



## King County

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The Honorable Claudia Balducci  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits the proposed Motion for the King County Council to accept the *2022 King County Metro Transit Title VI Program Report*, which is required by the federal government. If enacted, this legislation would support Metro's activities and ability to comply with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements, as described below.

FTA circular C 4702.1B requires that King County Metro Transit, as a direct recipient of FTA funding, prepare a Title VI program report every three years. FTA regulations require that the Title VI program be approved by a transit provider's board of directors or appropriate governing entity responsible for policy decisions prior to submission to the FTA. The report must be submitted to FTA by October 1, 2022.

According to FTA C 4702.1B Chapter II-1 Section 1, the purpose of Title VI is to:

- Ensure that the level and quality of public transportation service is provided in a nondiscriminatory manner;
- Promote full and fair participation in public transportation decision-making without regard to race, color, or national origin;
- Ensure meaningful access to transit-related programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency.

The enclosed report meets the FTA requirements.

Metro's report includes a description of Metro's Title VI notice and procedures, a public participation plan, a language assistance plan, and an analysis of how Metro service is implemented in low-income and minority communities. In addition, the report compiles the Title VI equity analysis completed for each major service, fare or fee change implemented between July 2019 and June 2022.

The report describes how Metro complies with federal civil rights regulations outlined by FTA. It describes the efforts Metro has taken during the last three years to ensure that transit

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service was provided in non-discriminatory ways, including all proposed service and fare changes that were considered during that time.

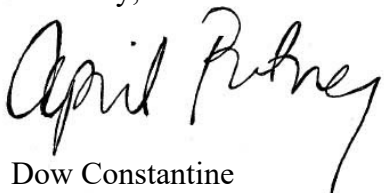
The report supports the King County Strategic Plan mobility goal and its objective to provide more equitable mobility access and reduce historic gaps. It advances the King County Strategic Plan for Equity and Social Justice by documenting Metro's work to better advance equity through operations. It also documents our efforts to advance goals in the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, including investing upstream and where needs are greatest and conducting deliberate and transparent community engagement. In addition, the report summarizes Metro's efforts to provide translation and interpretation services to communities consistent with the requirements adopted through Ordinance 18665.

This report required approximately 400 staff hours to produce, costing approximately \$20,000.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion. The *2022 King County Metro Transit Title VI Program Report* will help King County residents understand how Metro is making the best use of the County's transit resources to deliver high-quality services in an equitable manner that get people where they want to go.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Christopher Bhang, Metro EEO Officer, at (206) 263-5580.

Sincerely,

 for

Dow Constantine  
King County Executive

Enclosures

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