



January 27th, 2024

Michelle Allison, General Manager
King County Metro
201 South Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Support for proposed Madison Street Area Bus Service Change

Dear Michelle Allison,

I am writing you today, as a representative from the Seattle Neighborhood Farmers Markets, to express my support for the proposed Madison Street Bus Service Change. As the Manager of the Capitol Hill Farmers Market, which primarily serves the Capitol Hill, Central District, First Hill and Madison Valley neighborhoods, we are excited to partner with the King County Community Engagement team. In 2023, they attended multiple markets to collect direct feedback from our shoppers, 72 percent of which use public transit to travel to the market.

The outreach the King County Community Engagement team conducted has centered individuals that live, work and travel within these neighborhoods, specifically focusing on elevating and centering the voices from priority populations. In accordance with the community feedback, we support a transit network that is both expanded in scope and frequency. We hope the final proposal will incorporate feedback received on both options presented in phase two of the community engagement process. Including, but not limited to, additional bus service to Bellevue Ave and Summit Ave north of Olive Way, which was preferred by older, lower-income respondents and respondents who reported having a disability.

We are grateful to see Metro conducting direct outreach within the community. We look forward to continuing our partnership and seeing the implementation of these service changes. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warmly,

Madison Silva
Capitol Hill Farmers Market Manager
Seattle Neighborhood Farmers Markets