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The Honorable Dave Upthegrove  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits a proposed Motion that, if approved, would approve the 2024 King County Metro (KCM) Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) in accordance with the Federal Transit Administration's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan regulations and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The enclosed PTASP is an update to the 2023 document. The updated PTASP is a comprehensive document which helps to ensure the safety of our customers, employees, contractors, emergency responders, and the public, as required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The PTASP is required for all operators of public transportation systems that are recipients and sub-recipients of FTA grant funds, which includes King County Metro.

The enclosed PTASP has been updated in coordination with the Agency Safety Committee, reflective of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL) passed in early 2022. The BIL included PTASP requirements. Approval of the plan is required per the FTA PTASP regulation at 49 CFR Part 673 as authorized by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and as updated in the BIL.

The PTASP provides information on KCM's Safety Management System (SMS). The SMS is a comprehensive, collaborative approach that brings management and labor together to build on KCM's existing safety foundation to minimize risk, detect and correct safety problems earlier, share and analyze safety data more effectively, and measure safety performance more carefully. SMS applies resources to risk and is based on ensuring that KCM has the organizational infrastructure to support decision-making at all levels regarding the assignment of resources. Operators of public transportation systems that are subject to this requirement must develop and implement SMS processes as part of their agency safety plans.

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Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion and the attached plan. The important work reflected in the plan will help King County Metro continue to be a safe public transit system for our employees, passengers, and the region at large.

Please note that the approved PTASP is due to the FTA upon approval.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Rebecca Frankhouser, Director/Chief Safety Officer, Safety, Security, and Quality Assurance Division, Metro Transit Department, at (206) 477-3976.

Sincerely,



for

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Enclosure

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