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# East Link Connections Project

## Revised Frequent Route 245 – Phase 3

### Neighborhoods Served:

- Kirkland, Houghton Park and Ride, Overlake, Crossroads, Bellevue College, Eastgate Park and Ride

### Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Revised Route 240 and new Route 203 replace the one-way Factoria loop south of Eastgate with more useful two-way service.
- For Phase 3, maintain current pathway on 156<sup>th</sup> Ave NE south of NE 51<sup>st</sup> Street rather than Phase 2 proposal to continue on 148<sup>th</sup> Ave NE southeast of NE 51<sup>st</sup> St to Overlake Village Station.
- This change will occur in 2023 with the opening of Link Light Rail to Redmond Technology Station.

### Why is this change being proposed?

- Improve speed and reliability for the southern part of the route.

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

|                 | Weekday                          |                              |                             | Saturday                      |                             | Sunday                        |                             |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                 | Peak<br>6-9 a.m. and<br>3-7 p.m. | Midday<br>9 a.m. -<br>3 p.m. | Night<br>7 p.m. -<br>5 a.m. | Daytime<br>5 a.m. - 7<br>p.m. | Night<br>7 p.m. -<br>5 a.m. | Daytime<br>5 a.m. - 7<br>p.m. | Night<br>7 p.m. -<br>5 a.m. |
| <b>Current</b>  | 12                               | 16                           | 30-60                       | 30-60                         | 60                          | 30-60                         | 60                          |
| <b>Proposed</b> | 15                               | 15                           | 30-60                       | 30-60                         | 60                          | 30-60                         | 60                          |

### Hours of Service

|                 | Weekday                    | Saturday               | Sunday                 |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Current</b>  | 5:45 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.     | 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. | 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. |
| <b>Proposed</b> | 5:00 a.m. – 12<br>midnight | 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. | 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. |

### How does this respond to feedback Metro received in Phase 1 and 2?

- More transfer opportunities so riders can travel to different local and regional destinations.

- Speed and reliability, with more direct paths on faster routes where possible.
- Maintain service on 156<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, do not revise to serve 148<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.

\* 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.