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The Honorable Sarah Perry Chair, King County Council Room 1200 C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Perry:

This letter transmits my appointment of the Honorable Thomas McLeod, Mayor of Tukwila to a four-year term to the Sound Transit Board from 2026-2030, per RCW 81.112.040. These nominations will ensure that subareas within King County's portion of the Sound Transit taxing district are well represented on the Sound Transit Board of Directors.

Governed by an 18-member Board of Directors made up of local elected officials proportional to the population included in the Sound Transit district, the Board establishes policies and gives directions and oversight regarding voter-approved projects within the Sound Transit taxing district. King County is represented by 10 Board members who are appointed by the King County Executive and confirmed by the King County Council.

Mayor McLeod brings an vital south King County perspective to Sound Transit.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion. This important legislation will help ensure active and timely participation by King County board members on pressing issues and policy decisions required in 2026.

If your staff have questions, please contact Karan Gill, Deputy County Executive at 206-477-0952.

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