

King County Metro Fall 2025 Service Change Communications Toolkit - Eastside

Overview

Building on extensive community input through the East Link Connections Project and service selected by the City of Seattle, Metro is improving and changing bus service starting Aug. 30. Metro has translated materials, blogposts and graphics available for partners to share.

Web resources

- Fall 2025 service change news announcement on [Metro Matters](#)
- Fall 2025 service change web page list route changes and has preview maps: [English](#), [简体中文 \(Simplified Chinese\)](#), [Русский \(Russian\)](#), [Español \(Spanish\)](#) and [Tiếng Việt \(Vietnamese\)](#).
- Maps showing Eastside changes and new routes: [English](#), [简体中文 \(Simplified Chinese\)](#), [Русский \(Russian\)](#), [Español \(Spanish\)](#) and [Tiếng Việt \(Vietnamese\)](#).

Toolkit images

(Zip File Attached)

Messages for residents and riders

Another boost to King County Metro bus service begins Aug. 30, with new and improved routes that better serve Eastside communities and connect to Sound Transit's 2 Line light rail stations.

With so many community connections, it's easier than ever to ride Metro. Explore the [route changes in your area](#).

- Need an ORCA card? Here's how to [order or pick one up](#).
- Riders can review the route updates on Metro's web page in [English](#), [简体中文 \(Simplified Chinese\)](#), [Русский \(Russian\)](#), [Español \(Spanish\)](#) and [Tiếng Việt \(Vietnamese\)](#). Additional languages are available by using an online translation tool. Bus trip schedules will be updated across most bus routes, and new orange timetables will soon be available on buses and at popular transit locations.
- Metro's customer information office can answer questions from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 206-553-3000. Also, Metro's [Trip Planner](#) will be updated before Aug. 30 so riders can plan future travel.

Route highlights by geography

Bellevue

- **New Route 203:** Connecting Issaquah Highlands, North Issaquah, Issaquah Transit Center, Newport Way, Factoria and the 2 Line at South Bellevue Station.
- **New Route 223:** Connecting Eastgate, Lake Hills, Overlake and 2 Line service at Downtown Redmond Station, with more frequent 20-minute weekday service.
- **Route 226** in Bellevue will provide peak service every 20 minutes connecting Downtown Bellevue, Lake Hills, Bellevue College, Eastgate and the 2 Line at South Bellevue Station.
- **Route 240** will improve to service every 20 minutes during peak and midday times on a revised pathway connecting Downtown Bellevue to the South Bellevue Station, Factoria, Newcastle and Renton.
- **DART Route 249** will improve to service every 30 minutes on weekdays with hourly service added from 7 to 9 p.m. connecting Redmond Technology Station, Overlake, downtown Bellevue, and South Bellevue Station.

Redmond

- **New Route 222:** Connecting Overlake, Idylwood, downtown Redmond, Education Hill and Cottage Lake, and the 2 Line at Downtown Redmond and Redmond Technology Stations.
- **New Route 223:** Connecting Eastgate, Lake Hills, Overlake and 2 Line service at Downtown Redmond Station, with more frequent 20-minute weekday service.
- **DART Route 224** between Duvall and Redmond will improve to service every 60 minutes.
- **DART Route 249** will improve to service every 30 minutes on weekdays with hourly service added from 7 to 9 p.m. connecting Redmond Technology Station, Overlake, downtown Bellevue, and South Bellevue Station.
- **Launched this summer: [Route 930 \(Kirkland, Redmond\)](#):** Metro added evening trips to create steady hourly service from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends. Riders can [request off-route trips in the Route 930 DART service areas along Willows Road](#).

Kirkland

- **New Route 256:** Direct peak-only service connecting Woodinville, Brickyard Park & Ride, Totem Lake, Kingsgate Park & Ride, Yarrow Point Freeway Station, Evergreen Point Freeway Station, South Lake Union and downtown Seattle.
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Bothell, Woodinville

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- **Route 256:** Direct peak-only service connecting Woodinville, Brickyard Park & Ride, Totem Lake, Kingsgate Park & Ride, Yarrow Point Freeway Station, Evergreen Point Freeway Station, South Lake Union and downtown Seattle.
- **Launched this summer: [Route 931: \(UW Bothell, Woodinville, Cottage Lake and Duvall\)](#):** This reinstated and revised weekday peak-only DART route launched in June. Service runs every 30 minutes from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Riders can request off-route trips in the [Route 931 DART service areas in Bothell and Duvall](#). Reservations can be made via phone (1-866-261-3278), TTY (1-800-246-1646) or [online form](#).