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## East Link Connections Project

### New Route 215

#### Neighborhoods Served:

- Mercer Island, Issaquah, Eastgate, Snoqualmie, North Bend
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#### Summary of Proposed Changes:

- New route that would operate every day, all day, between Mercer Island Station and North Bend via Issaquah and Snoqualmie
- New Route 215 replaces Route 208
- The portion of the route between North Bend and Issaquah, which replaces Route 208, would operate less frequently than the portion between Issaquah and Mercer Island. Only every third trip would continue from Issaquah to North Bend

#### Why is this change being proposed?

- To provide direct connections to Link light rail for Issaquah, Snoqualmie, and North Bend
- To improve connections from Snoqualmie and North Bend to the rest of the region
- New Route 215, revised Routes 269 and 218 combine to provide a bus every 5 minutes during the peak (5-9 a.m. and 3-7 p.m.) between Issaquah Highlands and Mercer Island Station

#### How often the bus would come (in minutes):

	<b>Weekday</b>			<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Sunday</b>	
	<b>Peak</b> 5-9 a.m. and 3-7 p.m.	<b>Midday</b> 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	<b>Night</b> 7 p.m. - 5 a.m.	<b>Daytime</b> 5 a.m. - 7 p.m.	<b>Night</b> 7 p.m. - 5 a.m.	<b>Daytime</b> 5 a.m. - 7 p.m.	<b>Night</b> 7 p.m. - 5 a.m.
<b>Current</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Proposed to Issaquah</b>	15	30	30	30	30	30	30
<b>Proposed to North Bend</b>	45	90	90	90	90	90	90

## Hours of Service

	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>Current</b>	-	-	-
<b>Proposed to Issaquah</b>	6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
<b>Proposed to North Bend</b>	6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### How does this respond to feedback Metro received in Phase 1?

- Wider span of service\* in non-peak hours and weekends
- High frequency at traditional peak commute hours

\* Frequent - The bus comes every 15 minutes or less during peak periods and every 30 minutes or less during off-peak periods.

\* Local – All-day bus service that does not meet the standard for frequent.

\* Peak-only – The bus comes only 5-9 a.m. and 3-7 p.m. These are the times of day Metro and Sound Transit sees the most riders, usually regular commuting times, Monday through Friday.

\*Span of Service - The amount of time each day in which the route is operating. Span of Service can be expressed generally in terms of hours per day or more specifically by stating the time of the first and last trips of the day. For example, route A has a span of service of 18 hours between the first trip at 5:00 AM and the last trip at 11:00 PM.