

Discussion of Metro Service Reductions

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BACKGROUND

- Metro Transit facing significant funding shortfall; issued service reduction proposal
- 600,000 hours system-wide + 45,000 hours associated with viaduct construction mitigation;
<http://metro.kingcounty.gov/am/future/>
- Phasing unknown at this time; Viaduct mitigation expires June 2014, remainder over four service cuts

PROPOSED CHANGES IN SHORELINE

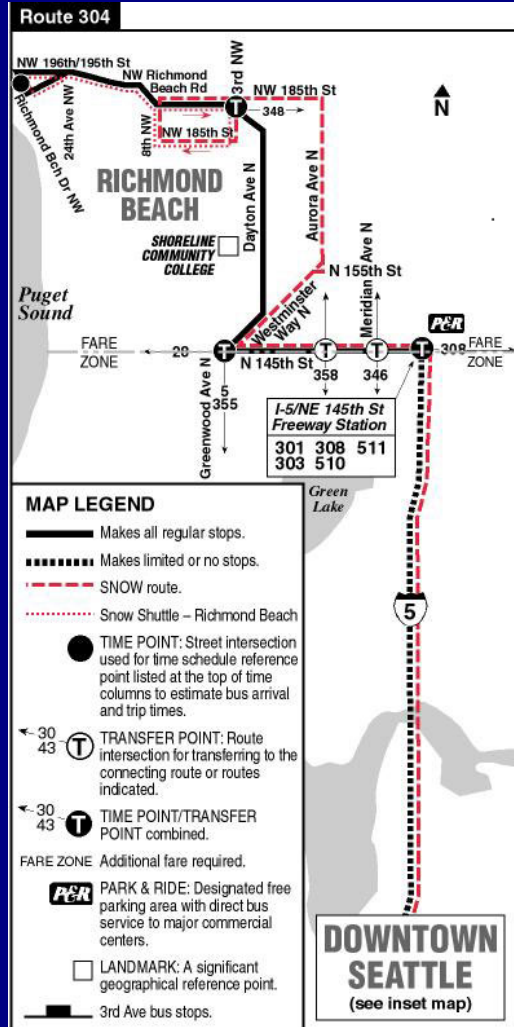
- Eleven routes unchanged
- Seven routes modified
- Three routes be retained, however, service in Shoreline eliminated
- Five routes eliminated
- Some residents will lose or see changes to service or may contend with 1) overcrowding/more standing 2) full buses that pass them and 3) less reliable service.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN SHORELINE (cont.)

- All eliminated and two partially eliminated routes are peak only
- Remaining partially eliminated route currently provides all day service only serves a small portion of NE 145th Street
- All of these routes have some sort of alternative; most will require a transfer and/or longer travel times

PROPOSED CHANGES IN SHORELINE (cont.)

- The span of service for many all day routes will be shortened, eliminating night service in much of the City
- Service will be added to Route 355, a peak only route
 - Serves Shoreline Community College via Greenwood Avenue N
 - Would be modified to serve the same routing as the all day Route 5, only with limited stops.
 - Replaces existing Route 5X and Route 355



RECOMMENDATION

Council provide direction regarding formal comments to forward to King County Metro Transit.

- 1) Suggest changes to the proposed Route 355 to serve Richmond Highlands, Hillwood and Richmond Beach
- 2) Express support for preservation of as much service as possible within Shoreline, recognizing the need for system wide cuts in response to the financial situation; and
- 3) Encourage King County to continue to seek additional revenue sources for transit service that would eliminate the need for system wide reductions.