

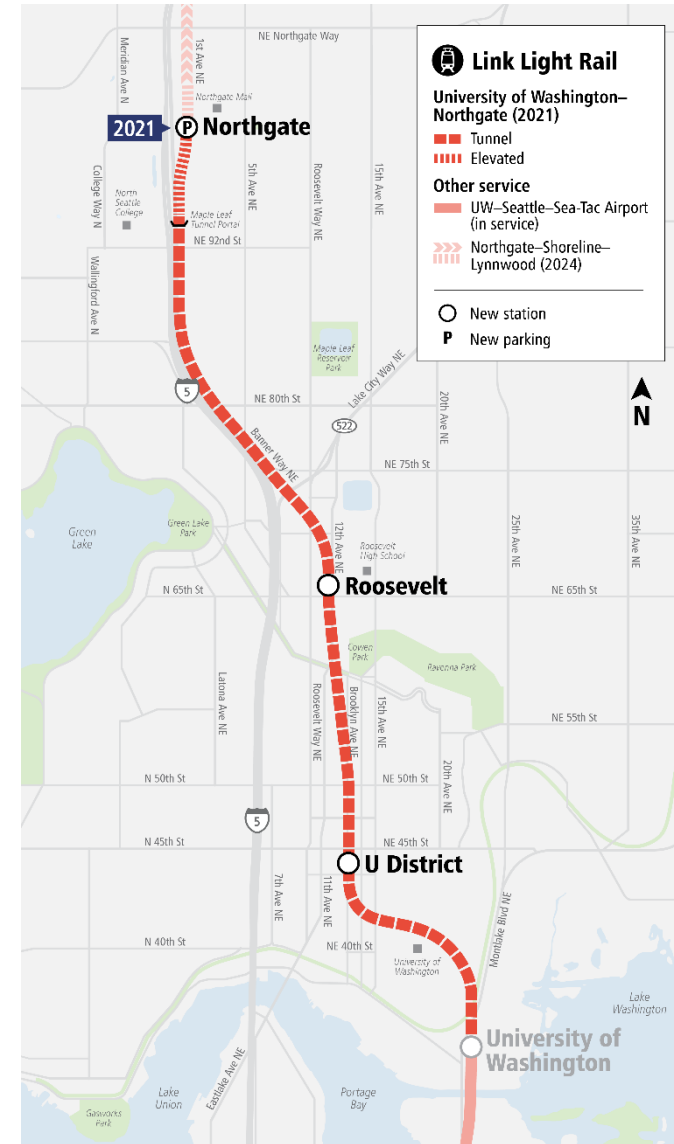
North Link Connections Mobility Project Phase 3 – Finalizing Concepts

Seattle Transit Advisory Board
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Project Introduction

- Respond to changing mobility needs and integration with 3 new Link light rail stations opening in north Seattle in 2021
- Metro's largest service restructure since March 2016 U-Link extension
- Partnership with ST, SDOT, UW, and other partners



Project Goals

- Improve mobility for historically un(der)served populations
- Equitably inform, engage, and empower current and potential customers traveling in the project area
- Deliver integrated service that responds to Link expansion and meets customer needs



North Link Connections Mobility Project Timeline

Jul 2019 Aug 2019 Sep 2019 Oct 2019 Nov 2019 Dec 2019 Jan 2020 Feb 2020 Mar 2020 Apr 2020 May 2020 Jun 2020 Jul 2020 Aug 2020 Sep 2020 Oct 2020 Nov 2020 Dec 2020 Jan 2021 Feb 2021 Mar 2021 Apr 2021 May 2021 Sep 2021



**“Stay Home-Stay Healthy”
Order Issued**

We are here

**King County Council Approves
Service Changes**

**Light rail opens and
bus changes implemented**

Engaging with community to refine service concepts

- During spring of 2020, Metro engaged the community to listen and revise proposal for change. Due to limitations on in-person gatherings, Metro also swiftly pivoted to virtual and remote options where possible.
- To shape the proposal, Metro focused on:
 - Relationship building with historically un(der)served populations in project area
 - Refining service ideas in partnership with historically un(der)served communities to build a better transit network
 - Ways to communicate the service proposal and agency goals related to equitable outcomes to affected communities, demonstrating how proposal helps advance equitable mobility outcomes

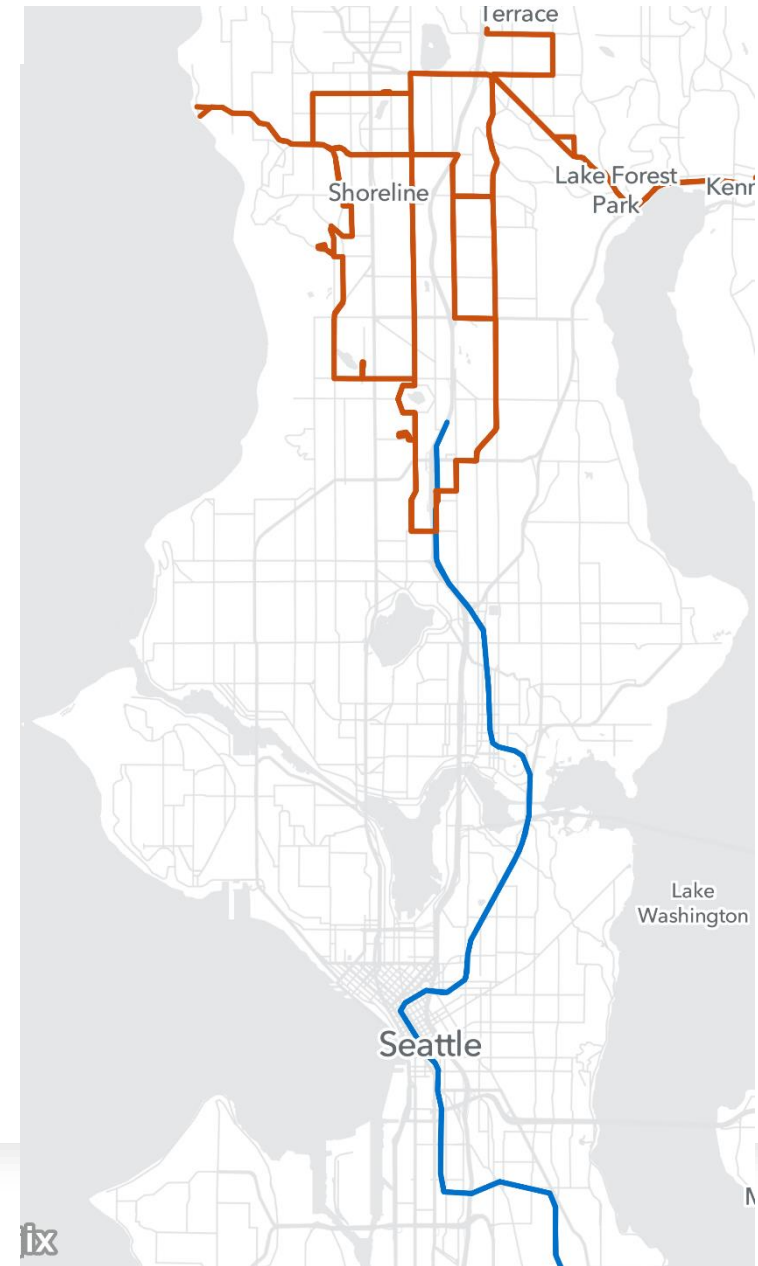


What we heard that helped us refine the network concepts

Key Theme	Examples of proposed changes
Transfers should be between frequent services where possible, especially during midday, night, and weekends.	Increased span of service on Route 74; Weekend service added on Route 31; Revised connection of Route 75 between Northgate Station and Lake City; improved frequency on Shoreline local routes
Improve transit connections to/from major community assets and important destinations (Urban Centers, Hospitals, Universities, etc.).	New Routes 322 and 361 connecting First Hill and SLU, Routes 31 & 32 extension to Seattle Children's Hospital
Provide fast and reliable bus connections to Link light rail so travel times are better than or similar to what's experienced today.	Connecting Routes 301 and 304 to Northgate Station
Improve east-west and crosstown connections.	Routes 31 & 32 extension to Seattle Children's Hospital, Route 74 and New Route 79 in NE Seattle
Provide reliable service all-day and especially during the busiest times of day.	Connecting SR522 service to Link for improved travel time reliability;
Provide transit connections that are safe, convenient, and easy to understand for all riders.	Improved connections at U-District Station via NE 43rd St

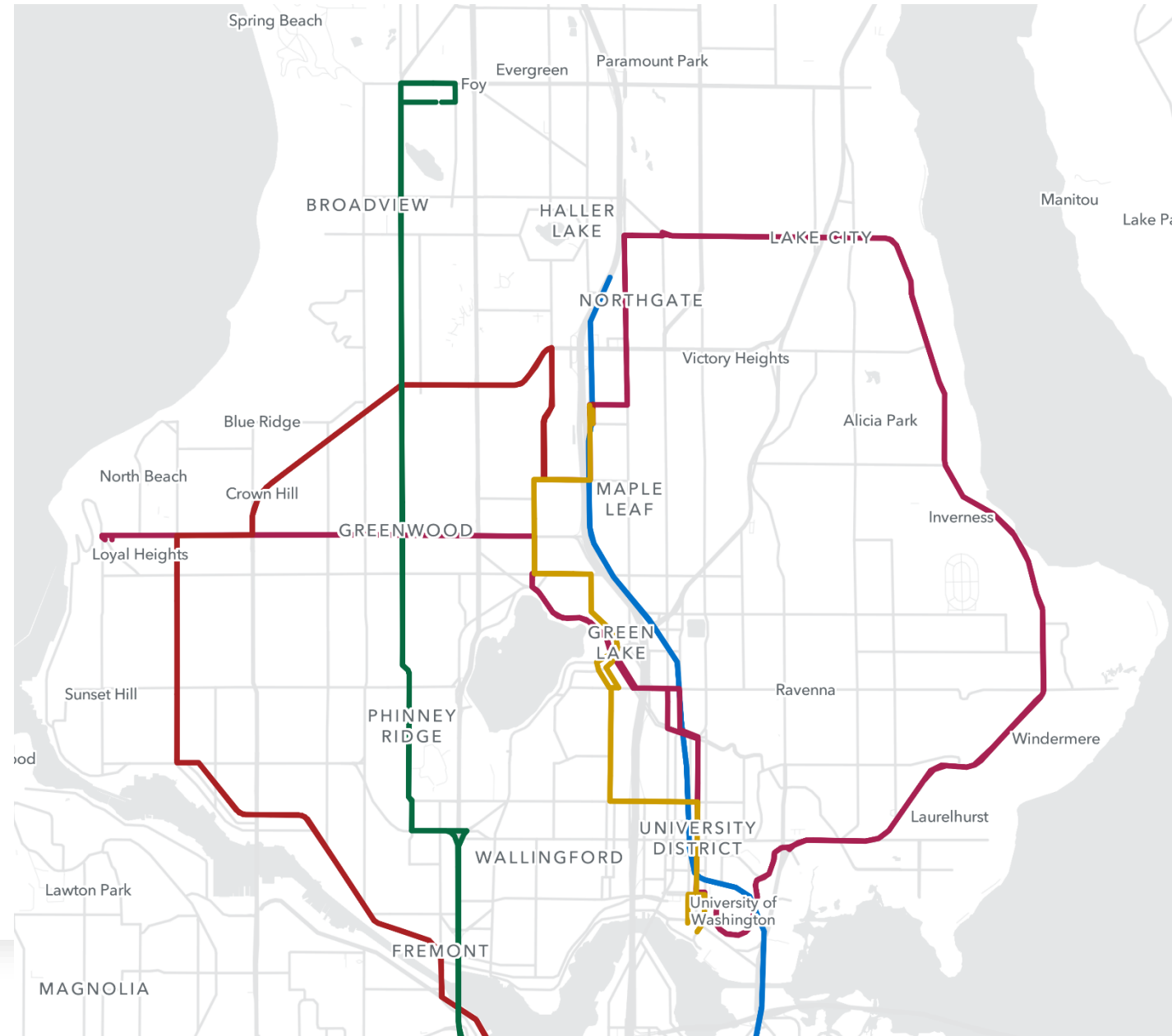
Shoreline/North Seattle Connecting to Northgate Station

- Routes re-oriented to Northgate Station: 301, 304
- Revised peak routes in Shoreline neighborhoods: 301, 304
- New Route: 302 (note complements Route 303)
- Upgraded peak service on local routes: 331, 345, 346, 347, 348



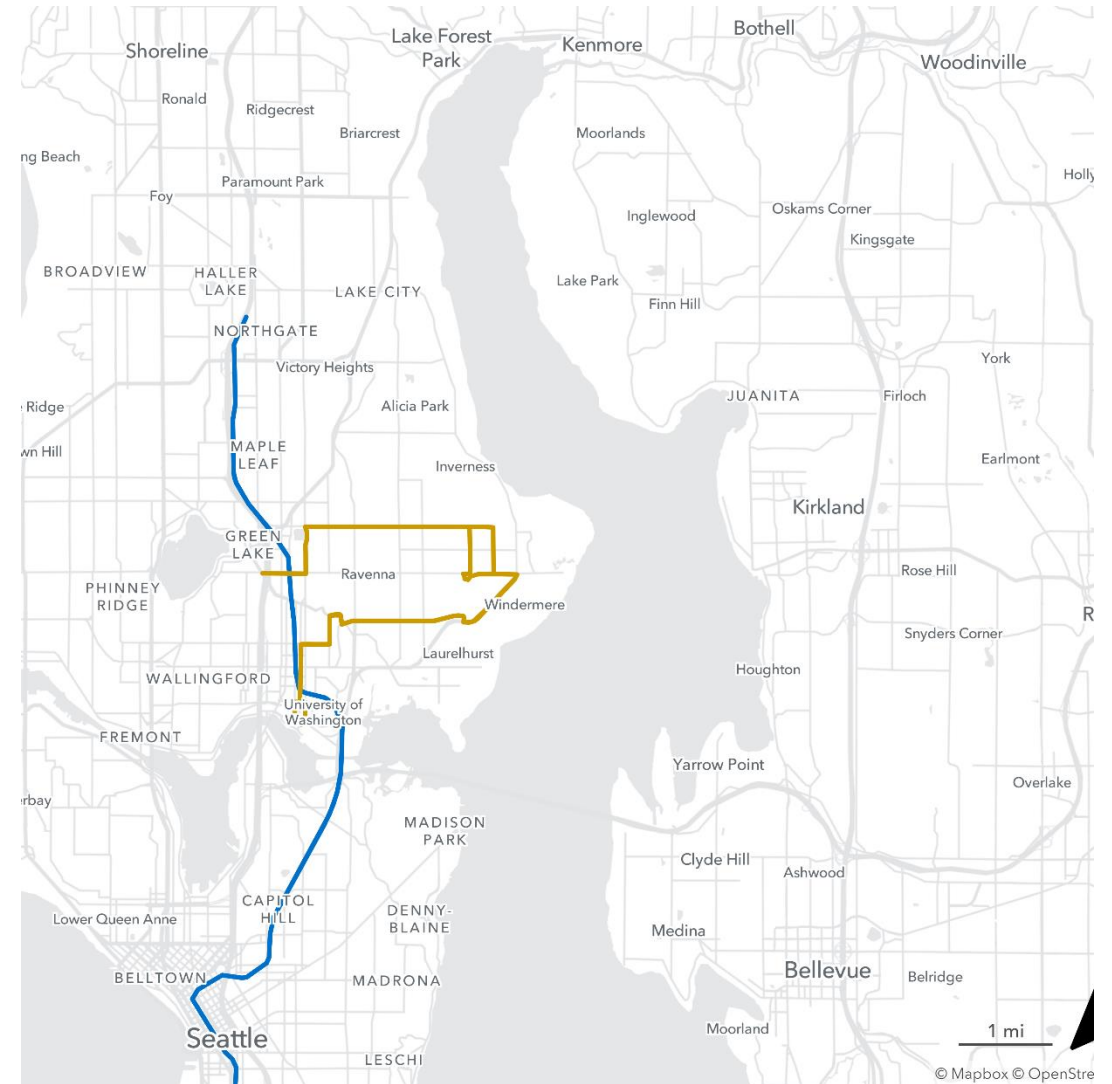
North Seattle Connections at Northgate

- Replaced routes: 41, 316, 355
- Renumbered and extend route: 5X to become 16
- Shortened and revised route: 26
- Routes revised from previous phase to maintain their current routing: 40, 45
- Revised route: 75
- Routes 45 & 75 through-routed



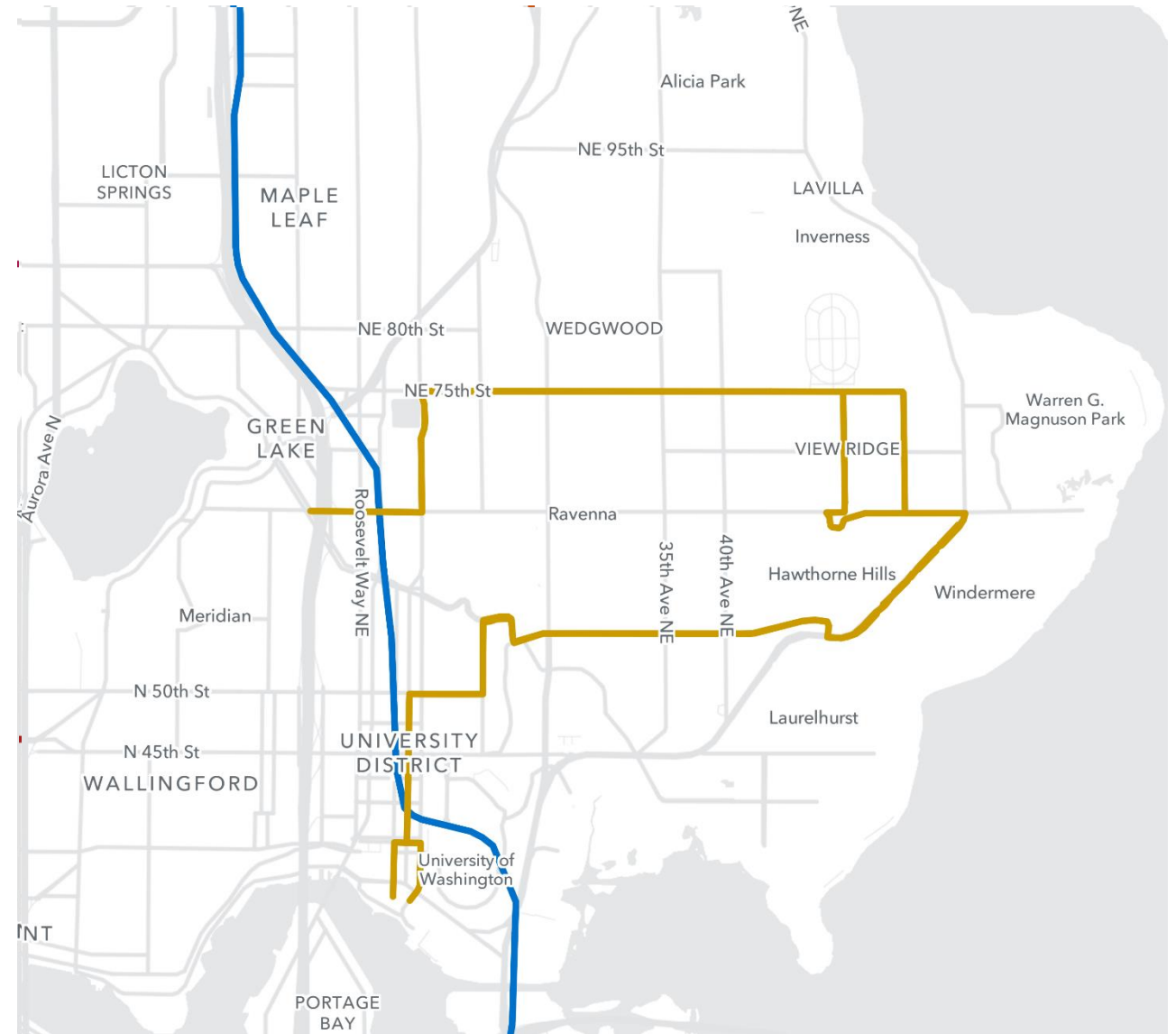
Lake City/SR-522/Maple Leaf Service Connecting to Roosevelt Station

- Replaced routes: 63, 77 and 373
- New Routes 322 and 361 replace Routes 309 and 312 for direct peak bus to First Hill and South Lake Union respectively
- Revised routes: 64, 73, 79
- New Route 79
- Routes with improved frequency: 64, 73, and 522
- Route discontinued: 308



Connections at U District Station

- Deleted route: 78
- Replaced routes: 63, 76, 77 and 373
- Revised routes: 26, 31, 32, 74
- Route 73 maintained on Pacific
- Route 45 shifted to Stevens Way, through-routed with Route 75
- Route pathways shifted near U District Station: 44, 48, 49, 70, 372
- New local route: 79 through routed with revised Route 74



Continue to engage with the community to share and finalize service network concept

- Provide online platform in 7 languages
- Online surveys
- Video presentations
- Virtual town halls and community meetings (Interpretation services provided for virtual town halls)
- Partnering with community-based organizations (CBOs) for virtual focus groups with underserved communities
- Social media, ethnic media
- Mobility Board continues to evaluate refined service concepts to understand what community needs are or are not met by concept and communicate changes/receive feedback from their communities
- Work with our Jurisdictional partners
- Metro make final adjustments to the concept by the end of the year. The Executive will transmit a final set of recommendations to the Council in Spring 2021

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