



***Response to King County Metro  
Transit Service Reduction Proposal***

***Bellevue City Council Briefing  
May 27, 2014***

# Briefing Agenda

- 1. Background**
- 2. Proposals from King County & Seattle**
- 3. Implications of Transit Cuts for Bellevue**
- 4. Solicit Council Direction**

# Prior to Proposition 1 Vote

- **November 7, 2013:** Metro releases preliminary service reduction proposal
- **January 14, 2014:** Bellevue responds with proposal to preserve routes 234, 235, 245, and 271
- **February 7, 2014:** Metro concludes community outreach process
- **April 22, 2014:** Proposition No. 1 vote defeated

# After Proposition 1 Vote

- **April 24:** King County Executive releases service reduction proposal
- **May 12:** County Executive announces proposed Community Mobility Contracts option for cities
- **May 13:** Seattle Mayor announces November 14 ballot measure proposal
- **May 15:** Open house/public hearing at Bellevue City Hall

# King County Executive's Proposal & Principles

## **Proposal**

1. Provide Community Mobility Contracts
2. Conduct peer review and financial audit
3. Establish customer service panel

## **Principles**

1. Secure legislative approval of statewide revenue package
2. Maintain Metro as a regional system
3. Service purchase is temporary
4. Preserve as much service as possible

# Seattle Mayor's Proposed Ballot Measure

- 1. Raises \$45 million/year**
- 2. Preserves 90% of Metro's cuts in Seattle**
- 3. Creates \$3 million in matching funds**



# Implications of Reduction Proposal in Bellevue

- **Plan affects 26 of the 33 Metro routes in Bellevue**
- **Approximately 35,000 daily weekday rides**



**Commuters**



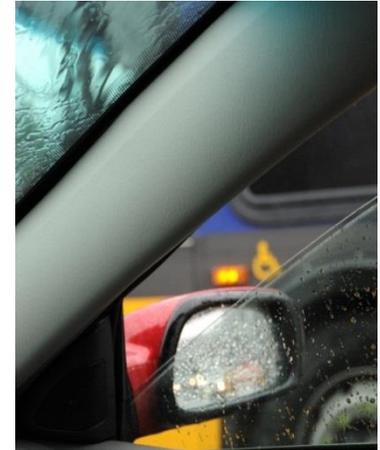
**Students**



**People with  
Disabilities**



**Seniors**



**Roadway Users**

# Metro Service Changes for Bellevue

- **September 2014**

- 7 routes deleted (210, 211, 215, 243, 250, 265, 280)
- 2 routes revised (212, 249)

- **February 2015**

- 1 route deleted (237)
- 6 routes revised (221, 234, 235, 255, 271, 342)

- **June 2015**

- Route deleted (242)

- **September 2015**

- 3 routes deleted (167, 217, 244)
- 9 routes revised (111, 114, 212, 226, 232, 240, 241, 249, 269)

# Impacts: Themes from Community Outreach



## Reduced Frequency

- Longer Waiting Times
- More Difficult Connections
- Reduced Reliability
- Routes 'Too Infrequent To Be Useful'

## Reduced Hours of Operation

- Reduced Mobility at Night
- Reduced Access for Swing Shift Workers
- Reduced 24/7 Urban Vitality

# Impacts: Themes from Community Outreach



## Reduced Access

- Bellevue College
- Eastgate/I-90 Offices



## Deleted Routes

- More Overcrowding
- More Transfers
- Longer Commutes
- More People Driving



# Next Steps: Transit Master Plan

- **Next Briefing on Cuts:** June 23 or 7/7?
- **June 2, 2014:** Presentation of Transportation Commission's Draft Transit Master Plan to Council
- **June 26, 2014:** Public hearing on Draft Transit Master Plan held before the Transportation Commission
- **July 7, 2014:** Proposed Council action on the Transit Master Plan