





East Link Connections Project

Revised Local Route 269 - Phase 3

Neighborhoods Served:

• Redmond, Sahalee, Pine Lake, Sammamish, Issaquah Highlands Park and Ride, Eastgate, Mercer Island Station

Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Extends service on I-90 to Mercer Island Link Station.
- Replaces service to Issaquah Transit Center by new Routes 203 and revised ST Express Route 554.
- Reorients Northern terminal to SE Redmond Link Station.

Why is this change being proposed?

- To provide direct connections to Link light rail from Issaquah and Sammamish.
- New Route 215, revised Routes 269 and 218 combine to provide a bus every 5 minutes during the peak hours (6-9 a.m. and 3-7 p.m.) between Issaquah Highlands and Mercer Island Station.

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	20-30	30	40	30	-	-	-
Proposed	15	30	30	30	-	30	-

Hours of Service:

	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Current	6:00 a.m 7:30 p.m.	8:35 a.m 6:45 p.m.	-
Proposed	6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	8:35 a.m 6:45 p.m.	8:35 a.m 6:45 p.m.

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

- Wider span of service in non-peak hours and weekends.
- It provides increased frequency at traditional peak commute hours.

- In Phase 3, revises routing to access I-90 via Highlands Drive instead of through North Issaquah. The revised routing will speed up route travel time.
- The revised Route 203 provides service through the North Issaquah corridor.

^{*} 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.