



King County

**Metropolitan King County Council
Mobility and Environment Committee**

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Items:	5	Name:	Leah Krekel-Zoppi
Proposed No.:	2021-0083	Date:	March 24, 2021

SUBJECT

Proposed Motion 2021-0083 would confirm the appointment of Ali Javed to the King County Transit Advisory Commission (TAC).

BACKGROUND

The Transit Advisory Commission (TAC) is a permanent group that is established in the King County Code¹ to advise Metro Transit, the Executive, the Council, local jurisdictions, and the subarea transportation forums on transit issues and policy, including matters of concern to the elderly and persons with disabilities, as well as major planning exercises such as service changes and long-range planning efforts. The TAC also serves as a resource for transit promotion.

The TAC is to have 18 members who are appointed by the Executive and confirmed by the Council. Members are to include:

- Nine members who are transit riders, recruited by Metro Transit to reflect the diversity and geographic distribution of County residents; and
- Nine members who are either seniors or persons with disabilities or who represent agencies that serve those group, recruited by Metro Transit to reflect the diversity of the communities they represents, types of disabilities, and geographic distribution of County residents.

The TAC develops an annual work plan and meets regularly to address that work plan. In addition, the TAC designates one member to each sounding board² that is convened to consider specific transit topics.

¹ K.C.C. 2.124.010.B

² K.C.C. 2.124.010.A

APPOINTEE INFORMATION

Appointee Ali Javed. Proposed Motion 2021-0083 would confirm the Executive's appointment of Ali Javed, who resides in Council District 8, to the TAC for a partial term to expire on August 31, 2021.

Mr. Javed is a frequent transit rider currently residing in White Center. He is a Project Analyst, a Board Member for the Beacon Food Forest, a participant in the Puget Sound Sage's Community Leadership Program, and a founder of the Muslim Writer's Collective in Seattle.

In his application, Mr. Javed stated, "I believe transit plays a crucial part in society. Low-income areas and communities of color are greatly impacted, whether positive or negative, by the transit system that is in their area. One indicator to determine the strength of an area's transit system is the access available to people who live in low-income areas or in communities of color. Providing access doesn't just mean having a bus stop or train station in the area. True transit justice entails providing reduced or free fares to low-income earners, providing numerous options for transit, having a zero emissions footprint in those areas, and the ability to reach their destinations."

ANALYSIS

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment. It appears to be consistent with the requirements of county code.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2021-0083
2. Transmittal Letter for 2021-0083