23rd Avenue Corridor Improvements Project

Temporary Metro bus route changes during construction

March 2016 update

Why have routes 4, 8 and 48 changed?

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) began constructing improvements along 23rd Avenue between S Jackson Street and E John Street in June 2015. These improvements will make it safer to walk, drive, and ride transit along this stretch of 23rd Avenue. On Nov. 30, 2015, SDOT crews extended the active construction detour from S Jackson to E Cherry Street.

How are the routes changing during construction?

All traffic, including buses, will be detoured around construction activities. As of February 29, 2016, the following reroutes are in effect:

- On weekdays, **Route 4** will not travel between S Walker Street and E Jefferson Street while construction takes place on 23rd Avenue south of E Cherry Street. Instead, the route will make its last stop and start towards downton at 21st Avenue and E James Street. Route 4 will not travel south of Garfield High School on weekdays because this route uses trolley buses and no substitute diesel buses are available on weekdays. On weekends, Metro will continue to operate a revised Route 4 using a diesel bus that does not require trolley wire.

- **Route 8** will stay on Martin Luther King Jr Way S, in both directions, during construction.

- **Northbound Route 48** will detour around the construction zone on 23rd Avenue to Martin Luther King Jr Way S between S Jackson Street and E Union Street. It will turn east on S Jackson Street, go north on Martin Luther King Jr Way S, and turn west on E Union Street.

- **Southbound Route 48** will continue to operate along 23rd Avenue but will likely experience traffic delays during construction.

How long will these bus service revisions last?

The reroute between S Jackson Street and E Cherry Street is anticipated to last through spring 2016, or until northbound vehicle traffic is allowed back on 23rd Avenue. The reroute between E Cherry Street and E Union Street is anticipated to last through summer 2016. Route 48 will continue to follow construction traffic detours as construction progresses north past E Cherry Street to E John Street. Overall construction on 23rd Avenue is expected to last through early 2017.

Are bus stops being removed or added as a result of this service revision or construction work?

See the route map for location of northbound stops during the long-term construction reroute. Construction activities may result in temporary closures of southbound bus stops along 23rd Avenue, in which case buses will stop at the next stop on the route.

How will riders be affected by this service revision?

Riders traveling through the construction zone should expect travel delays as a result of short reroutes and potential traffic congestion. To get help planning a trip or to find out about bus service frequency, Metro's Rideshare and VanPool programs, or options for seniors or people with disabilities, **call Metro customer service at 206-553-3000** or go to **www.kingcounty.gov/metro**. The mobile app Puget Sound Trip Planner can also help you plan your trip; learn more at http://metro.kingcounty.gov/trip-planner.

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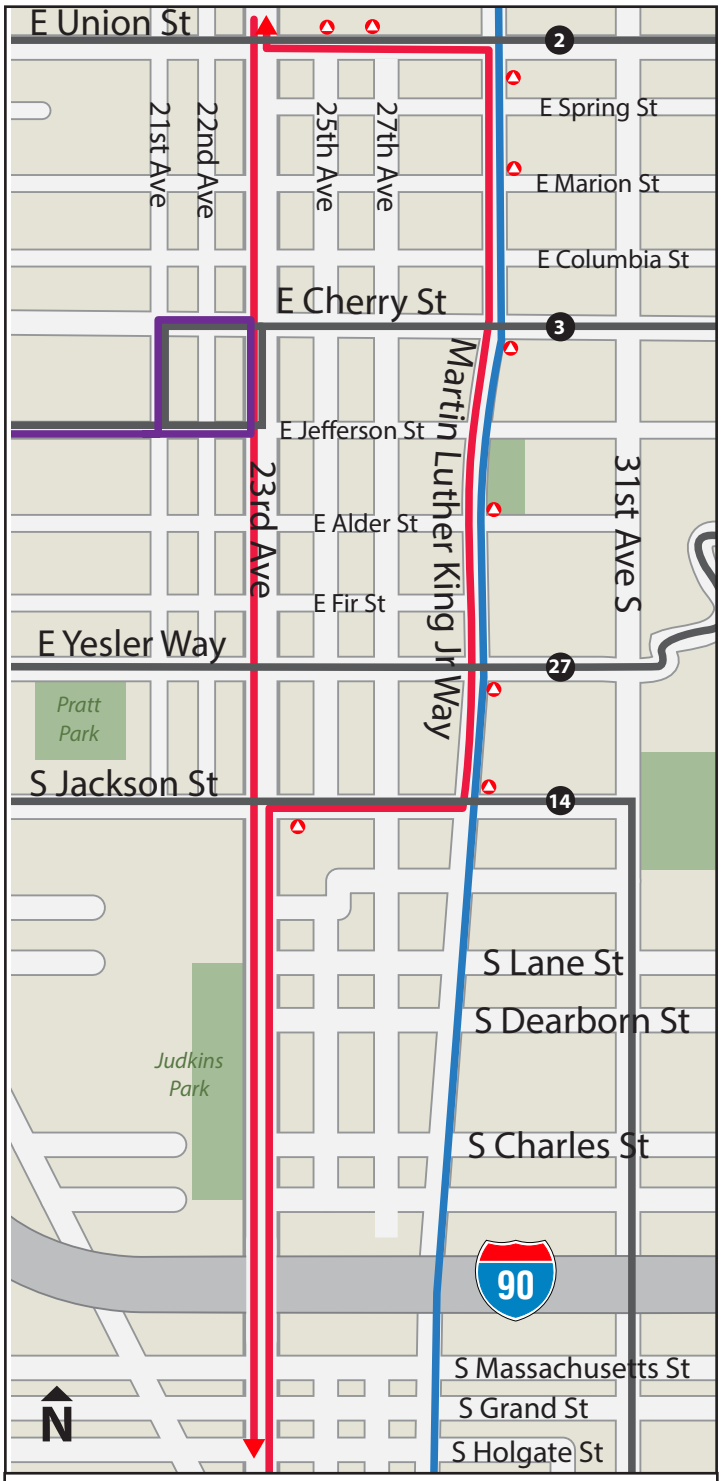

Weekday service during construction

- Route 4
- Route 8
- Route 48
- Unchanging route
- Temporary northbound stop during construction