

BOTHELL CAMPUS COMMUTER SERVICES

Terry White, General Manager, King County Metro  
201 South Jackson Street  
Seattle, WA 98104  
February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

RE: UW Bothell/Cascadia College support of proposed service changes affecting UW Bothell/ Cascadia College

Dear Mr. White,

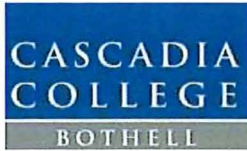
Thank you for involving the University of Washington Bothell/Cascadia College, in Metro's North Link Connections Mobility Project. The Partner Review Board meetings were useful and brought transportation practitioners together to understand a diverse set of ideas related to this complex project. As an institution of higher education, we are committed to serving diverse and often underserved populations. It is comforting to see that the North Link Project goals include improving services to underserved populations along with a focus on equity. The community outreach that you conducted was impressive and we appreciate that you adapted to the constraints presented by COVID-19.

It is our understanding that the North Link Mobility Project recommends several changes that will impact the UW Bothell/Cascadia College Campus.

- Metro route 312 will be discontinued and replaced with Route(s) 322 and 361 which will both truncate in Kenmore.
- Route 372 will stay the same for the Bothell campus and will increase in the frequency of service. This route will adjust near the UW Seattle campus and end at the U District Station.
- Route 522 related to the Bothell Campus, will remain the same, adjust near the UW Seattle campus, and end at the Roosevelt Station.

While we understand and support Metro's proposed service changes that impact the UW Bothell/Cascadia College community; we want to be sure that these changes provide a foundation for further refinement and service improvements to the UW Bothell/Cascadia College campus in the 2-3 years post-COVID-19 and beyond. Specifically, we call attention to the following topics:

- Kenmore truncations are acceptable in the short term, but ultimately the needs of a growing UW campus are those of a transit generator and destination. The sustainable growth of an institution of statewide significance depends upon reliable and convenient service. As resources permit, we look forward to identification of proposals which eliminate multiple transfers in a given trip to or from campus.



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- We look forward to continuing to refine service patterns to support the introduction of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in the I-405 corridor. This implies the need to continue east-west service beyond Kenmore to provide seamless transfers to the UWB campus and this new service.
- We also look forward to addressing the future of transit infrastructure on campus. These refinements will support continued growth in transit ridership and the sustainable management of campus growth. We believe that there will be a need to relocate transfer facilities as the campus continues to grow, to develop better access to transit services.

We would like to continue our partnership with King County Metro and very much appreciate that you brought the large number of stakeholders together in order to understand different perspectives. The relationships that you foster among the various stakeholders support our vibrant and connected communities.

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