

# City Manager's Weekly Update May 8, 2015

# **King County Adds Bus Service**

Late last week, King County Executive Constantine announced that Metro plans to invest up to \$89 million for 69,000 additional hours of annual bus service in corridors that have been hit by recent service reductions. Approximately one-third of the 69,000 annual hours of new service could take effect as soon as this September, with the remaining amount to be added in March 2016 contingent on Metro's ability to purchase new coaches and hiring bus operators.

Investments will be made in the following transit corridors:

- Riders using routes along I-5 that connect Federal Way, Renton, Kent and Shoreline to Seattle.
- Riders using routes that provide connections between the SR 520, I-405 and I-90 corridors and Seattle.
- Riders in Des Moines and Burien heading to Seattle via the Fourth Avenue and SR99 corridors.
- Riders who use routes that connect the south county cities of Kent, Covington and Maple Valley.
- Riders using transit between eastside cities from Woodinville to Renton.
- Riders of routes between Bothell, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, and Seattle's University District.

Metro has published a list of <u>routes affected and a service map</u>, in addition to <u>frequently asked</u> <u>questions</u> where you can learn about where the revenues come from and how the investments are being made. For assistance, call Metro's Customer Information at 553.3000.

# **Metro Invites Comment on Long Range Plans**

King County Metro has announced plans to host two Long Range Plan outreach events to collect input on the future of transit in King County from residents and stakeholders. These visioning events will be held:

Monday, May 18
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Federal Way Council Chambers
33325 8th Ave. S. Federal Way, WA 98003 (map)
Click here for more meeting details

Tuesday, May 19
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Bellevue College (map)
Cafeteria in the Student Union building (campus map)
3000 Landerholm Circle SE Bellevue, WA 98007
Click here for more meeting details



# Comment on Light Rail Route through SeaTac until May 26

Sound Transit is asking for public comments on the extension of Link light rail south from SeaTac's Angle Lake Station at S. 200th Street. Alternatives for the 7.6-mile route include corridors paralleling Interstate 5 and State Route 99/International Boulevard.

On April 10, Sound Transit and the Federal Transit Administration published the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for extending Link light rail to Kent/Des Moines—also known as the Federal Way Link Extension. The DEIS answers questions such as:

- Could the project change the look of my neighborhood?
- How much could the project cost?
- How many people could ride light rail each day?
- Would traffic improve or get worse?
- How many homes or businesses could be displaced?
- How much noise could the project create?

Service on the new extension to Kent/Des Moines will begin in 2023 and extend to Federal Way when funding becomes available. The Sound Transit Board is scheduled to identify a preferred alternative this summer.

The public can review and comment on the DEIS at upcoming public hearings, through interactive web tools and by email or regular mail through May 26.

### **Public meetings**

Wednesday, May 6, 4:00 – 7:00 PM Public hearing begins at 5:30 PM Federal Way Community Center 876 S. 333rd Street, Federal Way Thursday, May 7, 4:00 – 7:00 PM Public hearing begins at 5:30 PM Highline College - Student Union Building 2400 S. 240th Street, Des Moines

#### Interactive web tools

Users can go to <u>federalwaylink.org</u> to watch a simulated video, build a route from alternatives and station options, and submit comments using an online form. The public can also email comments to <u>FWLE@soundtransit.org</u>, or mail them to Federal Way Link Extension, Draft EIS Comments, Sound Transit, 401 S. Jackson Street, Seattle, WA 98104.

# **Lora Lake Clean up Public Meeting**

On May 13, the Washington State Department of Ecology will host a public meeting to answer questions and receive comments on the Consent Decree and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) documents connected to the Lora Lake area sites. The Consent Decree includes the draft Cleanup Action Plan for the sites.

The meeting is from 6:00 – 9:00 PM at the Highline Public Schools' Educational Resource and Administration Center, 15675 Ambaum Boulevard SW in Burien. Port staff will participate at the meeting.

A Department of Ecology publication on the history of the Lora Lake area sites and the planned clean up can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. The publication includes further information on the May 13 public meeting and the May 4 to June 17 public comment period.

# Valley View Library May Events 17850 Military Road S, SeaTac, WA 98188

#### **Children & Families**

### **Family Story Times**

Mondays, May 11 & 18, 7:00 PM & Thursdays, May 14 & 21, 10:00 AM All ages welcome, ages 5 and younger with adult.

Stories, rhymes, song and dance!

#### **Teens**

#### Game On!

Thursday, May 28, 4:30 PM Play video games at the library! Wii, Xbox 360, PS3 and more!

### Study Zone

Monday -Thursday, 6:00 PM, No Study Zone on May 25 Grades K-12.

Drop in for free homework help from trained volunteer tutors.

#### **Adults**



#### **Knitter's Book Club**

Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 PM

Bring your current knitting project and share what you've been reading in this casual monthly gathering. Hear about some of the latest new titles and meet other knitters. Knitting needles, yarn, basic lessons and plenty of encouragement will be on hand for beginning knitters.

### **Drop-in to Learn about eBooks**

Friday, May 15, 3:00 PM

Get started with KCLS eBooks! Bring your eReader, tablet, phone or just your questions.

### Computer Class: Internet Level 1

Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 PM

Explore the benefits of the Internet. Practice navigation, searches, safety and security. Must be able to use the mouse and keyboard.

# **One-on-One Computer Help**

Saturday, May 9 & 23, 12:30 PM

Have computer or software questions? TechTutor Volunteers are here for you. You may bring your own laptop, but TechTutors cannot provide hands-on or hardware assistance.

# Sumi Art Workshop

Saturday, May 23, 2:00 PM

Explore what you can create using authentic sumi painting tools of handmade brushes, handmade rice paper and sumi (ink). You will leave the workshop, presented by Japanese art specialists Midori Thiel or Hae Sung Yoon, with a completed sumi painting.

Registration required.

### **Valley View Library Book Club**

Cooked: A Natural History of Transformation by food writer and advocate Michael Pollan

Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 PM

Join the Valley View Library's monthly book group for lively literature discussion.

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# **More from Valley View Library**

### **Citizenship Preparation Classes**

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM

Learn how to become a United States Citizen. Study for the naturalization test, including civics questions, reading and writing English and practicing your interview skills. Classes are free, join anytime!

#### **Talk Time Classes**

Wednesdays, 1:00 PM

Practice speaking English with other English language learners. Learn about American culture and meet people from around the world. Classes are free, join anytime!

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**Todd Cutts, City Manager** 

# **Progress on New Apartments**

Site preparation has begun for the first new project in the Angle Lake Station District, The Reserve at SeaTac -- the 289-unit senior apartment development at S. 197th Street and International Boulevard. AVS Communities will commence demolition of the existing structure this week, with construction beginning immediately thereafter. An easement agreement between the City and AVS which will provide a public sidewalk for pedestrian access to and from the station was executed last week. This important agreement begins the implementation of the vision for a more walker-friendly neighborhood. It was negotiated through CED with the assistance of the Legal Department. The initiation of this project has required CED to facilitate significant coordination between the City, Sound Transit, AVS and PCL Construction due to the adjacency of this project to the light rail extension and development of the garage/plaza complex on S. 200th Street and 28th Avenue S.

