



Phase 3: Replaced Route 217

Routes 203, 240 and Link light rail replace portions of Route 217

- Route 217 - Replaced peak-only route
- Replacement routes: 203, 240
- R --- East Link line & station
- R --- Link (Angle Lake to Northgate) line & station
- P Permanent Park&Ride
- Half-mile walk buffer around East Link station
- Equity Priority Area

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East Link Connections Project

Replaced Peak-Only Route 217 – Phase 3

Neighborhoods Served:

- North Issaquah, Eastgate Park and Ride, Factoria, downtown Seattle

Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Route 269 replaces the portion of Route 217 between north Issaquah and Mercer Island.
- Link light rail replaces the portion of the 217 between Mercer Island Station and downtown Seattle.

Why is this change being proposed?

- To create a more reliable connection between downtown Seattle, Mercer Island, Issaquah, and other eastside destinations.

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	10 - 30	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed	No service	No service	No service	No service	No service	No service	No service

Hours of Service:

	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Current	6:40 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.; 4:15 – 6:00 p.m.*	-	-
Proposed	No service	No service	No service

*Reverse commute only – toward Issaquah in the a.m. peak and toward Seattle in the p.m. peak.

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

- High frequency at traditional peak commute hours.
- Improves connections to transit hubs.
- No changes being proposed from Phase 2.

* 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.