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Rob Gannon, General Manager  
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RE: Support for King County Metro's RapidRide I

December 20, 2019

Dear Mr. Gannon:

On the behalf of the City of Kent, I am writing in support of the RapidRide I Line, which will connect the Renton Transit Center to the Auburn Transit Center via Benson Hwy/108th Avenue SE/104th Avenue SE/SR 515, Canyon Drive, Kent Station and Central Avenue. The City of Kent agrees with Metro's preferred alignment especially the decision to route on Canyon Drive instead of James Street. The alignment on Canyon facilitates increased access to transit for priority populations and multiple community assets. This alignment also supports future redevelopment in the East Hill area of Kent.

The City of Kent is in the process of working with Metro to evaluate the list of potential speed and reliability improvements along the route. Kent commends Metro for their efforts to collaborate with Kent.

We would like to thank King County Metro staff for their efforts to involve Kent staff, residents and stakeholders in the RapidRide I development. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Metro and the RapidRide team through implementation of the RapidRide I Line in Kent.

Sincerely,

  
Dana Ralph  
Mayor

cc:

King County Executive Dow Constantine  
King County Council Member Claudia Balducci, Regional Transit Committee Chair  
King County Council Member Dave Upthegrove, Mobility and Environment Committee Chair  
Greg McKnight, Project Manager, RapidRide I, King County Metro