



Phase 3: Route 249 Current and Proposed Routing

Routes 222 and 270 cover portions of the revised routing

- - - Route 249 - Current local route
 - Route 249 - Proposed local route
 - - - East Link line & station
 - Transit Center ● Permanent Park&Ride
 - Half-mile walk buffer around East Link station Equity Priority Area
- Selected Community Assets**
- College
 - ▲ High School
 - Library
 - Hospital
 - Community Center/ Senior Center
 - Emergency Shelter/ Food Bank
 - ▲ Supported Housing (50+ units)

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East Link Connections Project

Revised Local Route 249 – Phase 3

Neighborhoods Served:

- Spring District, South Kirkland Park and Ride, Clyde Hill, Medina, downtown Bellevue, Beaux Arts Village, South Bellevue Station

Summary of Proposed Changes:

- In Phase 3, service would move from Bellevue Way NE to 84th Ave NE, providing local coverage in Medina and Clyde Hill. This is a change from the Phase 2 proposal to serve 92nd Ave NE.
- In Phase 3, serves new Spring District Station via 120th Ave NE from Northup Way. In the Phase 2 proposal, service was proposed to end at Spring District, rather than continue to Overlake.
- Service east of Spring district replaced by Link light rail and Routes 222, 223, and 226.
- Service runs more frequently, and later into the evening.
- This change would be implemented in 2023, with the opening of Link to Redmond Technology Station.

Why is this change being proposed?

- To replace Route 246 and 271 local service in Clyde Hill and Medina.
- To provide new connection from South Kirkland to the Spring District.
- To provide connections to Link light rail, and frequent service on SR 520.
- To remove duplication and improve reliability.

How often the bus would come (in minutes):

	Weekday			Saturday		Sunday	
	Peak 6-9 a.m. and 3-7 p.m.	Midday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Night 7 p.m. - 5 a.m.	Daytime 5 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Night 7 p.m. - 5 a.m.	Daytime 5 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Night 7 p.m. - 5 a.m.
Current	35	60	-	50	-	50	-
Proposed	30	30	60	45	60	45	60

Hours of Service

	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Current	6:20 a.m. – 7:50 p.m.	7:10 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	7:10 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Proposed	6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.	6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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

- Maintains service on 84th Ave NE.
- Removes redundant pathways, provide more frequency on pathways that provide unique connections.
- Provides opportunities to transfer to Link.
- Increases transfer opportunities so riders can travel to different local and regional destinations.
- Increases frequency and span of service, making transfers more convenient.

* 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.