



January 9, 2023

Michelle Allison
General Manager
King County Metro Transit
King Street Center
201 South Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104-3856

SUBJECT: Support for RapidRide G Line Service

Dear Ms. Allison:

This letter is to express the City of Seattle's support for King County Metro's Rapid Ride G Line, providing premium transit service, starting in fall 2024, connecting downtown Seattle to Madison Valley via Madison St. between 1st Ave and Martin Luther King Jr Way. The G line will serve densely developed neighborhoods in downtown Seattle, First Hill, Capitol Hill, the Central District, and Madison Valley. The project was funded in partnership with the Federal Transit Administration, Washington State Department of Transportation, voter approved Sound Transit 3 package, King County Metro, and voter approved Levy to Move Seattle.

Commencement of this service is the culmination of several years of planning, design, and construction by the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and Metro, representing the best of a jurisdictional partnership that shares a common vision for high-quality transit investment in Seattle. The City's transit and multi-modal improvements on the RapidRide G line corridor provide roadway and transit-priority upgrades, bicycle and pedestrian enhancements, and bus zone reconstruction, which together will create a positive experience for transit riders and the overall community. Additionally, SDOT worked side-by-side with Metro to make capital improvements to support the Metro service restructure in the area to improve the transit network service and reliability.

This letter complements an earlier SDOT letter dated August 23, 2019 in support of King County Metro's RapidRide G, addressed to Rob Gannon, General Manager. Similar to that letter, it's important to note that the Madison Street corridor is included in the Metro Connects plan, adopted by the King County Council in 2017, and in the City of Seattle's 2016 Transit Master Plan.

The City of Seattle appreciates Metro's partnership in conducting a thorough community engagement process during all phases of the G Line project. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Metro and the RapidRide team, and we eagerly await the launch of



RapidRide G Line service in fall 2024. If you have further questions, or need assistance from Seattle on this project, please do not hesitate to contact Bill LaBorde, SDOT's Council and Government Relations Manager, at bill.laborde@seattle.gov or 206.484.8662.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Spotts".

Greg Spotts (Jan 9, 2024 11:36 PST)

Greg Spotts
Director, Seattle Department of Transportation

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