

December 19, 2019

Rob Gannon, General Manager
King County Metro Transit
King Street Center, KSC-TR-0415
201 S. Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104-3836

RE: City of Auburn's Support for Metro's RapidRide I Line

Dear Mr. Gannon:

The City of Auburn wishes to express its support for the draft Locally Preferred Alternative dated November 13, 2019 for the RapidRide I Line bus rapid transit, which will connect the cities of Auburn, Kent and Renton with fast, reliable and efficient bus service.

The RapidRide I Line alignment has a strong foundation in consideration of population, employment, and activities. As proposed, the RapidRide I Line will connect the regionally designated growth centers of Auburn, Kent, and Renton, all of which are planned to accept additional population and employment as part of the adopted regional growth plan, Vision 2040.

The City of Auburn currently has permitted a multi-family development for 500 affordable housing units within ½ mile of the proposed alignment. It is also anticipated that the RapidRide I Line will encourage additional redevelopment opportunities along the corridor.

Auburn commends Metro for conducting an inclusive outreach process for the RapidRide I Line, with continuous attendance at public events, ongoing online surveys, regular City Council and Transportation Advisory Board updates, and regular meetings and coordination with City staff.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with Metro and the RapidRide team through implementation of the RapidRide I Line in Auburn. This new service will be an asset for this community. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Cecile Malik at 253-876-1964 or cmalik@auburnwa.gov.

Sincerely,


Nancy Backus
Mayor

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cc: Greg McKnight, Project Manager III- RapidRide, King County Metro