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January 27th, 2024  
Michelle Allison, General Manager  
King County Metro  
201 South Jackson Street  
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RE: Support for Proposed Madison Street Area Bus Service Change  
Dear Ms. Allison,

I am writing on behalf of Seattle's LGBTQ+ Center to express our enthusiastic support for the Madison Street Area Bus Service Change in King County. We look forward to continuing the work with King County Metro as the project moves forward to implementation.

Our organization has had the pleasure of collaborating with King County Metro at various Queer Quarterly Markets, where they have consistently demonstrated a proactive approach to connecting with the LGBTQ+ community, actively seeking feedback, and ensuring that the voices of our community are heard and valued. King County Metro has tabled at multiple iterations of these events, which were hosted in our space on Capitol Hill, a neighborhood that will benefit from the updated bus changes.

Our collaboration at Queer Quarterly Markets has showcased King County Metro's commitment to understanding the unique needs of our LGBTQ+ community. Public transportation is crucial for the LGBTQ+ community, particularly for LGBTQ+ youth who may lack other reliable means to access safe spaces. Additionally, it is vital for unhoused community members who are disproportionately queer. The proposed bus service change aligns with the community's needs.

Seattle's LGBTQ+ Center is eager to offer this letter of support to underscore the importance of the Madison Street project to our community. We are confident that the proposed bus change will contribute to the accessibility, convenience, and overall well-being of our community members. We appreciate King County Metro's dedication to community involvement and look forward to witnessing the positive impact of this initiative on the LGBTQ+ community and the broader population.

Thank you for your commitment to enhancing transit services in our community, and we wish the Madison Street project continued success.

Sincerely,

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