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March 31, 2010

The Honorable Bob Ferguson  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
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Dear Councilmember Ferguson:

During 2008, the Transit Division worked extensively with the Regional Transit Committee to lay the groundwork for the update of Metro's Comprehensive and Strategic Plans. As part of this work, Transit and Council staff developed a strategy to consolidate Metro's goals and objectives into the new Comprehensive Plan, rather than have them submitted and approved as separate actions as called for in the Metro Transit Financial Policies. The schedule to complete these plans was ultimately delayed due to the uncertainty about near- and long-term transit funding and the impact of the economic slowdown on Metro.

Pursuant to Ordinance 16717, Section 131, Expenditure Restriction 1 (ER1), the Transit Division has established a regional stakeholder task force to assist in developing a policy framework to guide the growth or contraction of King County's transit system. The task force recommendations, anticipated in September of this year, will assist Transit in finalizing the proposed update of the Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation ("Comprehensive Plan") to be submitted for review and action by the Regional Transit Committee and King County Council. This plan will become the guiding policy document for King County Metro Transit and will include goals, objectives, and policies for the transit system. The Comprehensive Plan is intended to provide a framework for future King County Council decisions on public transportation services and facilities in King County and will establish the foundation for Metro's 10-year Strategic Plan for Public Transportation. The Strategic Plan will identify strategies to achieve the adopted goals and objectives, and identify measures for monitoring and reporting on progress towards achieving these goals and objectives.

Once adopted, I believe these plans will provide an integrated policy, planning, monitoring and reporting framework that will improve upon our current processes, and replace the need for an annual mission and goals statement as provided in the current Transit Program Financial Policies.

The Honorable Bob Ferguson

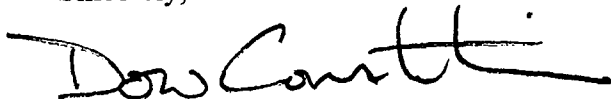
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Therefore, I plan to defer submittal of Transit mission and goals until the Comprehensive Plan is submitted.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Desmond, General Manager, King County Metro Transit, at 206-684-1619.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dow Constantine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Dow Constantine  
King County Executive

cc: King County Councilmembers  
ATTN: Tom Bristow, Chief of Staff  
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