



Link Connections: SR-520

Kirkland Transportation Commission

March 22, 2017

Tonight's Agenda



- Overview
- Project Context & Objectives
- Routes Considered
- Background Information
- Other Key Considerations
- Project Outreach Phases
- Conclusion and Next Steps



Project Context

- U-Link provides fast, reliable trips to downtown Seattle from UW Station
- U-Link Connections bus/rail service integration project
- Near-term growing congestion and transportation network impacts
- Metro Connects long-range plan





Project Objectives

- Improve service on the SR-520 corridor and Eastside Communities
- Identify opportunities for bus-rail service integration
- Provide better all day and all week transit connections between Eastside communities and the U. District
- Explore service solutions to keep people moving through growing congestion
- Advance implementation of the Metro Connects long-range plan
- Proactively engage the public and key stakeholders during the process

Routes being considered



All Day Routes

255 (Kirkland/Totem Lake – Downtown Seattle)

545 (Redmond - Downtown Seattle)

Two-Way, Peak Only Routes

540 (Kirkland – University District)

541 (Overlake – University District)

542 (Redmond – University District)

Peak Direction Only Routes

252 (Kingsgate – Downtown Seattle)

257 (Brickyard Park & Ride – Downtown Seattle)

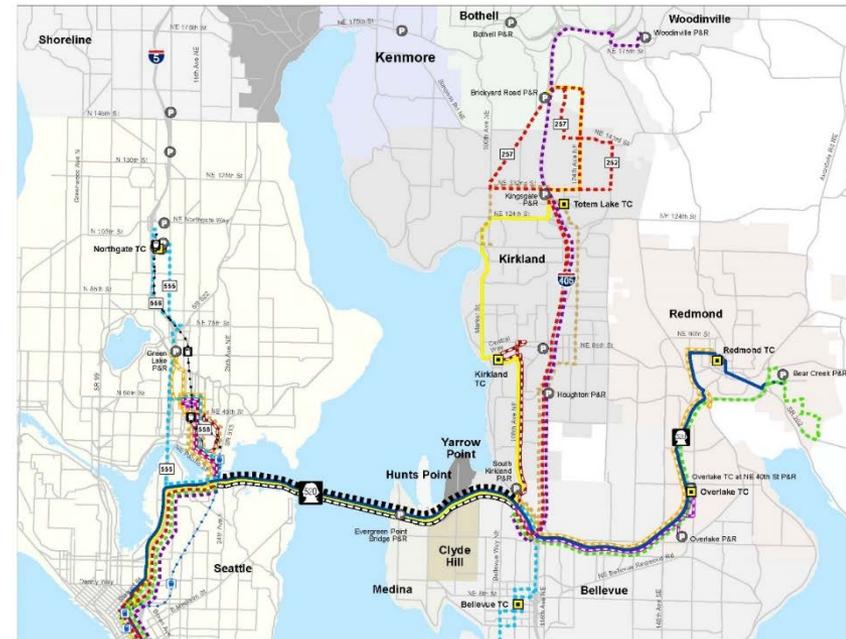
268 (Redmond – Downtown Seattle)

277 (Juanita – University District)

311 (Woodinville – Downtown Seattle)

555 (Issaquah – Northgate)

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U-Link Connections



- 2014-2015 major planning effort to connect riders with new light rail stations
- Changes considered on SR-520 corridor
- Additional ST Express service implemented in 2016, but no major route restructures



Near-Term Transportation Network Impacts



- Changes coming in Seattle's Center City
- Population and employment growth, construction
- Growing congestion and delay
- Rail-only Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel
- Agency partnerships to keep people moving



Metro Connects Long-Range Plan



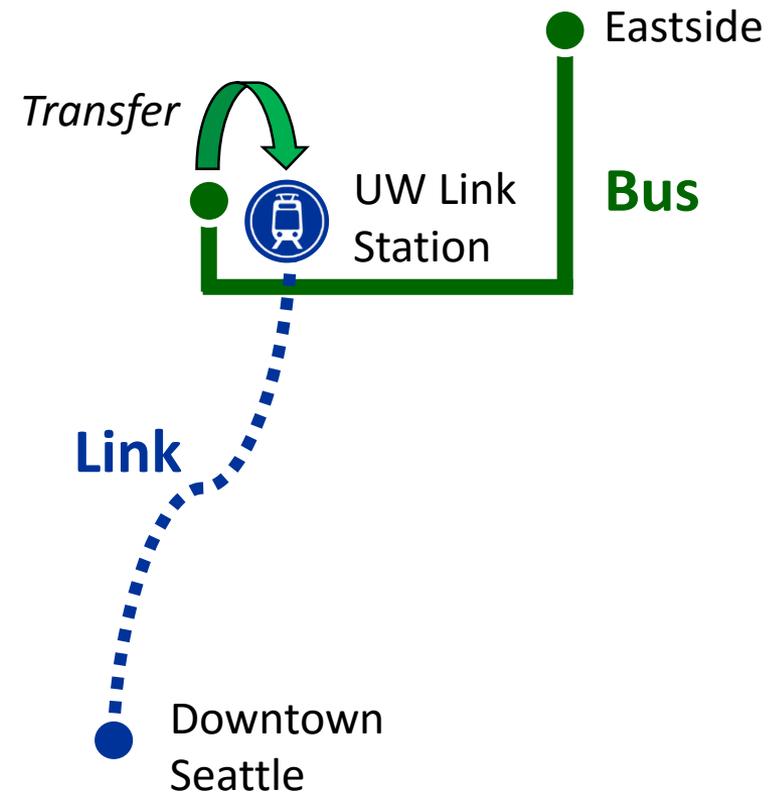
- 25-year vision for Metro to make service fast, reliable, safe and comfortable
- Identifies region-wide opportunities for connecting bus service to light rail as new extensions open
- SR-520 process first major service restructure process since Metro Connections plan adopted



Bus-Rail Service Integration Opportunities



- Improved Reliability
 - 6-minute Link trip to downtown
- Redeployed resources could add:
 - More service midday and weekends
 - More frequent service
 - Potential service to South Lake Union



Other Key Considerations



- Link Light-Rail Capacity
- Transfer Improvements at Montlake Triangle
- WSDOT SR-520 “Rest of the West” Project



Outreach and Planning Process



1st Phase
March-April

Rider Input
Sounding Board
Interagency Team

 **We are here**

2nd Phase
May-June

Draft Service
Concepts

3rd Phase
Fall

Draft Proposals

Fall/Early 2018

Adoption

Sept 2018 (Earliest)

Implementation



Conclusion and Next Steps

- Upcoming Community Conversations
 - Kirkland City Hall on 3/28 from 6-8pm
 - Evergreen Health Med Center on 3/29 from 6-8pm
 - University of Washington on 3/30 from 2-3:30pm
- Survey closes April 2nd
- Sounding Board and Interagency meetings
- Draft service concepts May-June