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East Link Connections Project

New Frequent Route 270 – Phase 3

Neighborhoods Served:

- Downtown Bellevue, Northwest Bellevue, University of Washington, University District

Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Replaces Route 271 service between University of Washington and downtown Bellevue, using the same path, except service between Bellevue Way NE and NE 8th St and SR-520 will move to Bellevue Way NE from NE 8th St to SR-520.
- This route would be implemented in 2023, with the opening of Link to Redmond Technology Station.

Why is this change being proposed?

- To better serve Bellevue Way NE.
- To create transfer connections at the Yarrow Point and Evergreen Point Freeway Stations.

How often the bus would come (in minutes):

	Weekday			Saturday		Sunday	
	Peak	Midday	Night	Daytime	Night	Daytime	Night
	6-9 a.m. and 3-7 p.m.	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	7 p.m. - 5 a.m.	5 a.m. - 7 p.m.	7 p.m. - 5 a.m.	5 a.m. - 7 p.m.	7 p.m. - 5 a.m.
Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed	15	15	15-30	30-60	60	30-60	60

Hours of Service

	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Current	-	-	-
Proposed	5:30am – 10:00pm	7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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

- Make transfers easier with frequent and accessible service, with early and late trips that provide transfers to/from Link.
- 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.

* 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.