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East Link Connections Project

Revised Peak-Only Route 218 – Phase 3

Neighborhoods Served:

- Issaquah Highlands Park and Ride, Eastgate, Mercer Island

Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Route 218 reorients to terminate at the Mercer Island Link Station.

Why is this change being proposed?

- To provide direct connections to Link light rail station from Issaquah.
- Increase reliability of trips from Issaquah to downtown Seattle.
- New Route 215, revised Routes 269, and 218 combine to provide bus service between Issaquah Highlands and Mercer Island Station every 5 minutes during the peak.

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	6 - 40	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed	15	-	-	-	-	-	-

Hours of Service:

	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Current	5:35 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.; 2:35 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.	-	-
Proposed	5:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.; 4:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.	-	-

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

- It provides increased frequency during traditional peak commute hours.
- 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.