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VIA U.S. MAIL

Terry White, General Manager
King County Metro Transit
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201 South Jackson Street
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RE: *Support for RapidRide H Line Service*

Dear Mr. White:

The intent of this letter is to express the City of Burien's support for King County Metro's upcoming RapidRide H Line service, connecting Burien with Seattle via SW 150th Street, Ambaum Blvd SW, and 16th Avenue SW, also serving the communities of White Center, Westwood Village, and Delridge. H Line's premium transit service will replace the current Route 120 and is incorporating improvements to speed and reliability, passenger facilities, access to transit, and communications / technology.

The City of Burien began working with Metro in 2017 to plan and implement H Line capital improvements, including coordination to successfully receive a \$10 million Regional Mobility Grant that is being used to fund roadway upgrades, business access and transit (BAT) lane implementation, and bus zone enhancements. These improvements are under construction as we speak and will serve to not only increase transit provision in this corridor, but also to greatly improve safety and other right-of-way conditions for motorists and non-motorists alike.

Burien appreciates Metro's efforts in continuing to conduct a comprehensive and inclusive public outreach process, especially during the current construction phase. With multiple active construction zones along one of Burien's busiest arterial roadways, this project could not be a success without the degree of engagement that the H Line team has undertaken. The City continues to welcome any opportunity to be a part of this ongoing process.

This letter is a complement to a similar 2019 letter, which provided support to Metro's preferred alignment and station locations. The City of Burien agrees with Metro's plan for service and operations, believing that the projected 40% increase in ridership over the next five years is directly related not only to the capital improvements currently under construction, but also to the frequency, speed, and span of

service being proposed. We continue to anticipate these improvements will incentivize more Burien residents to take transit for their daily transportation needs.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with Metro and to the September service launch of RapidRide H Line. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Maiya Andrews at 206-248-5514 or maiya@burienwa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian J. Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Brian J. Wilson
City Manager