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

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits the Preliminary Water Taxi Expansion Progress Report proviso response as called for by Ordinance 19210, Section 113, Proviso P3 and a proposed Motion that would, if passed, acknowledge receipt of the report.

As required, the enclosed preliminary report details progress on operational planning for previously studied water taxi expansion routes originating in Kenmore and Ballard. The report includes technical analysis around shoreside preliminary design, route planning, equipment specification, preliminary capital and operating budgets, and other details.

Because this preliminary report expands on assumptions, technical analysis, engagement findings, and recommendations of previous King County studies on these expansion routes, including the 2015 Ferry Expansion Options Report, the 2020 Kenmore Water Taxi Route proviso response, and the 2020 Ballard to Downtown Seattle Water Taxi Route proviso response, no additional community engagement nor broad stakeholder engagement was conducted in advancing the technical elements requested in the proviso. Metro performed engagement around technical elements of implementation with its partner agencies and anticipates further partner engagement to inform the final report to the Council in 2022.

The work outlined in this preliminary report furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal to deliver a safe, reliable, and seamless network of transportation options to get people and goods where they need to go, when they need to get there. It supports the Strategic Climate Action Plan's transportation and land use goal of reducing reliance on driving.

It is estimated that the report required 414 hours by Metro staff to produce, costing approximately \$27,000 in staff hours and \$140,000 in consultant costs. The estimated printing cost for this report is nominal.

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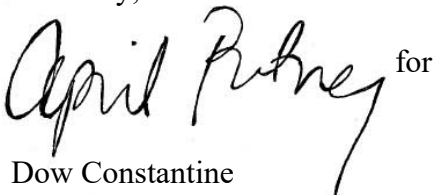
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Metro is advancing technical work that will be included in the final Water Taxi Expansion Progress Report due to the Council in June 2022. The updates for implementation of water taxi expansion routes originating in Kenmore and Ballard will be retained and used to further inform the long-term mobility plans for Metro.

Thank you for your consideration of this report and proposed Motion.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paul Brodeur, Marine Division Director, Metro Transit Department, at 206-477-3966.

Sincerely,

 for

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Enclosure

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