



## Phase 3: New Route 223

Covers portions of the replaced Route 221 and revised Route 226

- Route 223 - New 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
- Community Center/Senior Center
- Emergency Shelter/Food Bank    Hospital
- Supported housing (50+ units)



## East Link Connections Project

### New Local Route 223 – Phase 3

#### Neighborhoods Served:

- Downtown Redmond, Overlake, Crossroads, Lake Hills, Bellevue College, Eastgate Park and Ride

#### Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Replaces the current Route 221 and Route 226 between Overlake and Eastgate Park and Ride.
- Provides connection from South Redmond and East Bellevue to Link right rail at Overlake Village station.
- Provides service to Bellevue College from Overlake and Crossroads.
- New to Phase 3, service extends to downtown Redmond to replace the current Route 221 on Old Redmond Road and 148<sup>th</sup> Ave NE between downtown Redmond and Overlake.
- New to Phase 3, Route 223 would no longer serve the current Route 226 path on Northup Way from 164<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to NE 8<sup>th</sup> St (Bretton Wood) and on NE 8<sup>th</sup> St from Northup Way to 164<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, in order to provide a more direct path and maintain the Route 221 coverage of 148<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. This path is within the proposed On-Demand flexible service area.
- In 2023, this route will end at Redmond Transit Center. In 2024, this route will end at Downtown Redmond Link Station once open.

#### Why is this change being proposed?

- To provide faster, more direct connections to Link light rail, Crossroads, and local neighborhoods.
- To improve coverage in the Overlake area.

#### 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.
<b>Current</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Proposed</b>	20	30	30-60	30-60	60	30-60	60

## Hours of Service

	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>Current</b>	-	-	-
<b>Proposed</b>	5:00 a.m. – 12 midnight	6:00 a.m. - 12 midnight	6:00 a.m. - 12 midnight

### 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.
- More direct paths for faster routes – straighter pathway through Crossroads.
- Maintain service on Old Redmond Road and 148<sup>th</sup> Ave NE by extending route from Redmond Technology Station to Downtown Redmond.

\* 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.