



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 148th 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 164th Ave NE to NE 8th St (Bretton Wood) and on NE 8th St from Northup Way to 164th Ave NE, in order to provide a more direct path and maintain the Route 221 coverage of 148th 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 5	Night	Daytime	Night
	6-9 a.m. and 3-7 p.m.	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	7 p.m. - 5 a.m.	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	20	30	30-60	30-60	60	30-60	60

Hours of Service

	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Current	-	-	-
Proposed	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 148th 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.