



# East Link Connections Kirkland Transportation Commission



1. Welcome

2. North Eastside Mobility Project

3. East Link Connections goals, scope

4. Link light rail on the Eastside

5. Metro and Sound Transit proposed changes

6. Timeline and staying involved

# Agenda

# North Eastside Mobility Project (NEMP)

- **Goal:** Expand transit service and improve mobility in the north Eastside, and strengthen connections to important destinations
- Implemented March 2020 – concurrent with pandemic
- Changes increased span and frequency, and improved travel time
- New routes have continued to grow ridership quickly



# East Link Connections Goals

## Improve

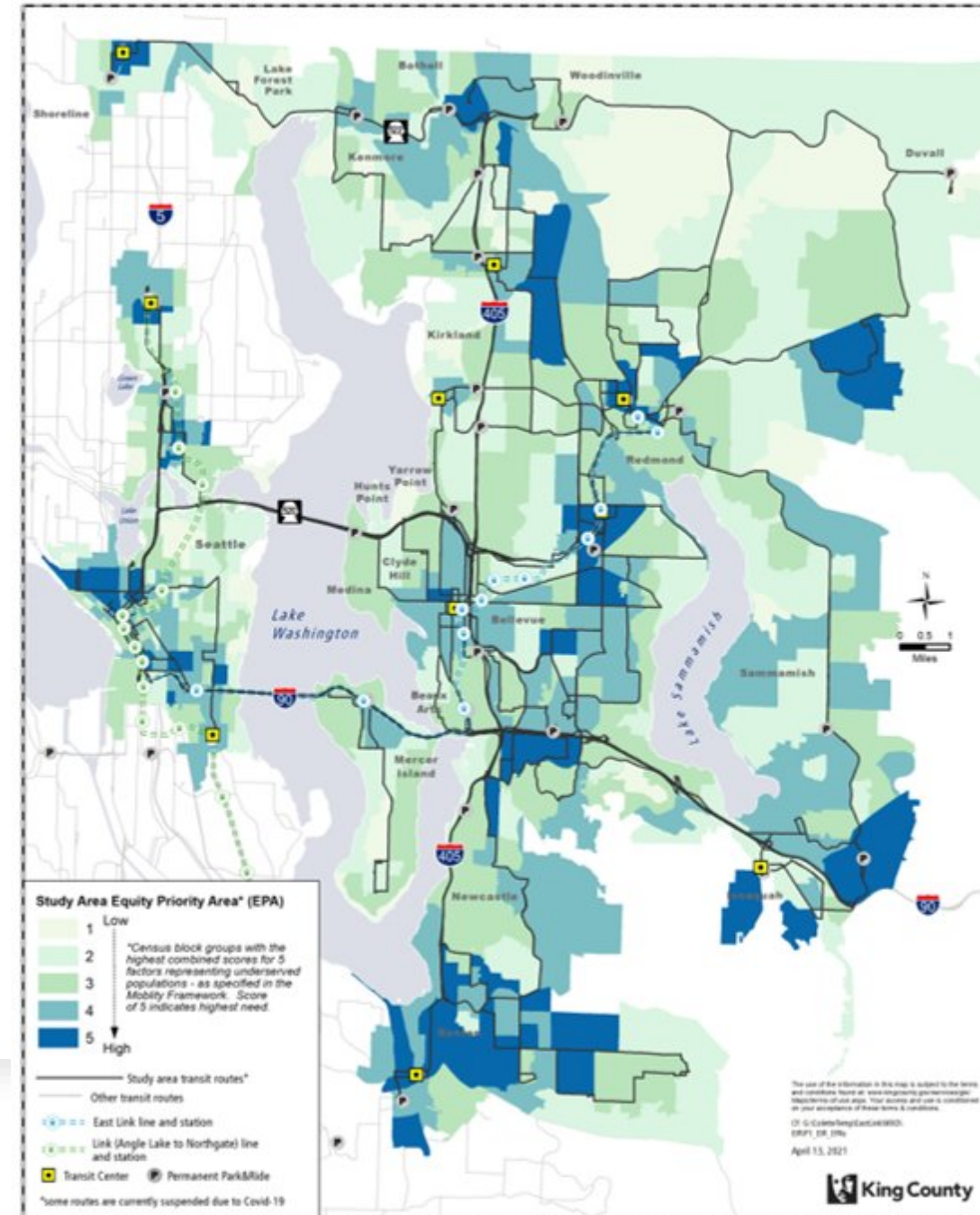
- Improve mobility for priority populations, as defined by Metro's Mobility Framework

## Inform, engage, & empower

- Equitably inform, engage, and empower current and potential customers

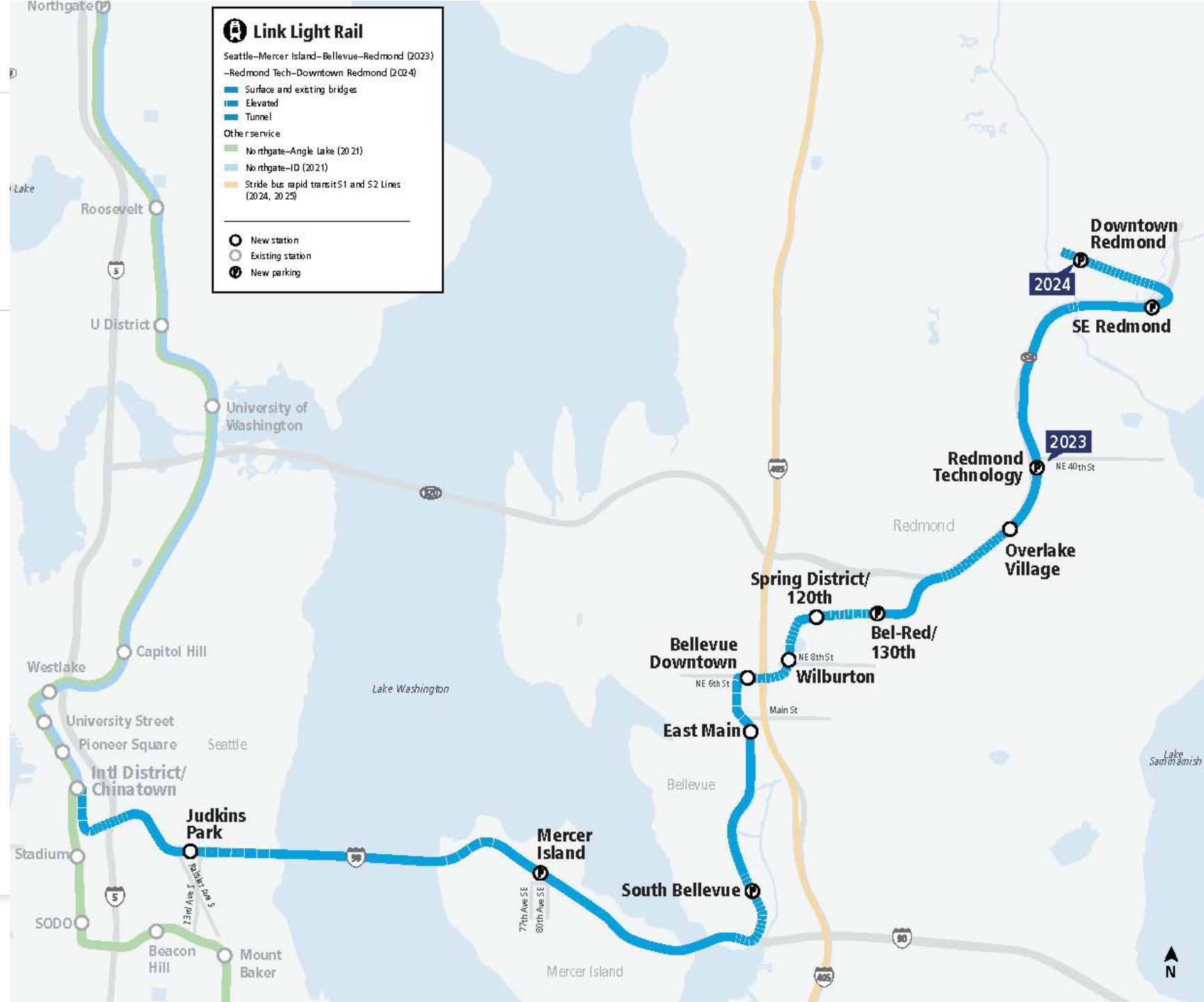
## Deliver

- Deliver integrated service that responds to Link expansion
- Minimize duplication of bus service with Link
- Improve connections to Link
- Be consistent with Metro Connects, and current and future mobility needs



## East Link & Downtown Redmond Link extensions – the Link 2 Line

- **Opens:** 2023 & 2024
- **Length:** 17.4 miles; 12 stations
- **Service:** Every 8 minutes during peak hours.
- **Projected travel times:**
  - 18 min Downtown Redmond to Bellevue
  - 23 min Seattle to Bellevue
  - 50 min South Bellevue to Sea-Tac Airport



To see route level maps

Visit [elc.participate.online](http://elc.participate.online)



# Kirkland, Redmond, Woodinville, Bothell

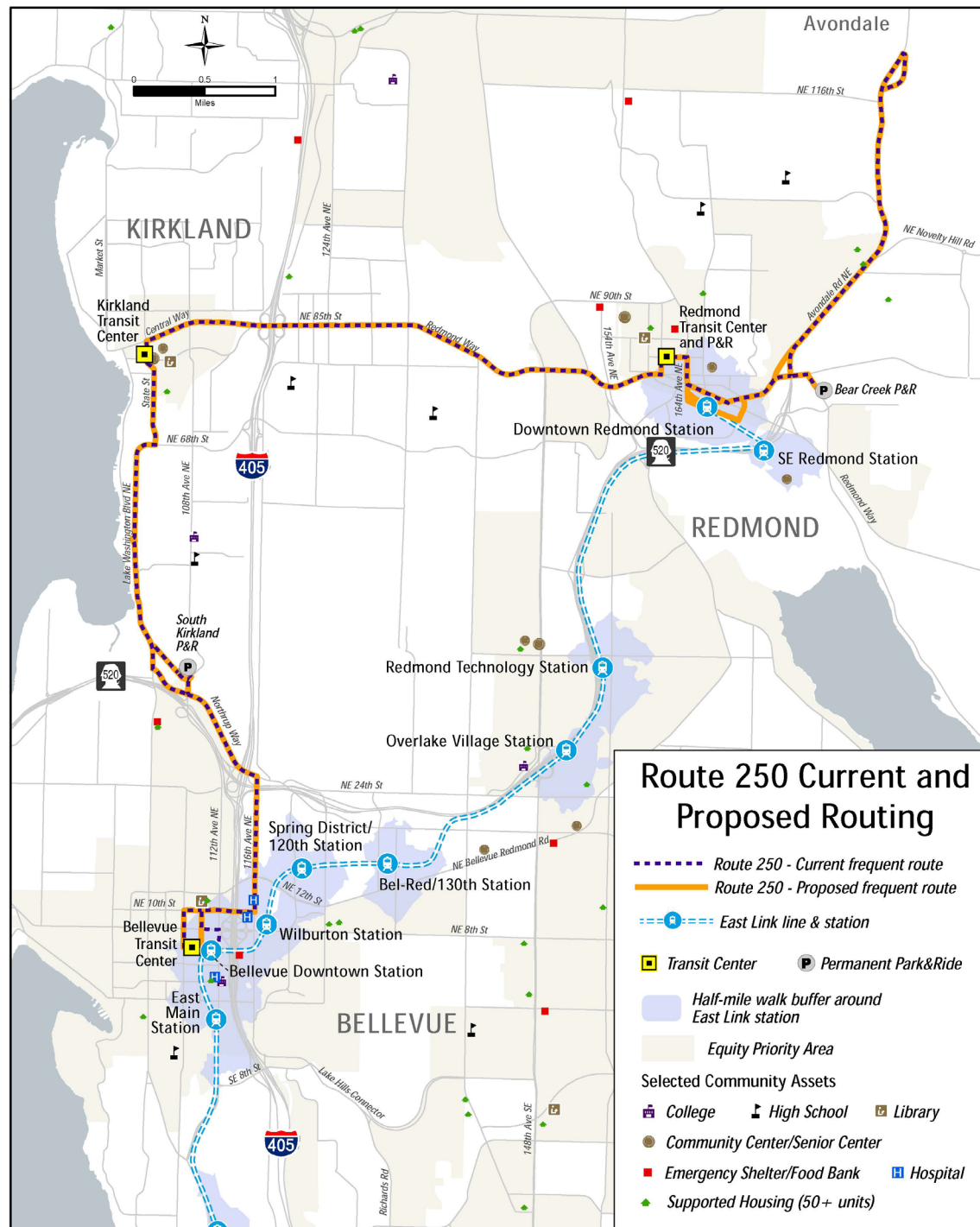
Routes: 250, 245, 225, 930, 256 (252/257/311), 931, 232, 237, 251

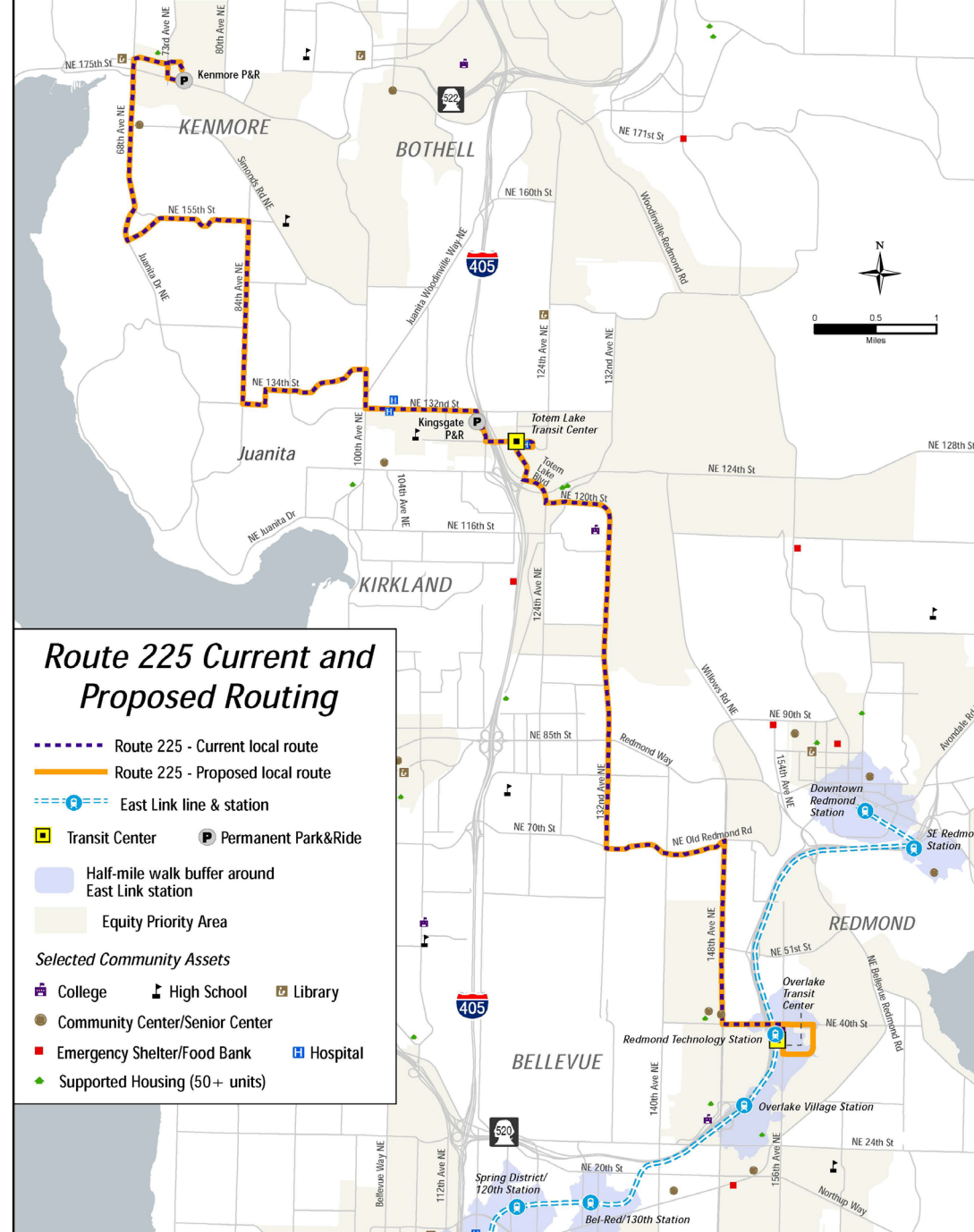
## Top prioritized needs:

- Improve and add local connections
- More service on nights and weekends
- Ensure transfers are easy and seamless
- Preserve easy access to downtown Seattle













## Kirkland connections:

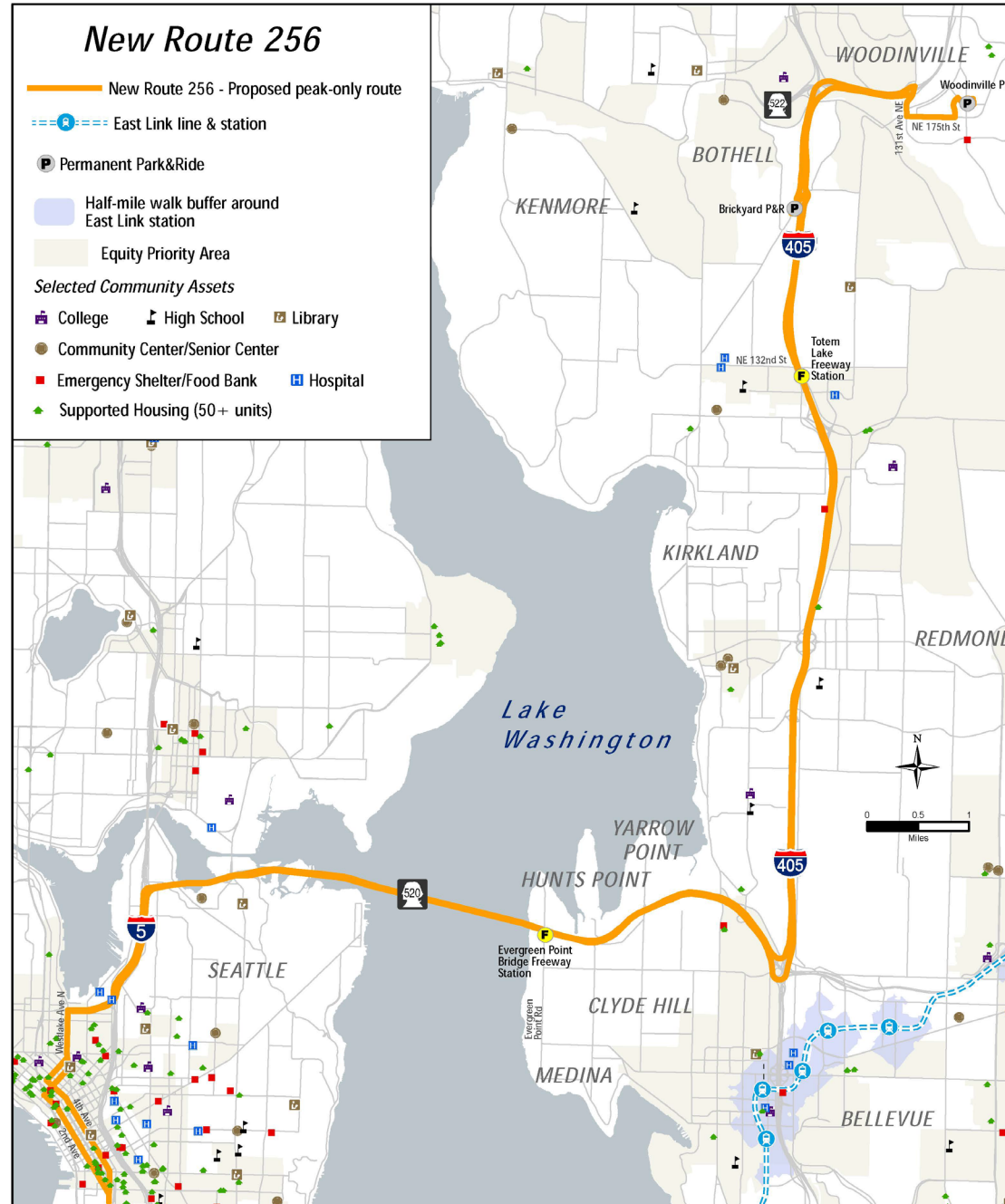
- Routes 250 and 245 – frequent connections to Link
- Route 225 – local connection to Overlake from Kingsgate, Totem Lake via 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE
- New evening and Saturday service on Route 930 Totem Lake to Redmond
- Consolidate peak-service on I-405 and provide a new connection to DT Seattle and SLU





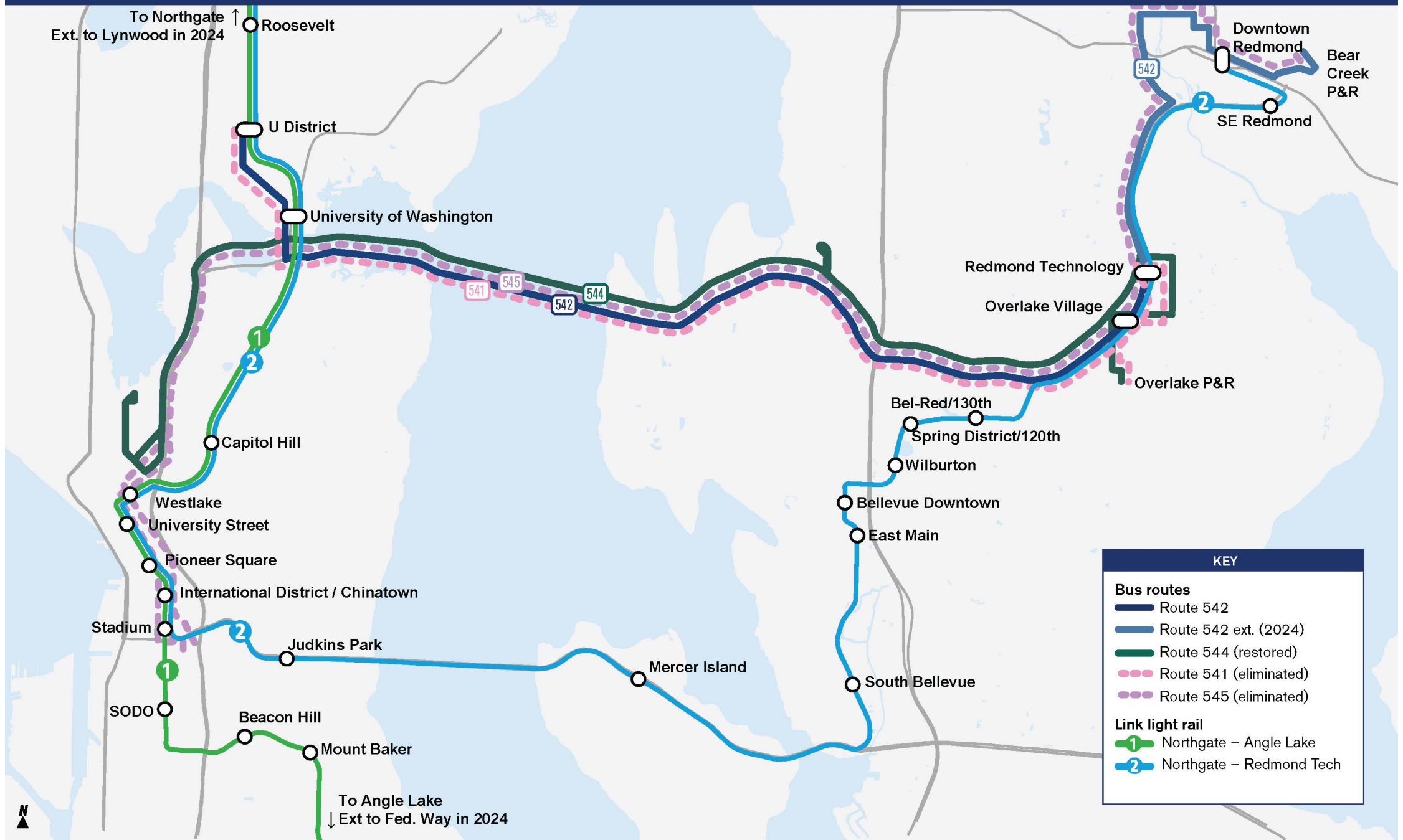
# New Route 256

-  New Route 256 - Proposed peak-only route
-  East Link line & station
-  Permanent Park&Ride
-  Half-mile walk buffer around East Link station
-  Equity Priority Area
- Selected Community Assets**
  -  College
  -  High School
  -  Library
  -  Community Center/Senior Center
  -  Emergency Shelter/Food Bank
  -  Hospital
  -  Supported Housing (50+ units)

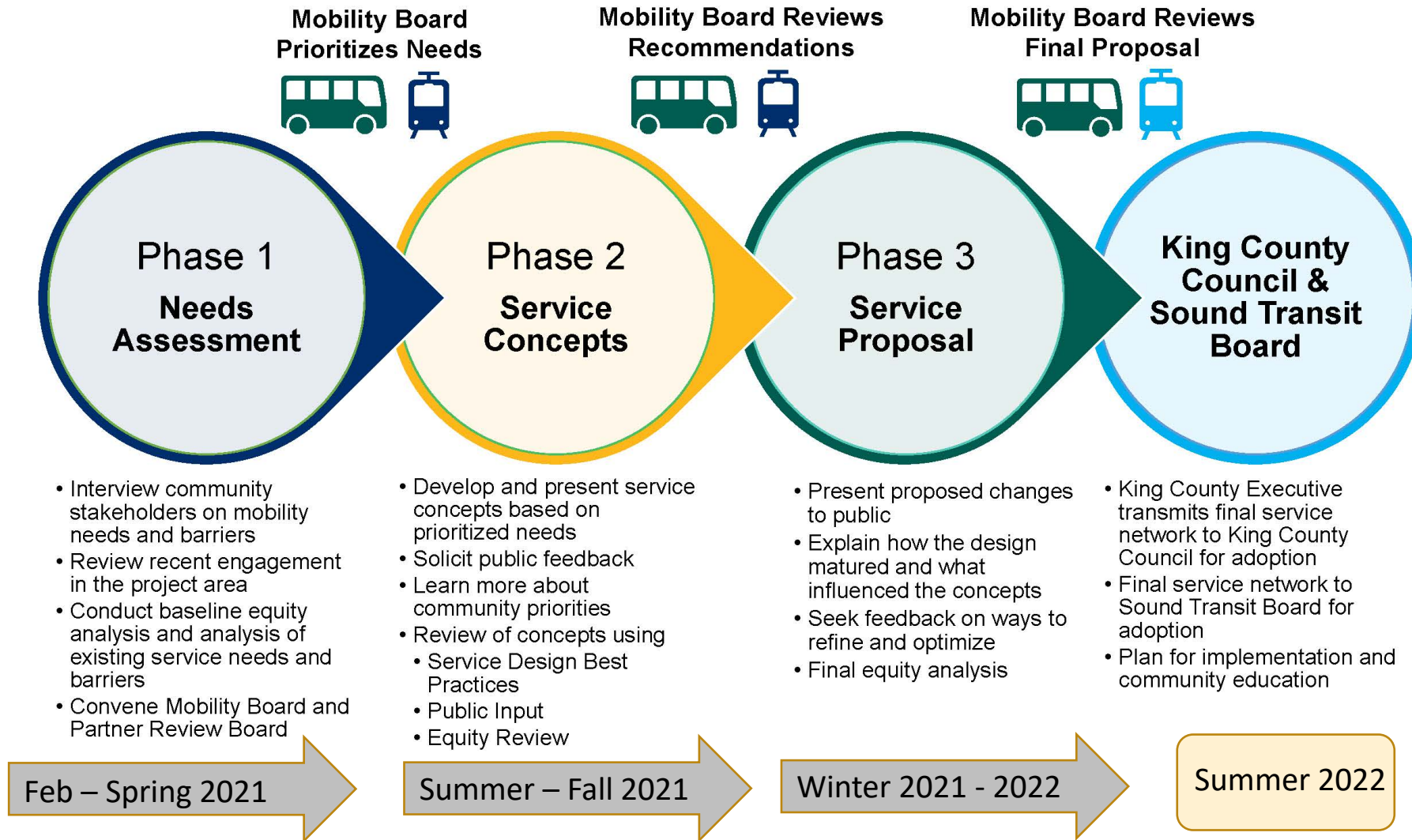




# SR-520 Map (541/542/544/545 )



# Engagement Timeline & Next Steps

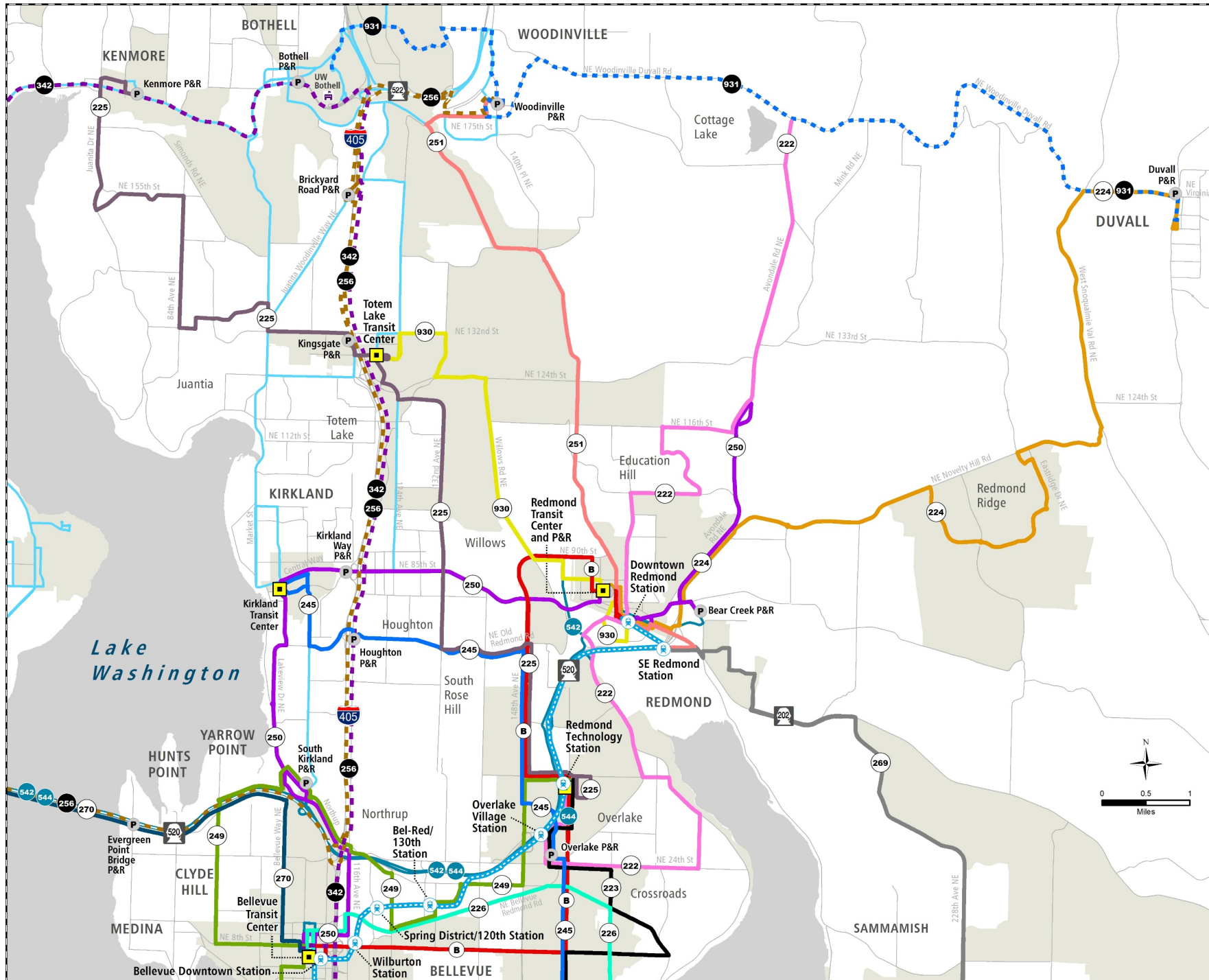


# Thank You!



For more information on East Link Connections Project:  
haveasay@kingcounty.gov or call (206) 263-1939

Visit [www.elc.participate.online](http://www.elc.participate.online)



# East Link Connections: Proposed Network in the North Subarea

## King County Metro All-Day Routes\*

- B** Bellevue-Redmond
- 222** Overlake-Cottage Lake
- 223** Overlake-Eastgate
- 224** Redmond-Duvall
- 225** Kenmore-Overlake
- 226** Bellevue-Eastgate
- 245** Kirkland-Eastgate
- 249** Overlake-Bellevue-S Bellevue
- 250** Bellevue-Kirkland-Avondale
- 251** Redmond-Woodinville
- 269** Mercer Island-Issaquah-Sammamish-Redmond
- 270** Bellevue-UW
- 930** Totem Lake-Redmond

## King County Metro Peak-Only Routes\*

- 256** Downtown Seattle- SLU-Woodinville
- 342** Shoreline-Bellevue-Renton
- 931** Bothell-Duvall

## Unchanged Metro routes\*

The following routes are not part of the East Link Connections Project and will continue with no changes:

- RT 230 - Kirkland-North Creek
- RT 231 - Kirkland-Woodinville
- RT 239 - Kirkland-UW Bothell
- RT 255 - Totem Lake-U District

*\*Note - routes 202, 240, 241 (Bellevue Transit Center- South) are not shown on this map*

## Sound Transit Services

- R** Proposed East Link light rail & station
- #** Sound Transit Express bus routes

## Highest Equity Priority Areas

**■** Transit Center

**P** Permanent Park&Ride

The use of the information in this map is subject to the terms and conditions found at [www.kingcounty.gov/eastlink](http://www.kingcounty.gov/eastlink). Maps/terms-of-use.aspx. Your access and use is conditioned on your acceptance of these terms & conditions.  
CF: G:\ColetteTemp\EastLink\MXD\Phase2\  
P2: NorthProposedRoutes October 6, 2011

