

Meeting Comments 10/6/15

My specific concern is **deletion** of parts of the #16 bus route. I've filed written comments but don't want to repeat myself here, just a couple of points.

1.) Metro has done a lot of publicity, promotion, and outreach, but I submit that, even with their "thorough and robust public process" (as they call it), Metro has **still** been less than fully forthcoming about their proposed service **deletions**.

There's a good turnout of transit patrons here tonight, but I think it's just a fraction of those who would be affected by these changes had they been fully informed.

I am a frequent #16 bus rider, saw bus stop posters and notices on buses saying "more buses, faster better service, light rail connections, thank you taxpayers, how to comment", but I saw **zero** notices about proposed service deletions.

I'm not particularly civically active, I finally did hear something about these deletions, spent looking through the Metro Web site, did find some details... but how many other bus riders would have done that and how many are still even today uninformed about these deletion proposals.

I would suggest voting on these Metro proposals might be premature until you have heard **real feedback** from the large number of **still uninformed** bus patrons who would be adversely affected.

I would suggest using **specific clear future notifications** along the lines of "**future service deletions on this route are now being proposed. To learn more or comment:.....**"

2.) Whole issue of #16 deletions could perhaps be avoided by simply extending the present #26 (which now dead ends at Green Lake) out into NE Seattle as Metro proposes to do with their new #62.

I understand that there could be some academic or theoretical motivations for greater overall system efficiency by deleting parts of the #16 and entangling and interchanging the #16 & #26 as Metro proposes, but compare that to the very real and immediate disturbance and disruption to long-time #16 patrons. Is it worth it?

So my request: Please do not just simply rubber stamp Metro's proposals