

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

RE: Hopelink's Support for Lynnwood Link Extension Project

Dear Ms. Allison,

This letter expresses Hopelink's support for the proposed route changes associated with the Lynnwood Link Extension project, as outlined by King County Metro. Hopelink participated in the Partner Review Board and supported Metro in generating community awareness about proposed changes.

The project endeavors to optimize transportation accessibility by prioritizing mobility for underprivileged populations, ensuring equitable engagement with existing and potential customers, and providing an integrated service that caters to Link expansion and community needs. This initiative is commendable and vital, and it reflects our commitment to enhance transportation services for the betterment of all continuously.

We express our gratitude for including an Equity Impact Review (EIR) study in the proposed route changes for King County. To ensure that the benefits of these changes are distributed equitably, it is crucial to prioritize the needs and priorities of underserved communities. The EIR study represents a significant and commendable step towards this end. We appreciate your efforts to ensure that the proposed route changes address the needs of community members in a fair and just manner.

Hopelink is enthusiastic about the Lynnwood Link Connections project's positive impact on the King County residents. We commend King County Metro for its commitment to improving public transportation and ensuring equitable access to mobility for all.

Hopelink expresses gratitude to Metro for conducting an inclusive outreach process by attending public events, conducting stakeholder interviews, and gathering feedback through online surveys and meetings. We are excited to continue our collaboration with Metro as these service changes are implemented, and we work together to enhance mobility and service delivery in Seattle and North King County, focusing on those in need. We appreciate that the proposed service changes align with our values, such as increased service frequency, ease of transfers, and consideration for those with unique mobility needs. If you have any questions, please contact me at 425-943-6769.

Sincerely,



Staci Sahoo  
Director, Mobility Management