

My name is Jack Papegaay and I am here to object to the proposed cancellation of route # 72.

This route serves several neighborhoods including Lake City and Ravenna and provides direct service to downtown and to the upper part of the University District.

Now let me say up front that I don't have a problem in transferring to the Link Right Rail but I do object to what Metro is proposing in replacing route #72.

What Metro is proposing is that riders of route # 72 use instead route #372 which does not serve the Light Rail Station but instead goes through the University of Washington campus meaning that to transfer to Light Rail riders would have to walk across the campus from Stevens Way to do so. According to Metro that should take about 5 minutes. Well I have walked from Stevens Way to Husky Stadium when I have attended football games and used the Metro Husky bus service and it is a lot longer then 5 minutes. This is also not a covered walkway so riders would have to endure all kinds of weather to be able to make the transfer. This is ridiculous and yet Metro calls this an improvement.

If Metro considers this is an improvement in service then their definition of improvement is a heck of lot different then mine. This is not improvement in service but instead it is a degradation of service.

So not only do the riders lose their direct service to downtown that they currently have but to go to downtown in the future they have to walk across the campus. But only that the riders on route # 72 will also lose their direct service to the upper part of the University District and will have to transfer to do so in the future. Again Metro calls this an improvement in service but it is not. Again this is a degradation of service.

To me route #72 should be continued on the route it has now but when it arrives at University Way and Campus Parkway instead turning right as it does now it should continue down University Way to Pacific and turn left to the Link Light Rail and loop around the station. It would then go back the same way to University Way and then back to Lake City as it does now. By doing so it would provide a direct transfer to Light Rail but also continue to provide direct service to the University District. I have suggested this to Metro but they claim there is no room at the Light Rail Station for a layover point for that but what I am proposing is not a layover but just looping around the station. This is no different then routes 10, 11 and 47 that come from Capitol Hill down Pine Street to 2nd Ave turn left on Pike Street and returning to Capitol Hill without laying over.

I also like to point out that route # 372 during the school year on many of its trips to the campus is already standing room only when it has come by my stop and now Metro wants to add the riders of Route #72 to that. That makes no sense. Also route #372 serves the students and faculty on the campus while riders of route # 72 want to go to the University District and downtown. So these 2 routes serve two different sets of riders.

I am also frustrated that prior to the vote on the Seattle ballot issue earlier to support Metro the taxpayers were told that if we vote to raise our taxes Metro said that it would allow them to maintain current service and improve it in the future. Well this proposed cancellation of route # 72 is not

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maintaining current service and it definitely not improving service. Also after looking at all of the proposed changes that Metro want to make to service in NE Seattle it seems that Metro lied to the taxpayers and instead is giving the middle finger to the riders of NE Seattle.

Thank you.