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## East Link Connections Project

### New Local Route 203 – Phase 3

#### Neighborhoods Served:

- South Bellevue Link Station, Factoria, Newport Way, Issaquah Transit Center, North Issaquah, Issaquah Highlands Transit Center

#### Summary of Proposed Changes:

- New route providing local changes between South Bellevue Link Station, Factoria, and Issaquah.
- Changed in Phase 3, replaces Routes 200 and 269 service in North Issaquah between Issaquah Highlands and Issaquah Transit centers.
- Changed in Phase 3, improved frequency.
- This route would be implemented in 2023, with the opening of Link to Redmond Technology Station.

#### Why is this change being proposed?

- To provide better local connections in Issaquah, combining with revised Route 554 for an all-day local coverage to key Issaquah destinations.
- To provide improved frequency for better connection to Link light rail.

#### How often the bus would come (in minutes):

	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.
<b>Current</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Proposed</b>	20	30	30-60	30	30	30	30

#### Hours of Service

	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Current</b>	-	-	-
<b>Proposed</b>	5:00 a.m. – 12 midnight	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

- Improved service in North Issaquah, that better connects with service south of I-90.
- Improved frequency between Factoria and South Bellevue.

\* 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.