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The Honorable Girmay Zahilay Chair, King County Council Room 1200 Courthouse COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits the Access Paratransit Services Update, in response to Ordinance 19861, Section 115, Proviso P3.

Access Transportation (Access) is Metro's paratransit service, providing accessible transportation for riders who are unable to use fixed-route bus or rail services due to disability-related barriers. This service is federally required under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and supports King County's commitment to fostering "a welcoming community where every person can thrive" by ensuring that individuals with disabilities have equitable access to the region's public transportation system.

As required by the Proviso, the enclosed report outlines Access's performance in 2024. It includes the contractor's compliance with contract terms, performance metrics and trends, areas of deficiency and improvement, and potential service improvements and innovations, consistent with Ordinance 19861.

Thank you for your consideration of this report. If there are any questions, please contact Chris O'Claire, Mobility Division Director, King County Metro, at 206-477-5801.

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Sincerely,

for

Shannon Braddock King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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