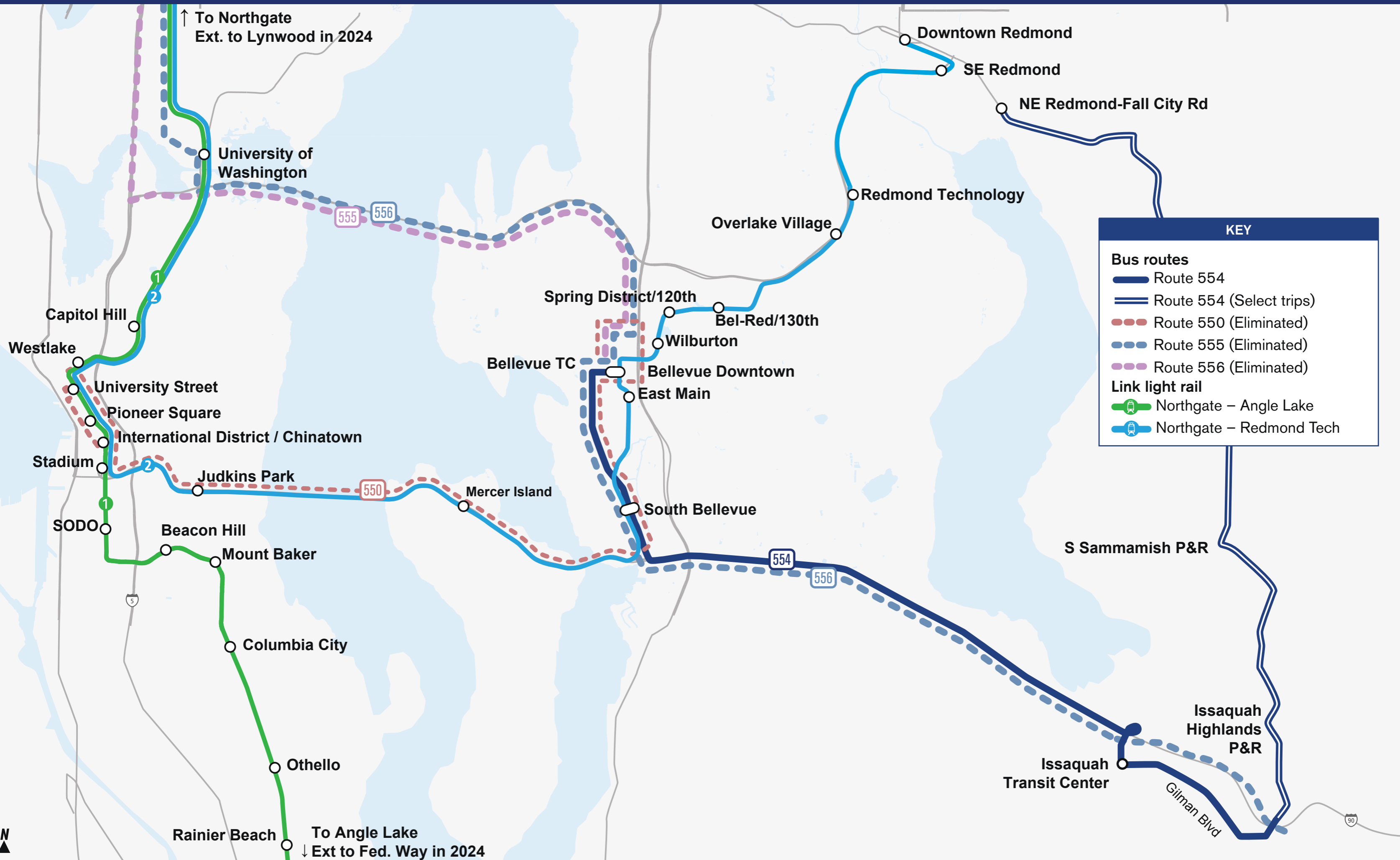


I-90 Map 550/554/555/556





East Link Connections Project

Sound Transit Express Routes 555 and 556 – Replaced in 2023 - Phase 3

Neighborhoods Served:

- Issaquah, Bellevue, Eastgate, Seattle

Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Services are currently suspended due to Covid-19; **Route 556 will temporarily operate until the opening of Link Line 2.**
- Eliminate routes 555 and 556.
- Resources would be placed into revised ST Express Route 554, providing frequent connection from Issaquah to downtown Bellevue via Bellevue Way SE.

Why is this change being proposed?

- Services are duplicative of Link Line 2 and ST Express Routes 542 and 554.
- Time travel savings would be achieved via transfer from Route 554 to Line 2 at South Bellevue Station.

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	15-30	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Hours of Service

	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
556 Service	5:30 – 10:25 a.m.; 4:00 – 5:40 p.m.	-	-
Proposed	-	-	-

How does this respond to feedback Sound Transit received in Phase 1?

- Eliminate duplicative services.

- More and easier transfer opportunities.
- Increased speed and reliability along remaining bus corridors.

* 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.