



Regional Transit News

New Sounder South Line trip; ST Express service changes

Sounder trains on the South Line are increasingly popular and to meet growing demand, a new convenient peak-period round trip is proposed between Lakewood and Seattle. For details, see the South King County/Pierce County section below.

Besides the new Sounder round trip, several important adjustments are proposed around the region to help ease overloaded bus routes. Additional ST Express peak-period service between Snohomish County and Seattle

would be added. In addition, a new Route 567 would deliver fast service between Kent Station, downtown Bellevue and the Overlake Transit Center. These and other proposed changes are outlined in this issue of Regional Transit News.

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PROPOSED SNOHOMISH COUNTY

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Fall 2013 service change

510, 511, 512, 513

Proposed peak-period service between Seattle and Everett

- Additional peak-period, peak-direction service on Routes 510 and 513 would be added to address overload conditions and make better use of available commuter parking at Eastmont Park-and-Ride.
- The segment of Route 510 between downtown Everett and Everett Station would be discontinued. Community Transit and Everett Transit provide frequent connecting service between these points.

Proposed off-peak and weekend service between Seattle, Mountlake Terrace, Lynnwood and Everett

All reverse peak, midday, night, and Saturday service on Routes 510 and 511 would be replaced with Route 512 service, identical to current Route 512 Sunday routing.

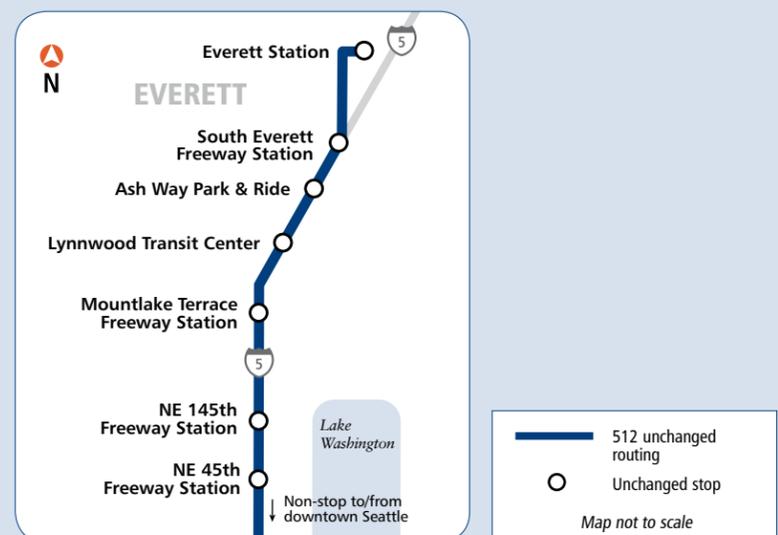
- Route 512 connects Everett Station and downtown Seattle with intermediate stops at South Everett Freeway Station, Ash Way Park-and-Ride, Lynnwood Transit Center, Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station, NE 145th Street and NE 45th Street. Route 512 does not serve downtown Everett.
- Route 512 would operate every 15 minutes in both directions during the midday and early evening and every 15 minutes in the reverse direction during peak periods. Saturday service would operate every 15–20 minutes during the day and 30 minutes during early mornings and evenings. Sunday service would continue operating every 30 minutes.

Tradeoffs: More frequent all-day service in both directions between Everett and Seattle would be implemented, and the changes would ease overcrowding and make service more consistent and easier to understand. Direct service to downtown Everett would be eliminated. Off-peak travel time between Everett and Seattle on Route 512 would be about 10 minutes longer than Route 510. Late night frequency on weekdays and Saturdays would be improved and new connections within Snohomish County would be available.

Routes 510, 511, 513



Route 512



PROPOSED SOUTH KING COUNTY/PIERCE COUNTY

Fall 2013 service change

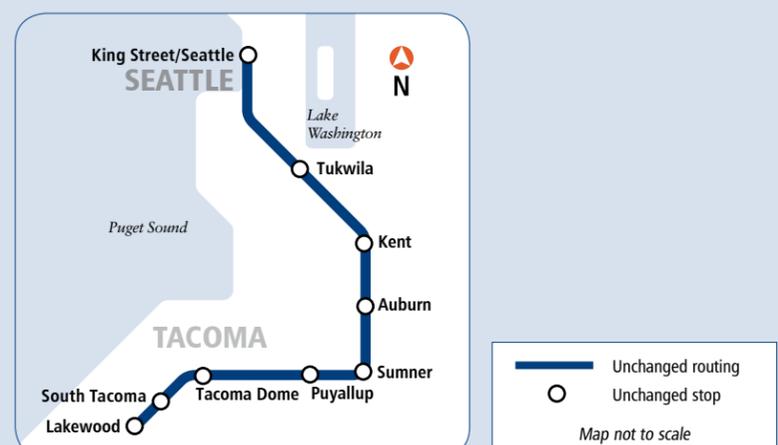
Sounder

Sounder South Line

- To accommodate growing demand for Sounder train service between Pierce County and Seattle, a new round trip on the South Line between Lakewood and Seattle would be added during the peak commuting time when capacity is most needed.
- The new round trip would provide a more convenient schedule from Lakewood and South Tacoma stations, which currently have service on five of seven peak round-trip trains, allowing customers to travel from these stations later in the morning and return earlier in the afternoon.

Tradeoffs: The new round trip will change the existing Sounder schedule and may affect current train departure times. This will also require adjustments to connecting bus routes.

Sounder South Line trains



PROPOSED EAST KING COUNTY/SOUTH KING COUNTY

Fall 2013 service change 560, 566, 567

Proposed changes to Route 566; new Route 567

- New ST Express Route 567 would provide fast, limited-stop service between Kent Station, downtown Bellevue and the Overlake Transit Center. Service would operate nonstop between Kent and Bellevue using the I-405 HOV lanes. Eight trips would be provided northbound in the morning and eight trips southbound in the afternoon, with convenient scheduled connections to and from Sounder trains at Kent Station. One-way travel time between Kent and Bellevue would be reduced by at least 10 minutes compared with current Route 566 service.
- Route 566 service would operate every 15–30 minutes northbound during the morning peak period and every 15–30 minutes southbound during the afternoon peak period. Reverse-peak service would run every 30 minutes (southbound a.m./northbound p.m.). Most trips would start or end at Auburn Station.
- Low-ridership midday trips on Route 566 would be discontinued. Southbound service would operate from approximately 6–9:30 a.m. and from 1:30–11 p.m., and northbound service would operate from approximately 4:45–11 a.m. and from 3:30–9:30 p.m.
- Existing Route 560 would provide partial alternative service every 30 minutes during the midday between Renton and Bellevue when Route 566 is not operating.
- Savings from Route 566 efficiencies would be used to address peak period overcrowding on Route 545 Redmond–Seattle, Route 550 Bellevue–Seattle and Route 577 Federal Way–Seattle.

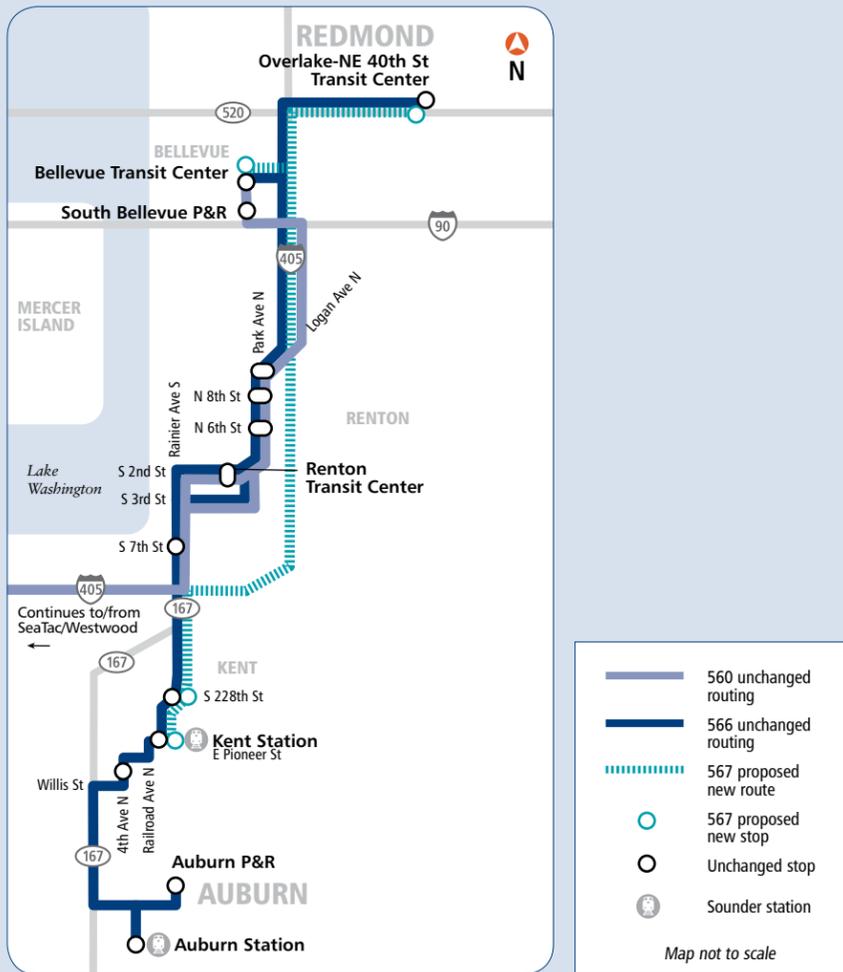
Tradeoffs: The midday reduction on Route 566 would free resources for additional peak period service in the East and South King County subareas when demand is highest, but there would be a long gap in midday express service between Auburn, Kent and Renton. New Route 567 would provide faster service between Kent and Bellevue/Overlake, but would reduce frequency in Renton. However, seats for passengers will remain available in Renton because many Kent passengers will choose Route 567 over Route 566.

Proposed changes to Route 560

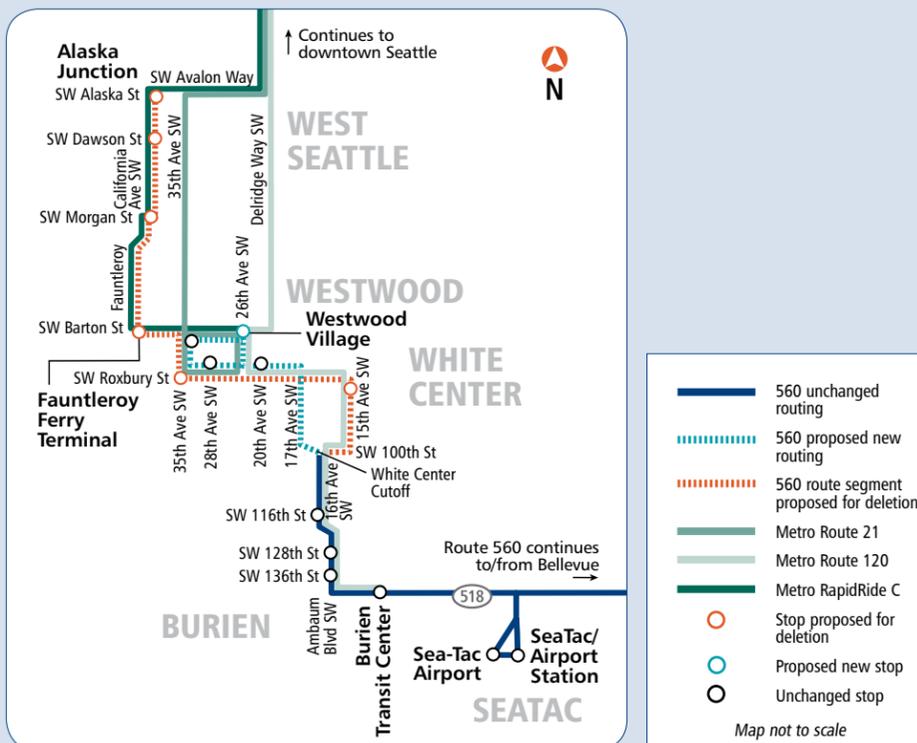
- The weekday, peak-only segment of Route 560 between the Alaska Junction and White Center would be eliminated to avoid duplication with King County Metro's RapidRide C Line.
- The terminus of Route 560 would be moved to Metro's new transit hub at Westwood Village on SW Barton Street, where the C Line and Metro routes 21, 22, 60 and 120 converge.
- Route 560 service would operate from Westwood Village to Sea-Tac Airport and Bellevue all day, seven days a week.

Tradeoffs: In addition to simplifying Route 560, this change would make connections available to Sea-Tac Airport, Renton, and Bellevue/Overlake from West Seattle all day, seven days a week. However, existing peak period Route 560 passengers with origins and destinations north of Westwood Village would need to connect with Route 560 using frequent RapidRide C Line service or other Metro routes. Current service provides a "one-seat ride" from the West Seattle Junction to the airport and other Route 560 destinations during weekday peak periods, but multiple connections are required at other times of day and on weekends.

Proposed changes to Route 566; new Route 567



Proposed changes to Route 560



Open Houses

Tuesday, October 23, 2012
5–7 p.m.

Everett Station
First Floor
3201 Smith Ave.
Everett, WA 98201

Wednesday, October 24, 2012
5–7 p.m.

Renton Pavilion Event Center
233 Burnett Ave S.
Renton, WA 98057

Thursday, October 25, 2012
5–7 p.m.

Westwood Village
Onboard an ST Express bus
SW Barton St. at 29th Ave. SW
SW side of Westwood Village
Seattle, WA 98126

Thursday, November 1, 2012
10–11:30 a.m.

Sound Transit Union Station
Great Hall
401 S. Jackson St.
Seattle, WA 98104

Public Hearing

Thursday, November 1, 2012
12:30–1 p.m.

Sound Transit Union Station
Ruth Fisher Board Room
401 S. Jackson St.
Seattle, WA 98104

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