Bellevue, Bothell, Clyde Hill, Kenmore, Kirkland, Medina, Redmond, Seattle, Woodinville and Yarrow Point

## BACKGROUND

While north Eastside communities in King County have grown and changed over the past two decades, the local transit network has not kept pace. Many routes have infrequent or unreliable service and have limited spans of service that do not meet the mobility needs of many people. Currently, the network is not set up to build transit ridership and capitalize on valuable existing and planned regional transportation assets such as Link light rail, RapidRide, and Stride BRT. Additionally, in 2019 closure of Montlake Freeway Station and the end of joint bus-rail operations in the downtown transit tunnel, provided impetus and opportunity to propose changes to route 255. This proposal reflects connecting eastside riders to high-speed, high-capacity light rail at University of Washington Link station.

Along with revising route 255 to a shorter route, Metro proposes to reinvest service hours saved into a variety of improvements to the North Eastside network. This proposal also contains the first METRO CONNECTS investment to begin delivering on a long-range vision to provide more service with more choices and is consistent with service hour investments planned as part of Metro's 2019-2020 biennial budget. The complete proposal also includes adding new flexible Community Van and Community Ride services in the project area. Metro incorporated community-prioritized mobility needs to deploy an integrated approach to service planning that will be adaptive to changing conditions.

## SERVICE PROPOSAL FOR ORDINANCE APPROVAL

Revise routes 255 and 930, delete and replace routes 234, 235, 236, 238, 243, 244, 248 and 277 with new routes 225, 230, 231, 239 and 250.

Route	Description of change by ordinance
234	Delete route and replace with portions of routes 225, 230, 231 and 250 between Kenmore
	to Kirkland, Overlake and Bellevue.
235	Delete route and replace with portions of routes 239 and 250 between Totem Lake
	Transit Center to Bothell, Kirkland, Redmond and Bellevue.
236	Delete route and replace with portions of 230, 231 and 930 between Woodinville,
	Kirkland, Bothell and Redmond.
238	Delete route and replace with portions of routes 225, 230, 231, 239 and 250 between
	Kenmore, Overlake, Bothell, Kirkland Woodinville and Redmond and Bellevue.
243	Delete route and replace with additional service on route 930 between Redmond and
	Totem Lake.
244	Delete route and replace with additional service on route 930 between Redmond and
	Totem Lake.
248	Delete route and replace with route 250 between Redmond, Kirkland and Bellevue.
255	Revise and shorten route to have all trips travel between Totem Lake Transit Center and
	the University of Washington Link light rail station.
277	Delete route and replace with route 255 between Totem Lake and University of
	Washington Link light rail station.
930	Add midday service.

## **RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE & OTHER CHANGES**

In a related change, Metro will make some modest revisions to trip times for Route 237 and slightly increase span of service on Route 931 for rider convenience and transfer improvements.

To expand mobility options further in this project area and in response to community feedback, Metro will also pilot two new Community Ride services in Kenmore-Kirkland on weekdays and Bothell-Woodinville on weekends, and expand the existing Community Van service to include all of Kirkland.

If these changes are approved, Sound Transit plans to make additional changes to ST Express bus routes that are not part of this ordinance process and are subject to approval by the Sound Transit Board. These changes would be aimed at reducing duplication between Metro and Sound Transit services and improving connections for North Eastside communities, and include a potential new route connecting Overlake, South Kirkland, and South Lake Union.

