

Proposed King County Metro Bus Service Changes for Southeast Seattle 2015-2016

Metro proposes changes to routes 8, 9X, 106, 107, and 124

We've been working with community organizations to find out how Metro can help people get around better in Southeast Seattle. You've told us that people need better connections between Southeast Seattle and Renton and other areas south of the city. People also want more convenient bus service to stores, services and the many social, health, cultural, and religious activities along Martin Luther King Jr Way South.

A lot of changes are being made in the transit system now. Sound Transit's Link light rail will begin service to Capitol Hill and the UW in early 2016, and we're changing some bus routes to work better with Link. The First Hill Streetcar will soon be running between Pioneer Square, the International District, Little Saigon, and First Hill. With all of these changes, it's a good time to ask what you think of proposed changes suggested by members of your community. If these changes are approved by the King County Council, they would start in September 2016.

Revise Route 106 – would be changed to go through the Rainier Valley along MLK Jr. Way South, Rainier Avenue South, and South Jackson Street to the International District. Route 106 buses would come more often—every 15 minutes during the day on weekdays and Saturday, and every 30 minutes later at night. That's the same as the current Route 8 and the future Route 38, which the 106 would replace.

Revise Route 107 – would be extended beyond Rainier Beach, through south Beacon Hill to the Beacon Hill Link light rail station, to replace this segment of Route 106. Route 107 would come more often—every 15 minutes on weekdays during peak periods (going north in the mornings/south in the afternoons) and every 30 minutes later at night. That's the same as the Route 106, which the 107 would replace along South Beacon Hill.

Peak periods are 6-9:30 a.m. and 2:30-6:30 p.m.

Add trips to Route 124 – weekday peak and evening service on Route 124 would be increased to keep the same level of service now provided between Georgetown and downtown Seattle by the combination of Routes 106 and 124.

Deletion of Route 38 – In March 2016, Route 8 will become two routes. The southern part of the route, between Rainier Beach and Mount Baker Transit Center, will become new Route 38. Route 8 will continue to operate between Mount Baker Transit Center and Seattle Center and will come more often. If the proposed changes are approved, new Route 38 would be replaced by Route 106 in September 2016.

Reduce Route 9X – would operate during peak periods only. This reduction in service would help cover the cost of changes to routes 106, 107, and 124. During the day and in the evenings, riders of Route 9X could use Route 7 and the First Hill Streetcar to go between Rainier Valley and First Hill. Link light rail will also go to Capitol Hill, stopping near Seattle Central College.

Tell us what you think

- Complete an online survey
- Email Haveasay@kingcounty.gov
- Call 206-477-3835
- Attend a meeting [placeholder for meeting details we are still working out]

Find details and a link to the survey at www.kingcounty.gov/metro/seseattle2015

Comments due by Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2015