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East Link Connections Project

Revised Frequent Route 245 – Phase 3

Neighborhoods Served:

- Kirkland, Houghton Park and Ride, Overlake, Crossroads, Bellevue College, Eastgate Park and Ride

Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Revised Route 240 and new Route 203 replace the one-way Factoria loop south of Eastgate with more useful two-way service.
- For Phase 3, maintain current pathway on 156th Ave NE south of NE 51st Street rather than Phase 2 proposal to continue on 148th Ave NE southeast of NE 51st St to Overlake Village Station.
- This change will occur in 2023 with the opening of Link Light Rail to Redmond Technology Station.

Why is this change being proposed?

- Improve speed and reliability for the southern part of the route.

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.
Current	12	16	30-60	30-60	60	30-60	60
Proposed	15	15	30-60	30-60	60	30-60	60

Hours of Service

	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Current	5:45 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Proposed	5:00 a.m. – 12 midnight	7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

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.

- Speed and reliability, with more direct paths on faster routes where possible.
- Maintain service on 156th Ave NE, do not revise to serve 148th Ave NE.

* 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.