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Proposed changes to Sound Transit Service June 2009 through February 2010

Voter approval of Proposition 1 in November marked a great step forward for mass transit in Central Puget Sound. The people in this region said, very strongly, that they want more Link light rail, Sounder commuter rail and ST Express bus service.

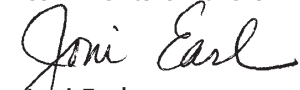
The centerpiece of Proposition 1, which we call Sound Transit 2, is adding 36 miles of light rail to the Link system that opens this year between downtown Seattle and Sea-Tac Airport. Light rail will extend north to Northgate and Lynnwood, south to Des Moines and Federal Way and east to Bellevue and Redmond. Sound Transit 2 also includes major improvements to Sounder commuter train service between Lakewood and Seattle.

But the most immediate benefits of ST2 come from a 17 percent increase in ST Express regional bus service.

This issue of Regional Transit News describes those bus service improvements, together with proposed changes to ST Express routes in the South King /East King county areas. The first improvements will be put in place on current ST Express routes during off-peak times when existing buses are available to provide more service. Later, as new buses are delivered, service will be added during high-demand peak periods on weekdays.

In addition to planning expanded service, Sound Transit continuously monitors its train and bus routes to make sure they are productive and cost efficient. To this end, we have developed service change proposals for South King and East Pierce county routes that deploy service more efficiently, reduce service duplication, improve reliability and decrease travel time.

Thank you for riding Sound Transit. We welcome your comments and suggestions on our proposed service changes. Use the attached survey card, or send us your comments on the online survey form at www.soundtransit.org.


Joni Earl
Sound Transit CEO

JUNE 2009 SERVICE CHANGE

More trips added to the following ST Express bus routes:

- Route 510 Everett-Seattle
- Route 511 Ash Way-Seattle
- Route 513 Everett-Seattle
- Route 522 Woodinville-Seattle
- Route 532 Everett-Bellevue
- Route 535 Lynnwood-Bellevue
- Route 545 Redmond-Seattle
- Route 550 Bellevue-Seattle
- Route 554 Issaquah-Seattle

New ST Express Route 578 "Sounder Shadow" Bus Service:

- New Route 578 will provide early evening express bus service from downtown Seattle to Federal Way Transit Center, Auburn Station, Sumner Station and Puyallup Station, supplementing existing Route 577 and Sounder service.

Expanded Sounder Southline Service

SEPTEMBER 2009 SERVICE CHANGE

Off-peak service improvements are proposed on the following ST Express bus routes:

Route 510 Everett-Seattle: Increase Sunday service from every 60 minutes to every 30 minutes.

Route 511 Ash Way-Seattle: Increase weekday midday service from every 30 minutes to every 15 minutes.

Route 550 Bellevue-Seattle: Increase Saturday daytime service from every 30 minutes to every 15 minutes.

Route 554 Issaquah-Seattle: Increase Sunday morning service from every 60 minutes to every 30 minutes.

Open Houses

Tuesday, Feb. 3

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Federal Way Community Center
876 South 333rd St.

Served by King County Metro DART Route 903

Tuesday Feb. 10

3 - 6 p.m.

Bellevue Transit Center, Rider Services Building
10850 N.E. Sixth Street

Served by ST Express Routes 532, 535, 550, 555, 556, 560, 564, 565 and King County Metro Routes 222, 230, 232, 233, 234, 237, 240, 243, 249, 253, 261, 271, 342, 921

Thursday, Feb. 12

3 - 7:30 p.m.

Sumner City Hall, Council Chambers, 1st floor
1104 Maple Street

Served by: Sounder, ST Express Routes 564, 582 and Pierce Transit Routes 408, 409, 496

Information about proposed satellite parking options for Sounder commuters utilizing Puyallup and Sumner stations will also be available.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Everett Station Lobby
3 - 7 p.m.

3201 Smith Ave.

Served by ST Express Routes 510, 513, 532; Community Transit Routes 100, 200, 201, 202, 270, 271, 275, 280; Everett Transit Routes 1, 4, 8, 9, 16, 20, 23; Island Transit Route 412 and Skagit Transit Route 90x

Updated information about Everett Station construction will also be available

Thursday, Feb. 19

3 - 7 p.m.

Renton City Hall, Council Chambers, 7th floor
1055 South Grady Way

Served by King County Metro Routes 101, 148, 153, 247

Wednesday, Feb. 25

5 - 7 p.m.

West Seattle Senior Center
4217 SW Oregon St.

Served by ST Express Route 560 and King County Metro Routes 22, 37, 51, 53, 54, 55, 57, 128

Public Hearing

Thursday, April 2

Noon - 12:30 p.m.

Ruth Fisher Board Room
Sound Transit Headquarters
Union Station, Great Hall
401 South Jackson St.

Many bus routes serve this downtown location. Please call 1-888-889-6368 for more information

Tell us what you think—fill out a questionnaire

These proposals are subject to review and approval by the Sound Transit Board. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Please send your input by April 2:

Fill out the **2009 SIP Amendment Questionnaire** and

- Mail it to Sound Transit postage paid
- Fill out an on-line version at www.soundtransit.org/sip
- E-mail your comments to fastride@soundtransit.org

Leave a message at 1-866-940-4387

February 2010 Service Change

Major changes proposed for routes serving West Seattle, South King County, Bellevue and East Pierce County include:

NEW Route 566 Redmond-Auburn (Replaces portions of Route 564 and Route 565):

- This new route would provide weekday service between Auburn Station and Overlake Transit Center, with intermediate stops at the Auburn Park-and-Ride, Kent, Renton, and Bellevue. Service would operate every 30 minutes or better from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. then hourly until 11 p.m. Additional Route 566 trips would operate between Kent Station and Overlake providing 8-30 minute service between these points during peak periods.
- East Pierce County customers who now use Route 564 for travel to East King County would instead board Sounder trains at Puyallup or Sumner and transfer to frequent Route 566 express bus service at Kent Station. By using Sounder between Puyallup and Kent, commuters would avoid traffic delays on SR-167 between these points.
- Park-and-ride capacity will be expanded at Puyallup and Sumner, and Route 566 would serve the Auburn Park-and-Ride at 15th Street NW, which has considerable parking capacity.
- Route 565 customers who now ride from Federal Way to Auburn would use new Route 578 or new Route 584 and connect with other services at Auburn Station. King County Metro Route 181 also connects Federal Way with Auburn Station.

DISCONTINUED Route 564 South Hill-Overlake:

- This route would be replaced by new Route 566 Auburn-Overlake, expanded Sounder train service between Puyallup Station and Kent Station, and new Routes 578 and 584, which would connect the Puyallup, Sumner and Auburn stations.
- Sound Transit buses would no longer serve the South Hill Park-and-Ride and South Hill Transit Center.

DISCONTINUED Route 565 Federal Way-Overlake:

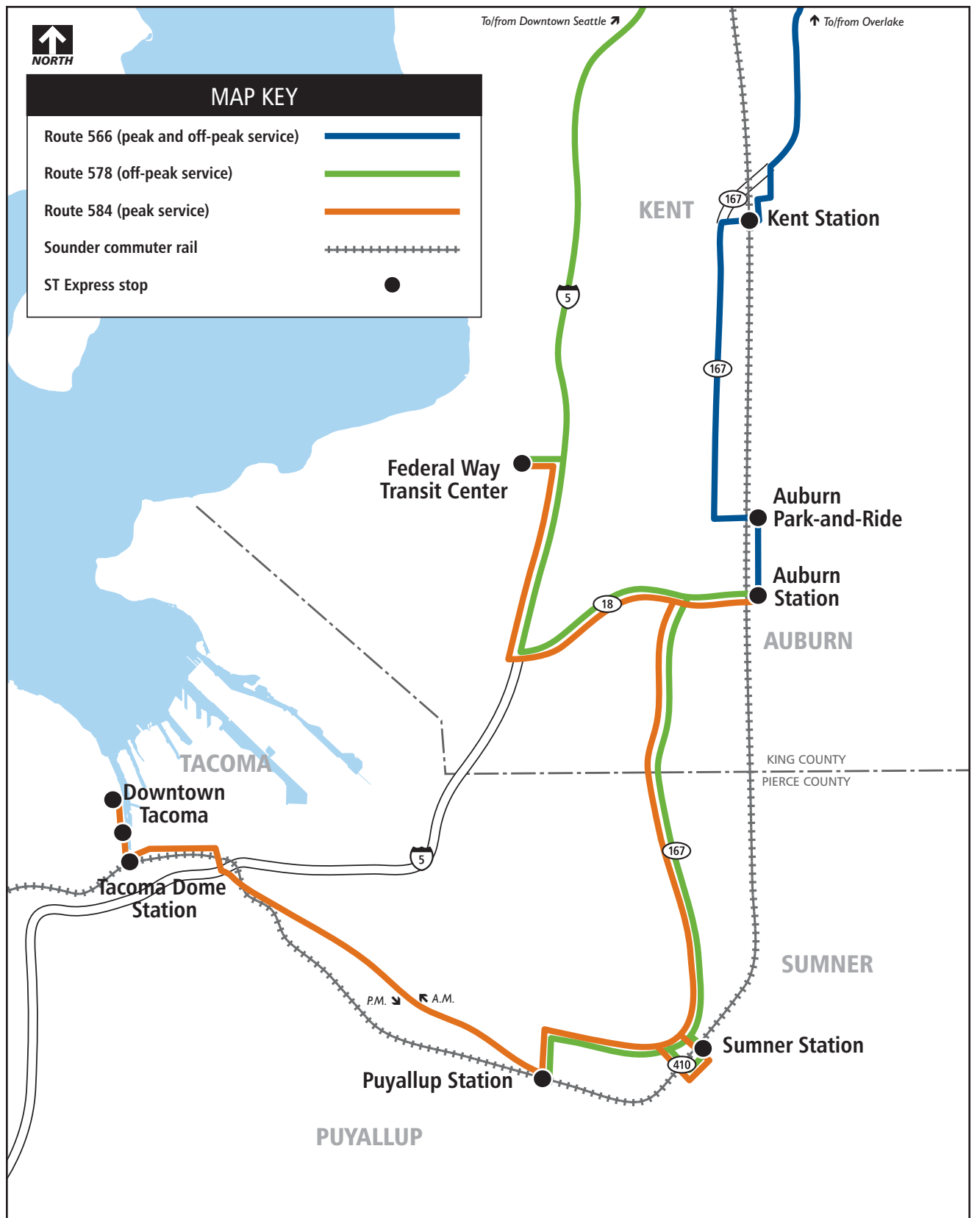
- This route would be replaced by new Route 566 Auburn-Overlake and new Routes 578 and 584, which would connect Federal Way Transit Center with Auburn Station.

NEW Route 584 Federal Way-Auburn-Summer-Puyallup-Tacoma

- This route would provide weekday peak period service from Federal Way to Tacoma with intermediate stops at Auburn Station, Sumner Station and Puyallup Station. Service would be directional, operating from Federal Way to Tacoma during morning peak periods and from Tacoma to Federal Way in the afternoon peak. Schedules would be coordinated with Sounder to provide departures at least every 30 minutes between Auburn, Sumner, Puyallup and Tacoma.

DISCONTINUED Route 582 Bonney Lake-Tacoma

- This route would be replaced by new Route 584 and expanded Sounder train service between Sumner and Tacoma.



NEW Route 578 Puyallup-Seattle Via Federal Way:

- Similar to Route 577, Route 578 would operate non-stop between downtown Seattle and Federal Way Transit Center, but would continue past Federal Way to Sounder train stations in Auburn, Sumner and Puyallup. Route 578 would start in June 2009 with southbound weekday evening service only. In February 2010, service would expand to operate in both directions during the midday on weekdays.
- Route 578 would provide "shadow" express bus service to Auburn, Sumner and Puyallup during the midday and evening time periods when Sounder trains do not operate, offering more schedule options for downtown Seattle customers who board at these stations.
- Route 577 and Route 578 would offer a combined 30-minute service between downtown Seattle and Federal Way Transit Center during the midday and early evening on weekdays.



Route 574 Lakewood-Sea-Tac Airport:

- Service levels would increase on Route 574 between Federal Way Transit Center and Sea-Tac Airport, since this route would replace Metro Route 194 service south of the airport.
- Routing near Sea-Tac Airport would be modified to serve the new SeaTac/Airport light rail station. Route 574 would continue to serve the existing bus stop at the arrivals level of the airport.

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Route 577 Federal Way-Seattle:

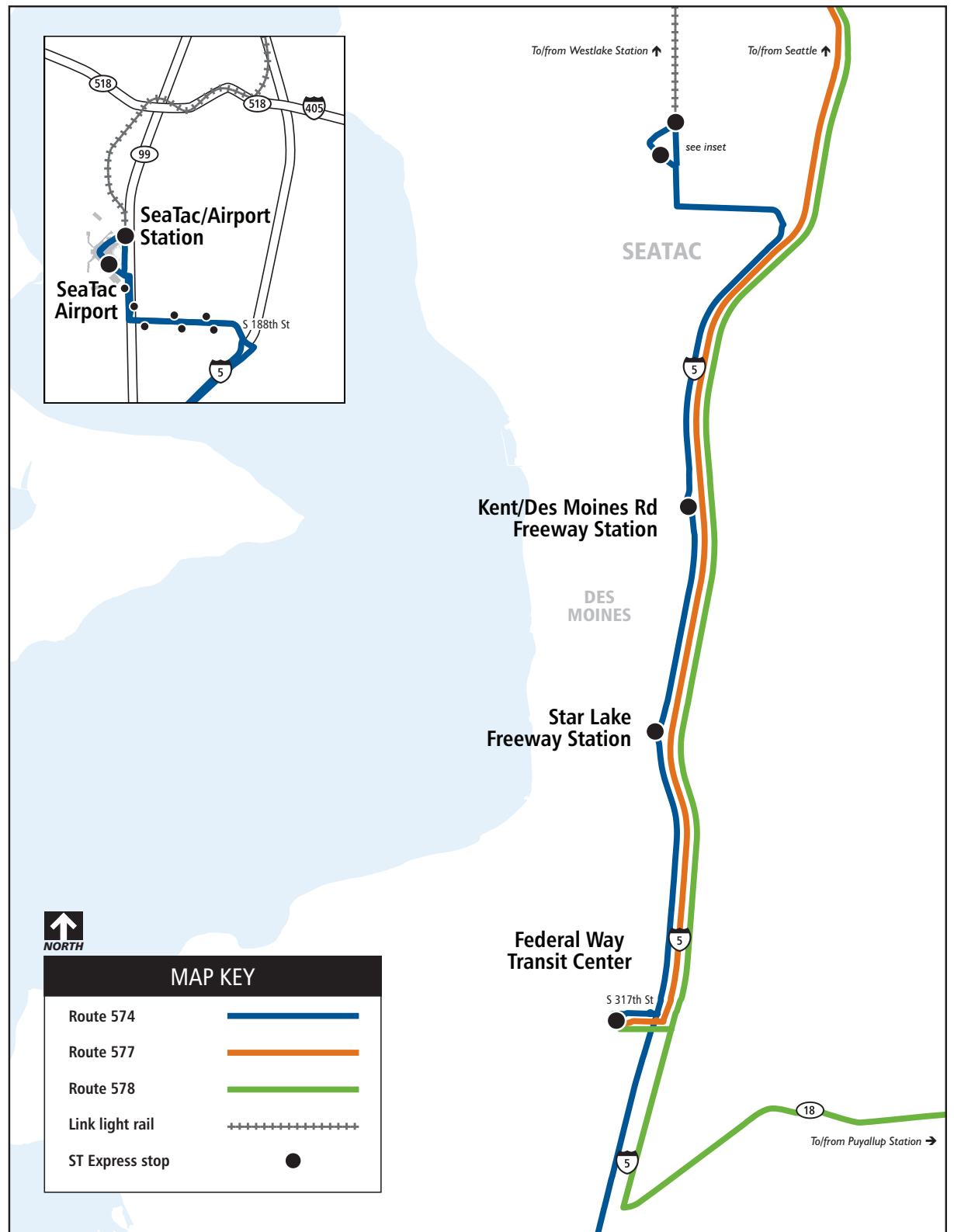
- This route would expand to provide all-day, two-way express service between Federal Way Transit Center and downtown Seattle seven days a week, replacing the Federal Way-downtown Seattle service now provided by Metro Route 194. By operating non-stop, travel time between Federal Way and downtown would improve from 60 minutes to about 40 minutes.

Metro Route 179 Twin Lakes-Federal Way-Downtown Seattle:

- King County Metro proposes modifying Route 179 to serve the Federal Way Transit Center. This change would supplement the current ST Express Route 577 service between downtown Seattle and Federal Way Transit Center during peak commute times.

Metro Route 194 Federal Way-Sea-Tac Airport-Downtown Seattle:

- King County Metro proposes discontinuing Route 194, with replacement service provided by Link light rail between downtown Seattle and Sea-Tac Airport, ST Express Route 574 between Sea-Tac Airport and Federal Way, and ST Express Routes 577/578 operating non-stop between downtown Seattle and Federal Way.



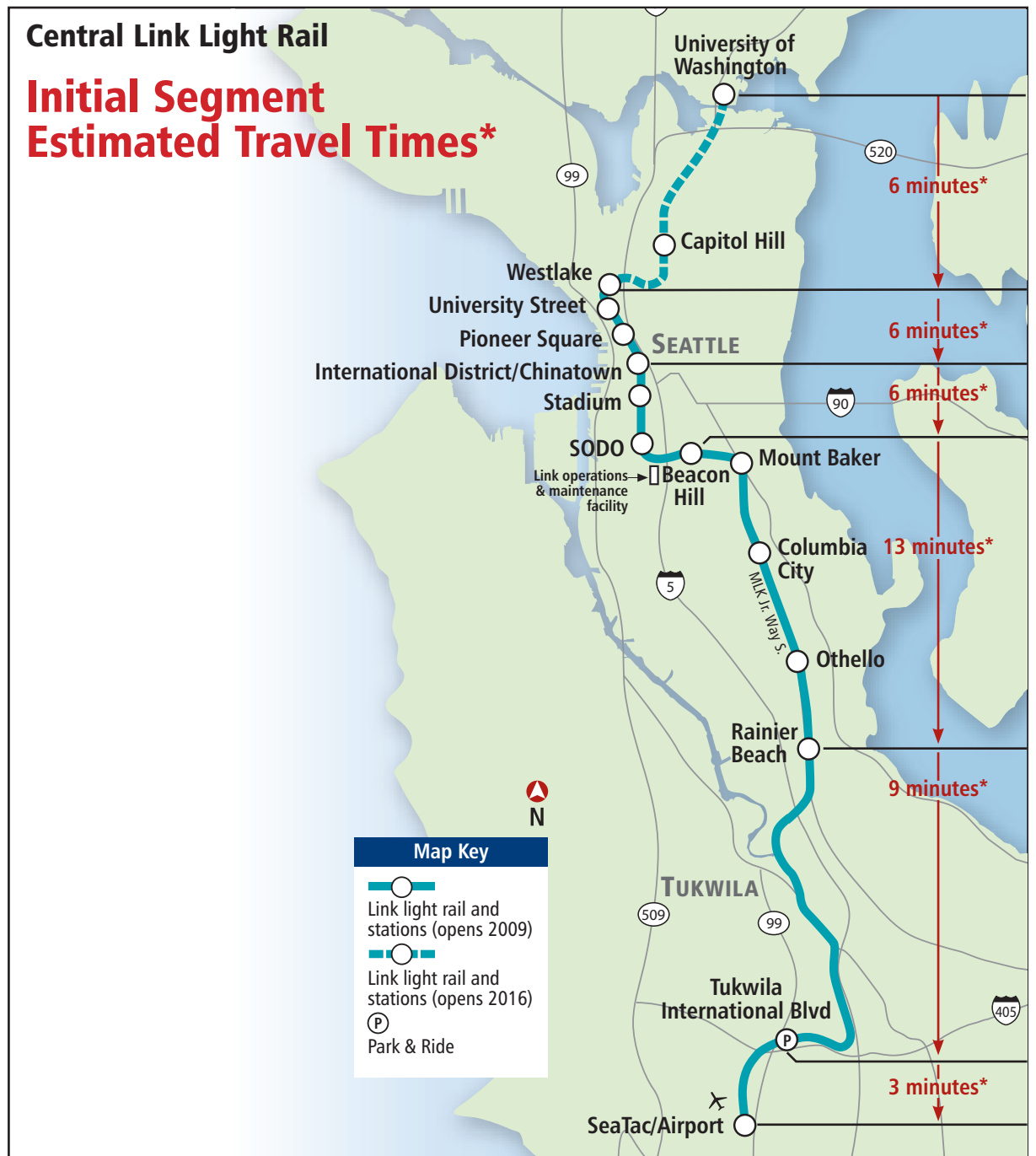
Light rail starts in July



Link light rail passenger service begins in July 2009. The electric-powered trains will initially run between Westlake Station in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel and the Tukwila International Blvd. Station in Tukwila (see attached map). A temporary

bus shuttle will connect light rail passengers to Sea-Tac Airport. By late 2009, Link will extend from Tukwila International Blvd. Station directly to the SeaTac/Airport Station, replacing the temporary shuttle. Proposed service levels would provide Link service from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. on weekdays and Saturdays, and from 6 a.m. to midnight on Sundays and holidays. Frequent service is proposed, with trains operating about every 6 to 8 minutes during weekday peak periods and every 10 to 15 minutes at other times.

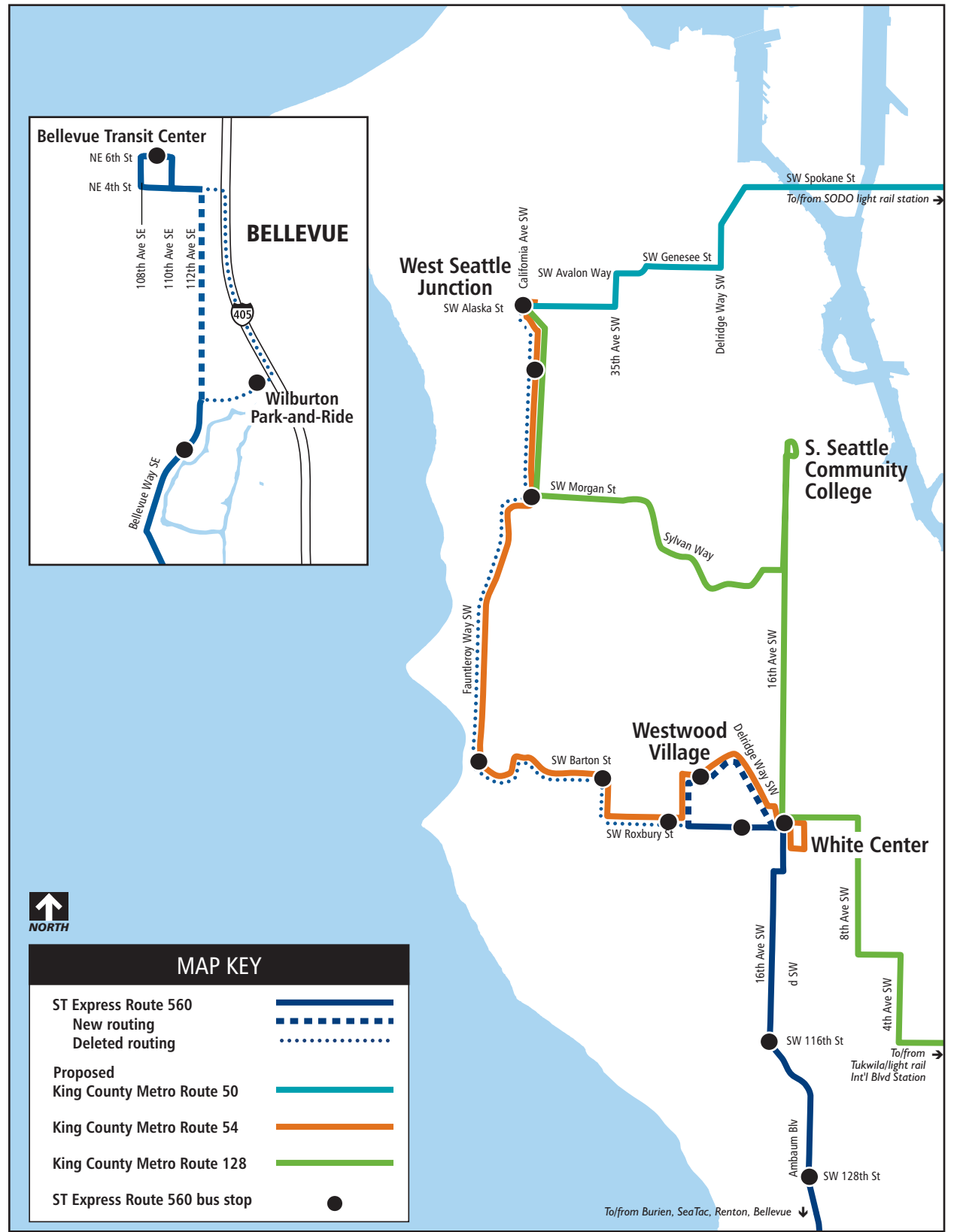
Travel time on Link trains will be unaffected by highway congestion. Most of the route is on exclusive right-of-way, either used by Link trains only or on transit right-of-way shared with buses. Where Link trains cross at street level, trains will have priority over intersecting traffic with signals protecting the train movements. As a result, Link service is expected to be dependable and consistently on-time.



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Route 560 Bellevue-SeaTac-West Seattle:

- The section of Route 560 between the West Seattle Junction and White Center would be deleted to eliminate duplication with Metro Route 54. Route 54 is almost identical with Route 560 between these points. Route 560 would be modified to end at Westwood Village Shopping Center, where connections would be scheduled with Route 54.
- King County Metro is proposing changes to West Seattle bus routes that would provide alternate ways to reach Sea-Tac Airport via Link light rail. Proposed new Metro Route 50 would connect West Seattle Junction with the SODO Link station, while a proposed revision to Metro Route 128 would provide a connection from West Seattle to Link at the Tukwila International Boulevard Station
- The section of Route 560 between South Bellevue Park-and-Ride and Bellevue Transit Center would be changed to operate along 112th Avenue between SE 8th Street and NE 6th Street. The route would no longer serve Wilburton Park-and-Ride.



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Frequency of Service February 2010 — Link light rail and ST Express bus (in minutes)

Route	AM Peak	PM Peak	Midday	Evening	Saturday	Sunday
Link light rail	6-8	6-8	10	10-15	10	10
510	10-30	10-30	30	30-60	30	30
511	30	30	15	30-60	30	30
513	6 trips	5 trips	-	-	-	-
522	5-30	6-30	30	30-60	30	30
532	10-30	15-30	-	-	-	-
545	5-15	5-15	15	15-60	30	30
550	5-15	7-15	15	15-30	15	30
554	30	15-30	15	20-60	30	30
560	30	30	30	30-60	60	60
566	8-30	8-30	30	30-60	-	-
574	15-30	15-30	10-30	30-60	30-60	30-60
577	15-30	15-30	60	60	60	60
578	-	-	60	60	-	-
584	30	30	-	-	-	-



Sound Transit would like to hear from you about proposed changes to transit services.

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