



February 8, 2021

Terry White, General Manager
King County Metro Transit
201 South Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Support for proposed North Link Connections Mobility Project service changes in Bothell

Dear Mr. White,

This letter is to express the City of Bothell's support for the proposed North Link Connections Project service changes in King County. The City of Bothell actively participated in the Partner Review Board and was included in outreach to the community. We look forward to continuing the work with King County Metro as the project moves forward to implementation.

The proposed service changes address specific priority needs identified by the Mobility Board, consisting of community members from priority populations in Seattle and North King County. We support the added all-day service frequency as well as the re-orientation of direct service to Downtown Seattle and U-District, and investment in frequent connections to light rail, which reduces single-occupancy vehicle trips and will help riders avoid traffic. Adding new bus connections with the new Link Light Rail stations is critical to this effort, and we commend Metro and Sound transit for collaborating closely on creating a welcoming transfer environment while riders adjust to a two-seat ride.

While the City of Bothell would like to see the Route 312 remain in circulation, we understand that Metro had to undergo tradeoffs to achieve the policy goals set forth by the Mobility Board, the most important of which is fast, frequent, and reliable service. The Sound Transit 522 is planned to provide faster and more frequent service to replace the 312, which will require our residents to walk a greater distance since the 522 does not stop at all local stops. However, we expect that the Metro Route 372 which will continue all day/weekend service to the UW Bothell/Cascadia College campus, will also be faster and more frequent, to address the local stops not serviced by the Sound Transit 522 route.

We encourage the King County Council to adopt the proposed North Link Connections Mobility Project service changes with implementation in September 2021, as it represents progress towards delivering frequent, reliable service, and all-day transit options for residents of the region. We look forward to continuing to work with Metro staff to increase service for Bothell in the future.

The City of Bothell is grateful to Metro for conducting an inclusive outreach process even during a pandemic, with continuous attendance at public events, stakeholder interviews, online surveys, Council

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presentations, Partner Review Boards, and one-on-one online meetings. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Metro through implementation of these service changes as we collectively seek to improve mobility and service delivery in Seattle and North King County for those most in need. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Transportation Planner Sherman Goong at sherman.goong@bothellwa.gov.

Respectfully,

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Council Chair Claudia Balducci