

THE SEATTLE SQUEEZE: CHAPTER 2

Prepare for buses coming out of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel forever on March 23, 2019.

- The tunnel will be permanently used by Link light rail only.
- If the bus you ride was in the tunnel, the bus will now travel on 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th Ave.
- King County Metro routes 41, 74, 101, 102, 150, 255, and Sound Transit Express Route 550 are affected. In all, 15 bus routes will be changing which streets they use.
- We're making a new peak-only bus lane on 5th and 6th Avenues downtown.
- Plan ahead and prepare for changes to your route if taking transit or driving downtown.



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1. This permanent change is to connect the new East Link light rail from downtown Seattle to the Eastside in 2023 and to accommodate the expansion of the Washington State Convention Center. This change will ensure reliable and speedy light rail service.
2. Other bus routes will be changing which streets they use - please plan ahead and know your new route before March 23.
3. To make it faster to board the buses on 3rd Ave and at stops along Westlake Ave N, tap your ORCA card before getting on the bus and board through any open door. Reminder: 3rd Ave is reserved for buses only from 6 AM - 7 PM, seven days a week.
4. This change is part of the #SeattleSqueeze, the period over the next five years where private and public construction projects will put pressure on our transportation system, changing how we all travel through and around Seattle.
5. Plan ahead and give yourself extra time to get to your destination, whether traveling by bike, bus, car, truck, or another mode of transportation.

Get Ready

Thank you for changing your commute during the three-week SR 99 closure in January 2019. We recommend you make those changes permanent! Here are other tips to help you keep moving.

1. If your bus route is moving, find your new bus stop at kingcounty.gov/metro.
2. Leave earlier or later and enjoy everything there is to offer downtown!
3. Avoid driving if possible. Try a different mode of transportation, such as bus, bicycle, or train.
4. Expect extra travel time, and stay patient and flexible.
5. Tell us your questions and ideas.
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