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East Link Connections Project

Replaced Frequent Route 271 – Phase 3

Neighborhoods Served:

- University District, Medina, Bellevue Transit Center, Bellevue College, Eastgate, Issaquah.

Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Replaced by new Route 270 between Bellevue Transit Center and University District.
- Replaced by new Route 220 between Eastgate and Bellevue Transit Center.
- Replaced by revised Route 554 between Issaquah, Eastgate, and downtown Bellevue.
- Local service in Issaquah replaced by revised Routes 203 and 554.
- Replaced by revised Route 249 in Medina.
- This change would be implemented in 2023, with the opening of Link to Redmond Technology Station.

Why is this change being proposed?

- Increase speed and reliability.
- Provide more local neighborhood connections between Bellevue and Issaquah, and within Issaquah.
- Provide new connections to Link 2 Line.

How often the bus would come:

	Weekday			Saturday		Sunday	
	Peak 6-9 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	8	15	30	30-60	60	30-60	60
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. 11:00 p.m.	6:30 a.m. – 10:20 p.m.	7:30 a.m. – 10:20 p.m.

Proposed	No service	No service	No service
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How does this respond to feedback Metro received in Phase 1 and 2?

- More and easier transfer opportunities.
- Frequent connections to Link light rail.
- Increased speed and reliability.

* 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.