

Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE approving March 2019 public transportation service changes for King County.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. The proposed changes to Metro's fixed route transit network include changes that affect service in the cities of Bellevue, Bothell, Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, Kirkland, Medina, Mercer Island, Redmond, Seattle and Yarrow Point.

 The proposed changes are consistent with the policy direction and priorities adopted in Ordinance 18301, enacted June 16, 2016, in the 2015 update to King County Metro's Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 and associated Service Guidelines.

5. Construction of the final phase of the SR-520 floating bridge replacement project will close the Montlake Freeway Station at Montlake Blvd and SR-520 in Seattle, requiring changes to all routes that currently serve these stops.

7. The Service Guidelines direct Metro to reduce duplication of service where routes overlap or serve common destinations.

8. In 2018, Metro conducted public outreach concerning proposed changes to service on Mercer Island provided by routes 201 and 204.

9. The proposed service changes would eliminate Route 201 with the March 2019 service change. A related administrative change would reinvest hours from the eliminated Route 201 into Route 204 in order to provide Saturday service.

10. The proposed service changes would also convert Route 204 from a fixed-route service to a Dial-A-Ride-Transit (DART) route. This would allow DART vehicles operating on Route 204 to pick up and drop off riders by reservation within a designated flexible service area off of the fixed route.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The March 2019 public transportation service changes for King

County, substantially as described in Attachment A to this ordinance, are hereby approved and shall be implemented effective March 23, 2019.