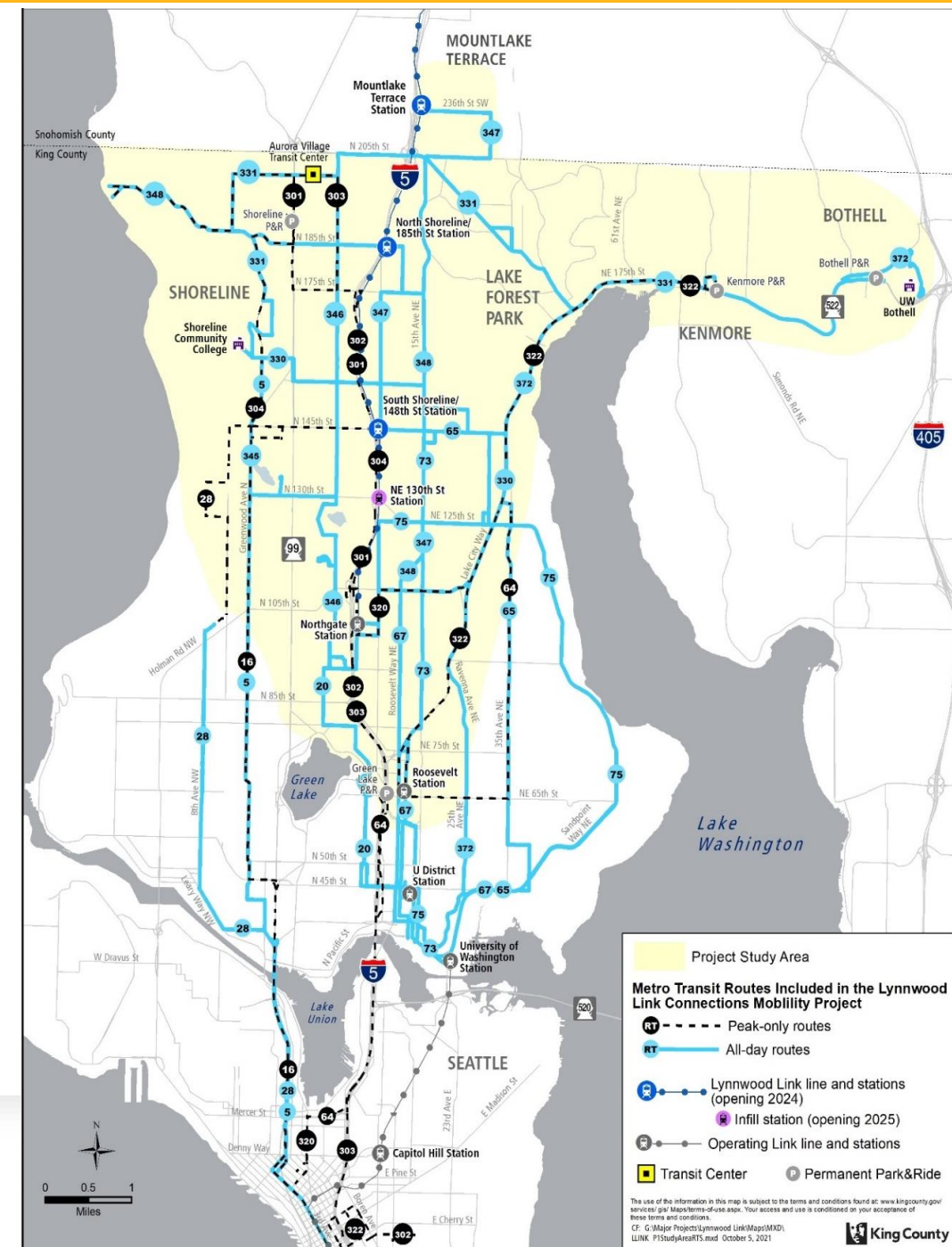# Lynnwood Link Connections

Phase 3, Lake Forest Park City Council

August 10, 2023

Project Scope

- **Project routes -** *23 Routes (15 All-day and 8 peak-only)*

  - All-day Routes: 5, 20, 28, 45, 65, 67, 73, 75, 330, 331, 345, 346, 347, 348, 372

  - Peak-Only Routes: 16X, 64, 301, 302, 303, 304, 320, 322

- **Project area** – Focus area for targeted engagement and equity analysis

- **Note:** Coordination with Sound Transit on the planning of the 522 corridor
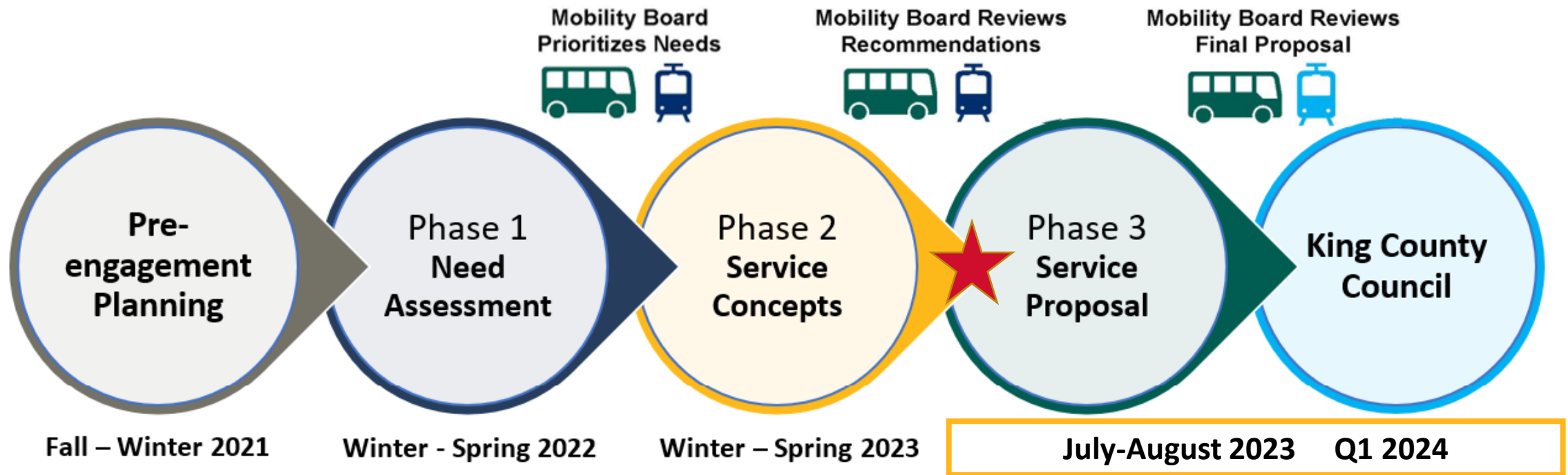
Project Goals

1. **Improve mobility** for priority populations (as defined by the Mobility Framework), who are an important part of our current and potential customer base.

2. **Equitably inform, engage, and empower** current and potential customers traveling in the project area

3. **Deliver integrated service** that responds to Link expansion, changes in the transit network, and community needs

4. **Improve the efficiency**, **effectiveness**, and **environmental sustainability** of the transit system

Project goals are consistent with the common restructuring goals in the new Service Guidelines

Engagement Timeline

	Mobility Board Prioritizes Needs	Mobility Board Reviews Recommendations	Mobility Board Reviews Final Proposal

Pre-engagement Planning → Phase 1 Need Assessment → Phase 2 Service Concepts → ⭐ Phase 3 Service Proposal → King County Council

Fall – Winter 2021   Winter - Spring 2022   Winter – Spring 2023   July-August 2023   Q1 2024

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Phase 3 Service Proposal Highlights

- Continuing to shift toward an all-day frequent network that includes more evening and weekend bus service, and less peak-only service.

- Link light rail will provide very frequent north-south service allowing for new and improved east-west bus service that does not exist today.

- Maintaining or improving convenient transit access for Equity Priority Areas and priority populations.

Proposed Routes Connecting to New Link Stations

Mountlake Terrace Station
331 333 Community Transit Routes

Shoreline North/185th Station
348 365 SWIFT

Shoreline South/148th Station
65 72 333 345 365 522

NE 130th St Station
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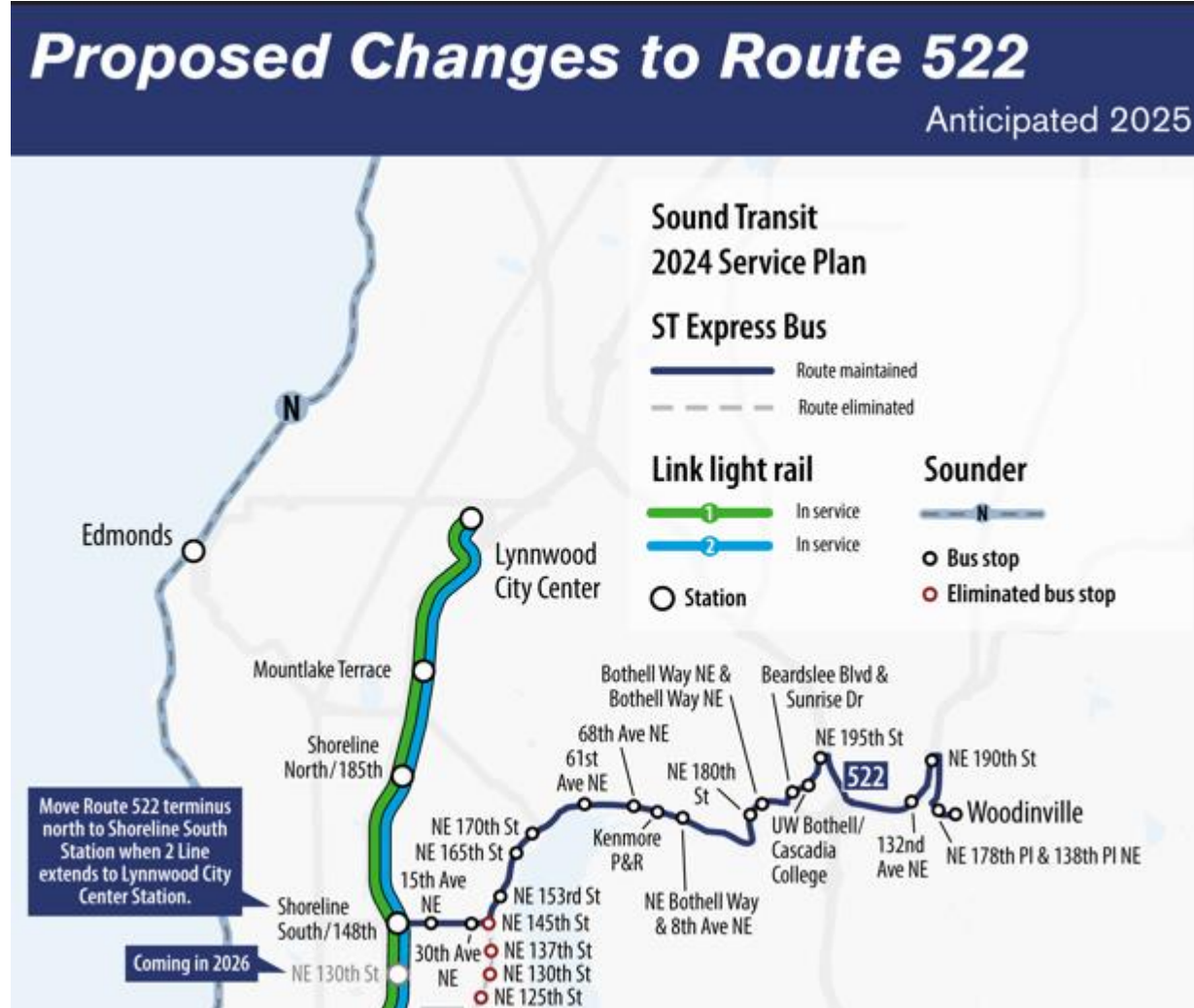
Revised Route 331
Shoreline CC - Aurora Village - MLT – Lake Forest Park- Kenmore - Bothell

- Route extended from Kenmore to Bothell

- Revised to serve new Mountlake Terrace Station

- Runs later into the evening than today (midnight weekdays, 11pm weekends)

- 20-minute peak frequency, 30-minute off peak

Revised Route 522

- Provides frequent connection to Link light rail

- No changes to current routing until full 2 Line connects to Lynnwood

- When full 2 Line opens, route will connect to Shoreline South/148th Station

- Sound Transit and King County Metro are planning local service for stops south of NE 145th St
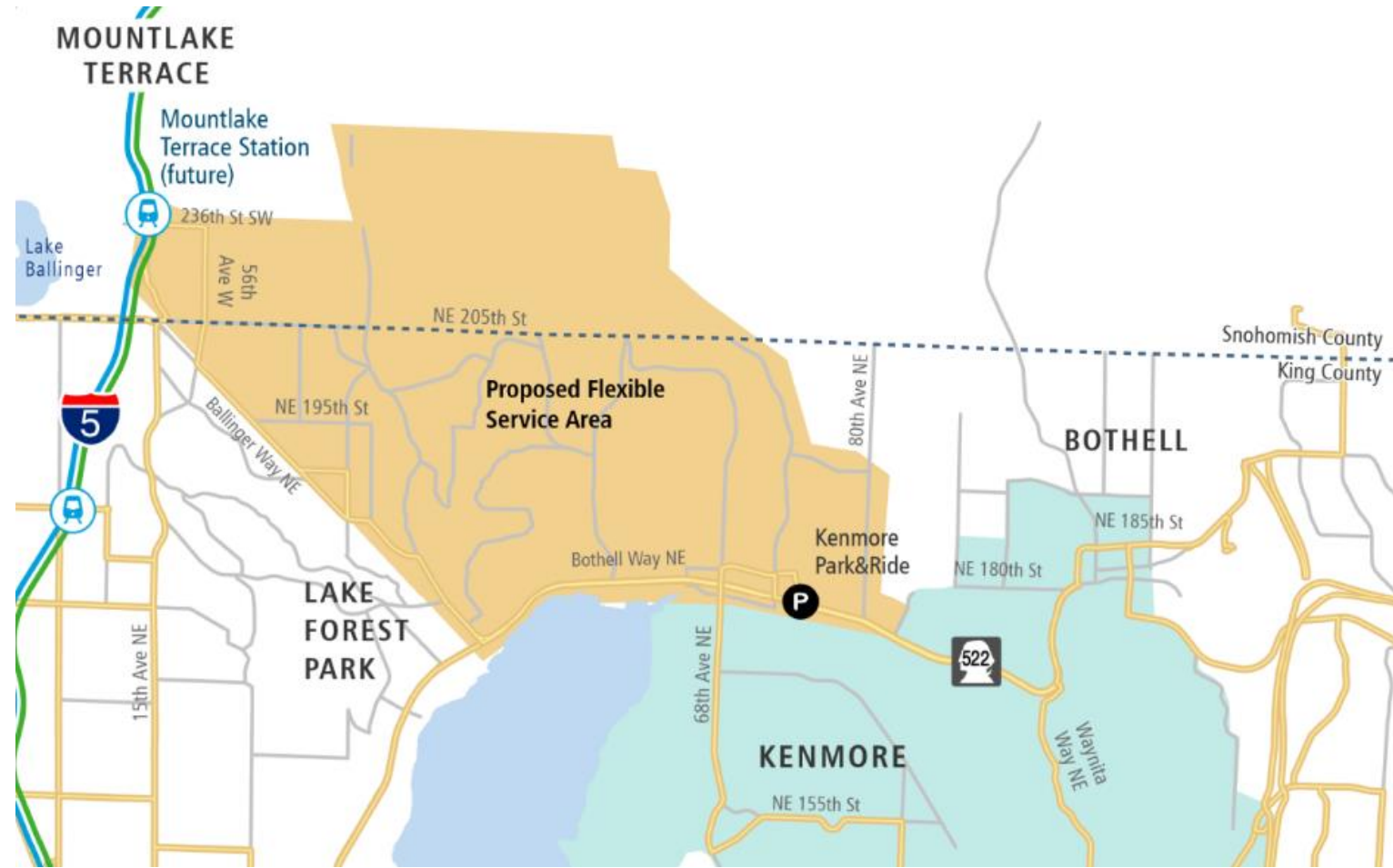
Route 72 replaces Route 372

- New Route 72 provides very frequent service between 145th and UW. All day 10-minute frequency on weekdays.

- 7-day-a-week LFP to UW connection provided by revised Route 522 BRT plus Link at 148th Station, or Route 72 at 145th.

- Improved weekend service (Route 372 does not run north of Lake City on weekends today)

- Change would not happen until Route 522 revised to serve 148th Station

North Kenmore/LFP Metro Flex

- New Metro Flex zone in north Kenmore and Lake Forest Park, and south Mountlake Terrace

- Provides connections to Link, Stride, and local bus service in areas with no current transit

- Overlap area at Kenmore P&R with existing Juanita zone, also enabling connections between the two zones

- Coordinating with Community Transit on potential partnership for expanded service hours.

Other Metro service in Lake Forest Park

- Route 322 (Kenmore P&R – Lake City – Northgate – First Hill)
- Route 342 (Shoreline –Lake Forest Park – Bellevue – Renton)
  - Note: East Link Connections plans for additional service on Route 342, turning it into two-way peak service instead of current one way only.

Phase 3
Outreach and Public Engagement

Engagement Activities

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Interview CBO stakeholders	Share service concept with the public and stakeholders to gather feedback	Share draft service proposal with the public and stakeholders to gather final feedback
Need assessment survey	Public online survey, general public outreach, community meetings, CBO partner led engagement	Public online survey, general public outreach community meetings, CBO partner led engagement
Recruit Mobility Board and Partner Review Board. Mobility Board co-create service concept and Partner Review Board review and provide feedback	Mobility Board co-create draft service proposal and Partner Review Board review service draft proposal and provide feedback	Finalize service proposal with Mobility Board; Partner Review Board reviews and provides feedback
Jurisdictional meetings	Jurisdictional meetings and council briefings	Jurisdictional meetings and council briefings

General Public Outreach

Activity	
General outreach events	12 events this summer in project area communities
Flyer distribution	Targeting local destinations like libraries, community centers
Communications, Social Media	Raising general awareness of the survey and events
Open Houses	Special events to answer community questions
Outreach at transit and community locations	Engaging riders using our current transit network
Tabling at bases	Ensuring we include our drivers to help build our network
Direct engagement with key communities	Engaging key communities about specific areas of proposal

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Community-Based Organization Partners

- **CBO Paid Partnerships:**

  - Lake City Collective

  - Compass Housing

  - Eighteenseeds Inc. / Eco Infinity

  - Black Coffee NW

- **Goals**

  - Inform and amplify ways to provide feedback

  - Emphasis on creating and implementing culturally responsive engagement

  - Gather feedback from priority populations

  - Report findings

Implementing Engagement Lessons Learned

- Naming all project routes in email alerts, where most people learn about our survey

- Increasing number of bus stop signs by 33% (second-most likely place people learn about our survey!)

- Metro homepage banner for increased visibility (new website feature)

- Further simplifying route sheets

- Shorter survey as we move to Phase 3

We Want to Hear from You!

- **Visit:** kingcounty.gov/metro/lynnwoodlink
  - Take our survey by August 27
  - Available in:
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