




Phase 3: New Route 256


-Same Routing as Phase 2-

 New Route 256 - Proposed peak-only route








 East Link line & station

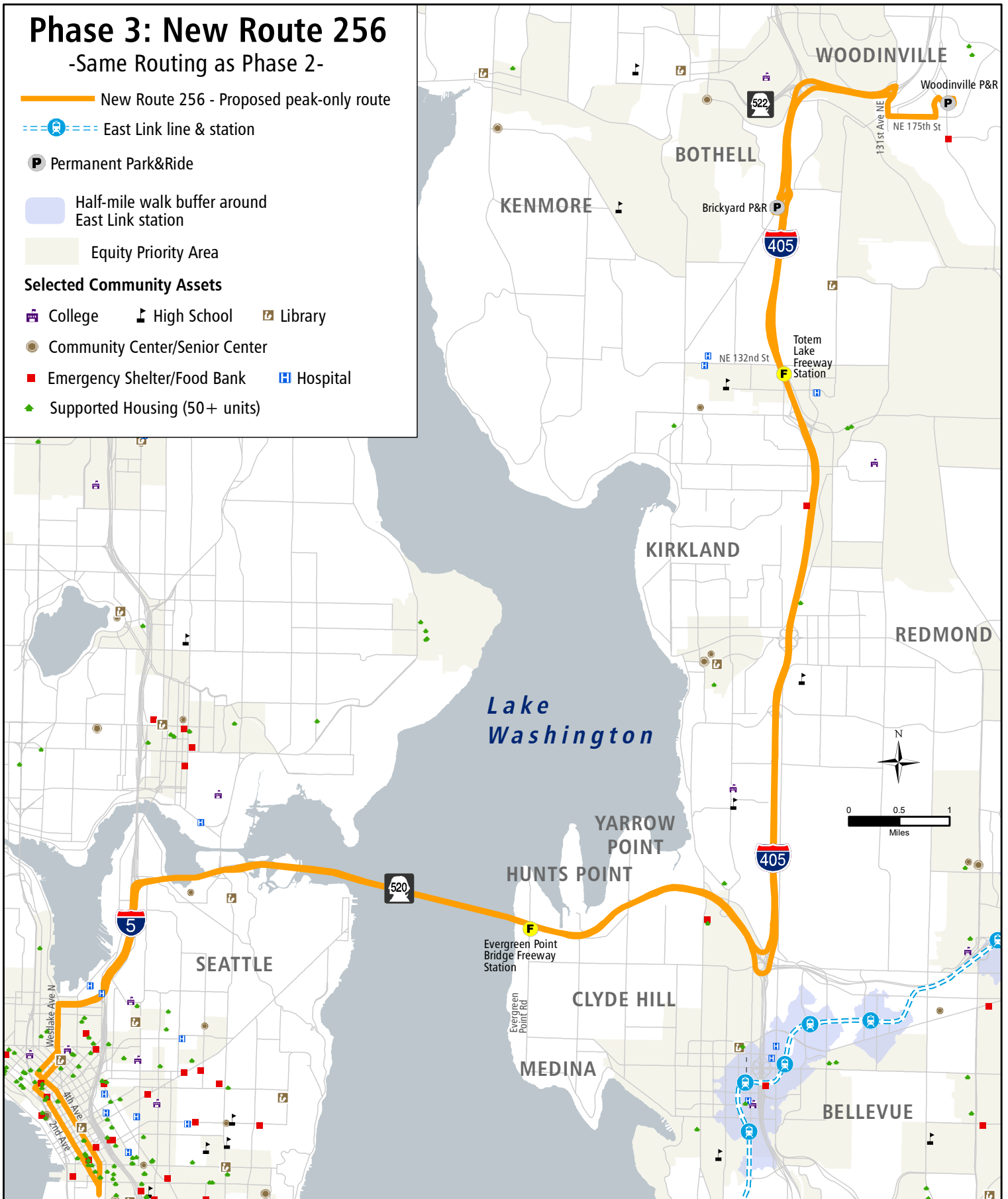
 Permanent Park&Ride

 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 Peak-Only Route 256- Phase 3

Neighborhoods Served:

- Woodinville, Brickyard Park and Ride, Totem Lake Freeway Station, South Lake Union, downtown Seattle

Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Simplified peak service that combines several existing I-405 peak services.
- Creates a new connection to South Lake Union.
- This change will occur in 2024 with the opening of the SR 520/I-5 express lane direct-access ramps.

Why is this change being proposed?

- To increase speed and reliability.
- Maintain a connection to downtown Seattle for communities far from Link.

How often the bus would come (in minutes):

	Weekday			Saturday		Sunday	
	Peak 5-9 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed	12 - 30	-	-	-	-	-	-

Hours of Service

	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Current	-	-	-
Proposed	5:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.; 3:15 – 6:45 p.m.	-	-

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

- Preserve easy access to downtown Seattle.

- * 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.