



February 6, 2020

Mr. Rob Gannon, General Manager
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Dear Mr. Gannon,

On behalf of the City of Tukwila, I would like to thank you and commend King County Metro's effort developing the Renton Kent Auburn Area Mobility Plan (RKAAMP). The agency took important steps to engage jurisdictions and the public in South King County, and we appreciate the opportunity for Tukwila's involvement in the Partner Review Board process.

The City supports Metro's RKAAMP efforts to update and integrate the transit network in South King County in preparation for development and implementation of the new Rapid Ride I-Line. RKAAMP helps put the South King County region on track for strengthened connections to high capacity systems with transit service network changes beginning in September 2020, the start of service of the Rapid Ride I-line in 2023, upcoming development of the Sound Transit I-405 Bus Rapid Transit project from Burien to Lynnwood, and the Federal Way Link Light Rail Extension in 2024. Such improved transit service will combat regional transportation congestion, pollution, and greenhouse gas output.

The RKAAMP represents Metro's balancing of complex needs for transit network efficiency, investment in equity priority areas, and thoughtful collection of public input. In addition to fixed-route bus service, support for innovative and flexible service possibilities in Tukwila and our neighboring cities is key to helping fill service gaps.

The RKAAMP plan complements the Tukwila Comprehensive Plan and Tukwila Urban Center Plan. RKAAMP offers expanded and more frequent bus connections within the Tukwila Urban Center and to the Tukwila Station. As the City is gaining residential development in the Tukwila Urban Center, expanded frequency and hours of route 906 and route 150 service connects residents, workers, and people visiting Tukwila to areas within the city and to regional hubs. New bus 906 service timed for Sounder Train arrivals and departures will benefit commuters arriving to Tukwila and boarding for other destinations.

We look forward to continuing engagement around transit service and needs. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Chris Andree, Sustainable Transportation Outreach Coordinator at Christopher.Andree@TukwilaWA.gov or 206-433-7140.

Sincerely,

Allan Ekberg,
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