

# Phase 2 – Proposed Service in Santa Cruz, Live Oak, Soquel, and Capitola

**Direct Service from UCSC to the East Side**

- **Routes 1 and 18 would merge.** Route 1 would now serve UCSC, Western Ave, Mission St, Downtown Santa Cruz, Water St, Dominican Hospital and Soquel Dr to Cabrillo College.
- **Routes 2 and 19 would merge.** Route 2 would now serve UCSC, Bay Street, Downtown Santa Cruz, Soquel Ave, Capitola Rd and 41st St to Cabrillo College.
- **Routes 1, 2 and 3 would operate every 15 minutes, 7 days per week.**

**Regional Express Routes**

- **All-day express service to and from Watsonville on Route 90X.** Service would operate every 30 minutes until 7 PM on weekdays, and every 60 minutes until 7 PM on weekends. This route would continue to serve Downtown Santa Cruz, Water Street and Soquel Ave on the way to Highway 1.
- **Route 17 non-stop to San Jose.** Direct service would be provided at consistent hourly intervals, non-stop to Diridon Station, to make a timed connection with Caltrain.

**Capitola Mall and Cabrillo College**

- **Routes 1 and 2 would end at Cabrillo College.** Local service east of Cabrillo College would be on the new Routes 61 and 62. Route 61 would operate every 15 minutes, seven days per week.
- **Route 62 would connect Capitola Mall to Watsonville with no transfer.** It would replace Route 55 through Capitola Village, and Route 2 east of Cabrillo College. Route 62 would operate every 30 minutes.

**Other Changes**

- **Route 4 as a two-way loop.** A bus would leave Downtown Santa Cruz every 30 minutes to Emeline and Harvey West, alternating clockwise and counterclockwise service.
- At this time, Route 3A is intended to use the Murray St bridge and Seabright Ave. When the bridge closes for repairs, Route 3A will serve 7th Ave, Capitola Rd and Soquel Ave.

**UCSC Loop Changes**

- **Routes 1, 2 and 3 would enter and leave the campus via Heller Drive.** They would serve the campus loop clockwise arriving on campus, and counterclockwise leaving campus. This would provide the fastest service into Santa Cruz from the areas of campus with the most activity and residents.
- **Routes 1, 2 and 3 would combine to 12 buses per hour, in both directions,** doubling existing METRO service on campus.
- **Route 20 would end at the UCSC turnaround,** anticipated to be at the base of campus. Passengers continuing to campus would transfer to Routes 1, 2 or 3.

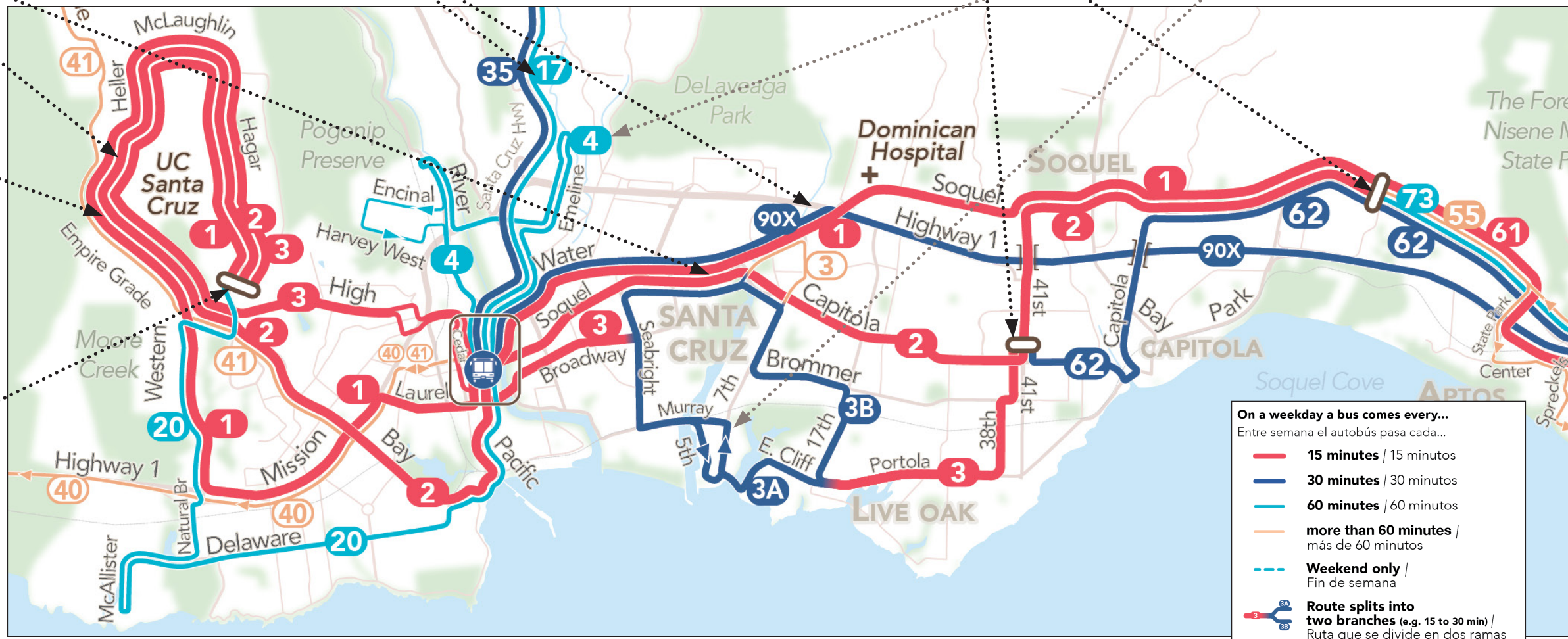


Figure 6: Draft Santa Cruz METRO network for areas west of Cabrillo College, proposed for September 2024.