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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 a proposed Ordinance that, if enacted, would enable King County to continue its longstanding collaboration with three local transportation advisory boards – the SeaShore Transportation Forum, the South County Area Transportation Board (SCATBd), and the Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) – in developing input and recommendations for transportation policies, projects, and programs that address our region's transportation challenges.

The mission of King County's transportation advisory boards is to provide forums for sharing information, building consensus and making recommendations about multi-modal transportation improvements to help solve common regional transportation problems. King County provides staffing support to help coordinate the work of the three transportation advisory boards.

The proposed Ordinance would enable me to authorize renewal of agreements to continue the activities of these transportation advisory boards. The agreements were developed in consultation with a working group of the respective chairs and vice chairs of the three transportation advisory boards. The core elements of these agreements remain similar to those currently in effect, but minor changes have been made to update the agreement language.

Over the years, the transportation advisory boards have been effective in providing advice on a variety of transportation issues. Continuation of these forums supports the King County Strategic Plan by promoting safe, reliable mobility as well as an efficient, accountable regional government. These forums also provide opportunities for King County to share information and increase coordination to support the Strategic Climate Action Plan and Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. I believe these forums will continue to be effective partners in supporting these plans and achieving our region's transportation vision.

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If your staff have any questions, please contact Chris Arkills, Government Relations Administrator, Metro Transit Department, at 206-263-9648.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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