

In preparation for Sound Transit's launch of Link light rail service to the UW, Metro Transit, Sound Transit and the City of Seattle are preparing changes to bus service and taking steps to keep traffic and buses flowing smoothly in downtown Seattle during the transition. Six Metro peak service bus routes - routes 76, 77, 216, 218, 219 and 316 - are scheduled to be rerouted to surface street bus stops starting Sept. 26, 2015. By rerouting these 89 weekday trips (from a total of 1,187 trips), it allows Sound Transit to begin testing more frequent train service in the Transit Tunnel in preparation for service to UW Station in the first quarter of 2016. The City of Seattle, Metro and Sound Transit are coordinating on surface street improvements to keep transit and general traffic moving along key city corridors in preparation for this change. The Seattle Department of Transportation is lead on making these improvements, which include bus queue jumps and traffic signal improvements, more bus lanes, improved bus stop spacing and some changes to turn lanes.

