

Proposed King County Metro Bus Service Changes for Southeast Seattle in 2016

Proposed changes to routes 38 and 9X

Metro has been working with community organizations and listening to bus riders over the past four years to find out how we can help people get around better in Southeast Seattle. You've told us that people need better connections between Southeast Seattle, 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 (MLK).

A lot of changes are being made in the transit system now. Sound Transit's Link light rail began service to Capitol Hill and the UW in March, and we changed some bus routes to work better with Link. The First Hill Streetcar is now running between Pioneer Square, the International District, Little Saigon, and First Hill. With all of these changes, now is a good time to consider other improvements to the bus system, and the King County Council is now considering Ordinance #2016-0199. The King County Executive is recommending that Metro do the following:

- **Revise Route 38** – would be extended to operate to the International District from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays. Before 6 a.m., after 7 p.m., and on weekends, Route 38 would operate between Rainier Beach and the Mount Baker Transit Center only.
- **Reduce Route 9X** – would operate during peak periods only. This reduction in service would cover the cost of changes to Route 38. 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 also goes to Capitol Hill, stopping near Seattle Central College.