

**Some changes in bus service for the Rainier Valley/Broadway corridor begin Saturday, September 25, 2004**

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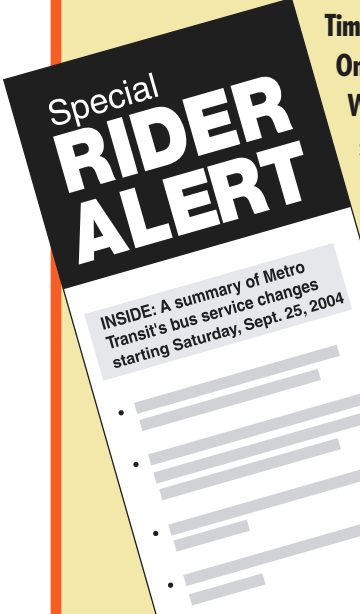
**Some changes in bus service for the Rainier Valley/Broadway corridor begin Saturday, September 25, 2004**

**Other changes to begin in June 2005**

Changes are coming for riders along the Rainier Valley/Broadway corridor through downtown Seattle on Metro Route 7, as well Route 9 between Rainier Beach, Capitol Hill, and the University District. King County Metro Transit is revising its network of bus routes in these areas.

**Special Rider Alert brochure and timetables available Sept. 16**

Look for a special Rider Alert brochure and new blue timetables on your bus and at Metro information racks, work sites and libraries beginning Sept. 16. The special Rider Alert will be available on Metro Online at <http://transit.metrokc.gov/>



Timetables will be available on Metro Online by close of business Sept. 24. Watch for Rider Alert signs at your bus stop. You can also access new route and timetable information online at Metro's Trip Planner from September 11 on.

For other trip planning help, call Metro Rider Information at 206-553-3000 after Sept. 20.

Some minor changes may occur after this publication has been printed.

Metro Transit worked with residents, bus riders and a sounding board made up of area riders to develop these service changes. The revisions, approved by the county executive and county council on May 17, 2004, will be implemented in two phases: some changes will take effect on Saturday, September 25, 2004, and other changes will take effect in June 2005.

The biggest change will be the splitting of Route 7 into two routes in order to speed service, adjust service frequencies, and keep buses on schedule while minimizing bus bunching. This major change to the Route 7 will not be implemented until June 2005, after the necessary trolley overhead changes are completed downtown.

Effective dates for each change are noted inside this newsletter, along with all other details for these service changes.

## Other transit changes coming

**B**esides the changes described in this publication, September service changes are also planned for the the Ambaum-Delridge corridor. Among those changes, new Route 120 will serve the Ambaum-Delridge corridor between Burien, White Center, Delridge, and downtown Seattle with 15-minute or better daytime service on weekdays. New Route 125 will provide a direct connection between Seattle Central Community College and South Seattle Community College.



## 2004 and 2005 changes in the Rainier Valley/Broadway corridor

### 2004 changes

- Route 7 terminal
- Route 7 Express stops
- Route 9 shorten
- Route 39 revised  
Route 39 Express renumbered
- Routes 124 discontinued  
New Route 126

### 2005 changes

- Routes 7 revised and new 49
- Route 9-Express

### Route 7 trolley buses will no longer park at 62nd Avenue S & S Ryan Street.

**A**ll Route 7 trolley bus trips that park at 62nd Avenue and South Rya Street will be moved to Rainier and Henderson. Route 7 buses on selected trips will still serve Prentice Street from downtown Seattle, but will then continue to Rainier Avenue and

Henderson Street (similar to the current evening service after 8 p.m.). **NOTE: This change will be implemented in September 2004.**

### Split Route 7 on weekdays and Saturdays; create new Route 49.

**R**oute 7 will be split in downtown Seattle into two shorter trolley bus routes during hours of greatest congestion (until at least 7 p.m.) The northern portion between downtown Seattle and the University District will be renumbered Route 49. The southern portion between downtown Seattle and Rainier Beach will still be called Route 7. After about 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and all day on Sunday, Route 7 trips will continue as Route 49 trips to the University District, and Route 49 trips will continue as Route 7 trips to Rainier Beach. **NOTE: This change will be implemented in June 2005 when trolley overhead changes in downtown Seattle are completed.**

### Hours of operation

Similar to the present Route 7's start and end of service.

### Frequency of service: Route 7 (Downtown Seattle – Rainier Beach)

**Revised Route 7 (Downtown Seattle - Rainier Beach)** Revised Route 7 will run more often in the evening Monday through Saturday. Evening service on revised Route 7 and new Route 49 will be increased to every 15 minutes instead of every 30 minutes until about 9:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

**Weekdays:** Every 10 minutes between 6:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; every 15 minutes between 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; every 30 minutes before 6:00 a.m. and between 9:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.; early morning trips leaving downtown Seattle at 1:15 a.m., 2:15 a.m., and 3:30 a.m.

**Saturday:** Every 12 minutes between about 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; every 15 minutes between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and between 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; every 30 minutes before 7:00 a.m. and between 9:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.; early morning trips leaving downtown Seattle at 1:15 a.m., 2:15 a.m., and 3:30 a.m.

**Sunday:** Every 15 minutes between about 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; every 30 minutes before 9:30 a.m. and between 6:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.; early morning trips leaving downtown Seattle at 1:15 a.m., 2:15 a.m., and 3:30 a.m.

### Planned service frequencies: New Route 49 (Downtown Seattle – University District)

New Route 49 will run more often in the evening Monday through Saturday. Evening service on Route 49 will be

increased to every 15 minutes instead of every 30 minutes until 9:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. All Route 49 trips will operate past Aloha Street to the University District.

**Weekdays:** Every 15 minutes between about 6:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.; every 30 minutes before 6:30 a.m. and between 9:30 p.m. and 1:00 a.m.; early morning trip leaving downtown Seattle at about 2:15 a.m.

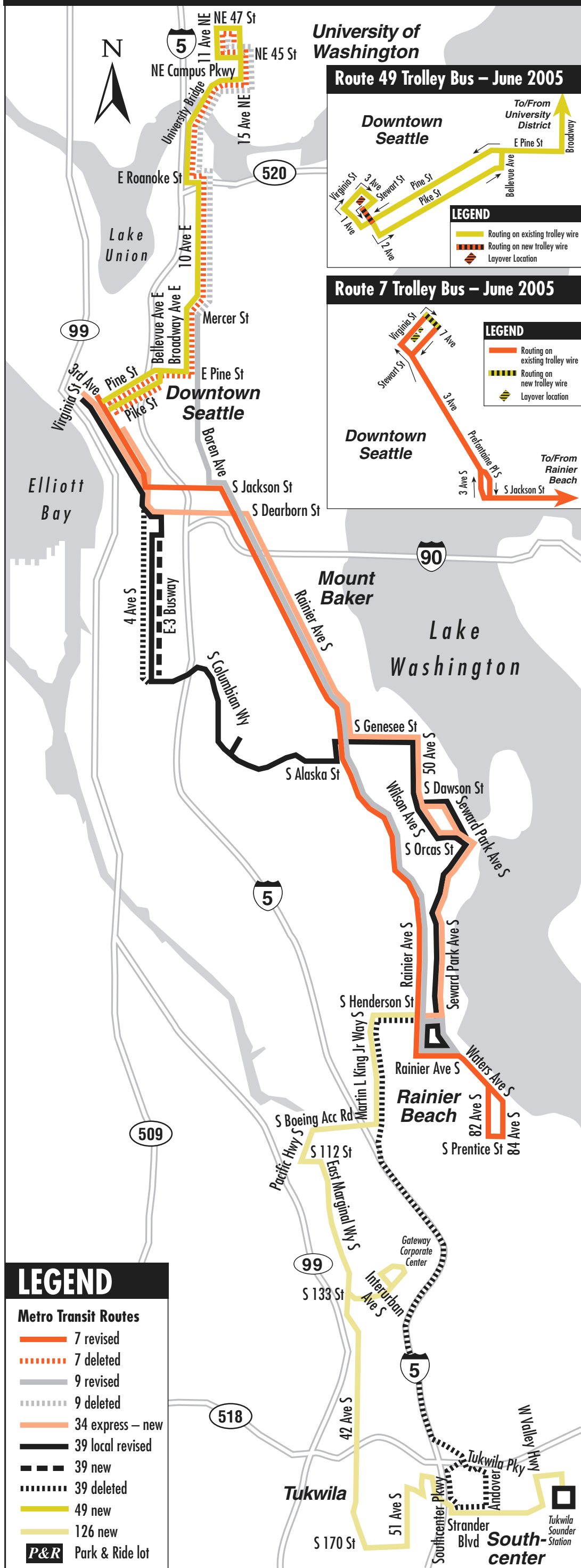
**Saturday:** Every 15 minutes between about 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.; every 30 minutes before 8:00 a.m. and between 9:30 p.m. and 1:00 a.m.; early morning trip leaving downtown Seattle at about 2:15 a.m.

**Sunday:** Every 15 minutes between about 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; every 30 minutes before 9:30 a.m. and between 6:30 p.m. and 1:00 a.m.; early morning trip leaving downtown Seattle at about 2:15 a.m.

**NOTE: These changes will be implemented in June 2005.**



# Rainier Valley/Broadway



## LEGEND

- Metro Transit Routes**
- 7 revised
  - - - 7 deleted
  - 9 revised
  - - - 9 deleted
  - 34 express — new
  - 39 local revised
  - - - 39 new
  - - - 39 deleted
  - 49 new
  - - - 126 new
  - P&R Park & Ride lot

## Discontinued Routes

- The following route numbers will be discontinued in September 2004: **Routes 39-Express, 124.**
- The following table shows replacement services for **September 2004 (routes 7-Express, 9, 34, 39, 39-Express, 124, 126) and June 2005 (routes 7, 9-Express, 49):**

CURRENT ROUTE	REPLACEMENT ROUTE(S)	NOTES
7-North	49	<b>June 2005:</b> New Rt 49 will replace Rt 7 between downtown Seattle and the University District. Rt 49 will be through-routed with revised Rt 7 evenings and Sundays.
7-South	Revised 7-South	<b>Sept. 2004:</b> Inbound/northbound riders on Prentice St Rt 7 trips will need to transfer to rts 7, 36, 39, 42, or 106 at Rainier & Henderson. <b>June 2005:</b> Revised Rt 7 will operate between downtown Seattle and Rainier Beach. Rt 7 trips will be hooked with new Rt 49 trips evenings and Sundays.
7-Express	Revised 7-Express	<b>Sept. 2004:</b> A different express stop pattern will be implemented, with stops every 3 to 4 blocks along Rainier Ave S and S Dearborn St.
9	9-Express, 49	<b>Sept. 2004:</b> For service between S Graham St and S Henderson St, Rt 9 riders will need to transfer to Rt 7. <b>June 2005:</b> New Rt 9-Express will replace Rt 9 between Rainier Beach and Capitol Hill. New Rt 49 will replace Rt 9 between Capitol Hill and the University District.
39	39-Local north of Rainier Beach, 126 south of Rainier Beach	<b>Sept. 2004:</b> New Rt 126 will replace Rt 39 local service between Rainier Beach and Southcenter during weekday peak hours. For service between Seward Park, Beacon Hill, and Southcenter during non-peak hours, transfer between rts 39 and 150 at Busway/S Spokane St. Rt 39 will operate on the South Busway instead of 4 Ave S.
39-Express	34	<b>Sept. 2004:</b> Rt 39-Express will be re-numbered Rt 34; trip times will be revised.
124	126	<b>Sept. 2004:</b> New Rt 126 will partially replace Rt 124 during weekday peak hours between Southcenter and Gateway Corporate Center. No replacement service will be available on Tukwila Hill (Rt 128 serves the western periphery of Tukwila Hill).

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### Route 7-Express stops will change.

**R**oute 7-Express will serve a revised set of express stops along Rainier Avenue South. Route 7-Express will also stop at Andover and Walden streets along Rainier Avenue, and at Corwin Place South and Fifth Avenue South along South Dearborn Street.

**NOTE: These changes will be implemented in September 2004.**

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### Shorten trolley bus Route 9 to start and end at Rainier Avenue South and South Graham Street.

**R**oute 9 trolley buses will start and end at Rainier Avenue South and South Graham Street to free up parking space for Route 7 buses on South Henderson Street. Route 7 will continue to provide frequent service between South Graham Street and Rainier Beach.

**NOTE: This change will be implemented in September 2004.**



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### Change Route 9 to a limited-stop express route.

**R**oute 9 will be revised to operate two-way limited-stop service as a diesel express bus route. The Route 9-Express will operate between Rainier Beach (Rainier and Henderson) and Capitol Hill (10th and Aloha).

**NOTE: This change will be implemented in June 2005.**

#### **Hours of operation**

Approximately 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on weekdays.

#### **Frequency of service: New Route 9-Express**

**Weekdays:** Every 30 minutes northbound to Capitol Hill between 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., and between 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; every 30 minutes southbound to Rainier Beach at 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. and between 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; every 60 minutes northbound to Capitol Hill between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.; every 60 minutes southbound to Rainier Beach between 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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### Give Route 39-Express a separate route number, Route 34, and revise its schedule.

**R**oute 39-Express trips will have a new route number, Route 34. The express trip leaving downtown at 6:10 p.m. will be discontinued. Morning express trips will arrive at Fourth Avenue/University Street at 6:49, 7:17, 7:49, and 8:22 a.m. Afternoon express trips will leave Second Avenue/Pike Street at 4:10, 4:40, 5:07, and 5:40 p.m.

**NOTE: This change will be implemented in September 2004.**

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### Add Route 39-Local direct trips on evenings and Sundays, and operate on the South Busway instead of Fourth Avenue South.

**A**ll Route 39-Local trips will operate directly to and from downtown Seattle, and the evening/Sunday shuttle will be discontinued. New evening trips will leave Second Avenue/Pike Street in downtown Seattle on weekdays (Monday through Friday) at 8:05 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. On Sundays, all trips will operate directly between Rainier Beach, Seward Park, and downtown Seattle between approximately 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The last Sunday trip will leave Second Avenue/Pike Street in downtown Seattle at 6:15 p.m. **NOTE: This change will be implemented in September 2004.**

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### Discontinue Route 39-Local service between Rainier Beach and Southcenter, and replace it with new Route 126 during peak hours.

**R**oute 39-Local will no longer operate between Rainier Beach and Southcenter. New Route 126 will replace portions of Route 39-Local and Route 124 during peak commuter hours on weekdays (approximately 6:00-9:00 a.m. and 3:00-6:00 p.m.), and operate every 30 minutes in both directions. Route 126 will serve Tukwila employers along East Marginal Way South and at Gateway Corporate Center, and will connect with Sound Transit's Sounder commuter rail trains at Tukwila Station. Route 124 will be discontinued. **NOTE: This change will be implemented in September 2004.**

