

# Definition: Frequent Transit (draft)

ESSB 5689 requires that the department propose a definition of frequent transit. The definition was developed using previous King County Metro work, internal research, and stakeholder feedback.

## Definition of Frequent Transit

For the purposes of the Frequent Transit Service Study, frequent transit is a level of service that 1.) meets rider needs, 2.) is measured at multiple frequency levels and 3.) focuses on route headway, span of time, and days of service.

The seven rows in the table below benchmark levels of frequent transit that should be measured using the definition above. To qualify as the frequency level listed on the left, the service must have a headway at least as fast as listed in the four center columns and must operate at least the number of days in the rightmost column.

This draft recommends three levels of service for inclusion in the Frequent Transit Service Study. Three additional frequency levels are included to spur conversations with stakeholders.

Frequency level	Peak (6am-9am) (3pm-7pm)	Off-Peak (9am-3pm)	Night (7pm-10pm)	Weekend (6am-10pm)	Days of Service (minimum)
1	<=10 minutes	<=12 minutes	<=12 minutes	<=12 minutes	7 days
2	<=15 minutes	<=15 minutes	<=20 minutes	<=20 minutes	7 days
3	<= 60 minutes	<= 60 minutes			5 days
<i>Additional frequency layer options</i>					
Ultra-frequent	<=5 minutes	<=6 minutes	<=8 minutes	<=8 minutes	7 days
Dependable	<= 30 minutes	<= 30 minutes	<= 60 minutes	<= 60 minutes	7 days
Lifeline	<= 2 bidirectional trips daily				5 days