





East Link Connections Project

Replaced Peak-Only Route 216 – Phase 3

Neighborhoods Served:

- Bear Creek Park and Ride, Redmond, Sammamish, Issaquah Highlands Park and Ride, Eastgate, Mercer Island, downtown Seattle

Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Revised Route 269 replaces Route 216 between Bear Creek Park and Ride and Mercer Island.
- Link light rail replaces Route 216 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, Sammamish, 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	14 - 40	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed	No service	No service	No service	No service	No service	No service	No service

Hours of Service:

	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Current	5:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.; 3:10 – 6:00 p.m.	-	-
Proposed	No service	No service	No service

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.