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1 ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE & APPLICATION OF COALITION LABOR AGREEMENT 2 These articles, along with the CLA, Addendum A, and Addendum B, constitute an Agreement, the 3 terms of which have been negotiated in good faith by representatives of King County and 4 Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17. The purpose of this Agreement is to promote the 5 continued improvement of the relationship between King County (hereinafter called the "County") 6 and the employees represented by Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17 (hereinafter 7 called the "Union") by providing a uniform basis for implementing the right of public employees to 8 join organizations of their own choosing and to be represented by such organizations in matters 9 concerning their employment relations with the County. The articles of this Agreement set forth the 10 wages, hours and other working conditions of the bargaining unit employees, provided the County 11 has authority to act on such matters. The CLA shall apply to the individual bargaining unit's employees as follows: 12 13 **Section 1.1** The Preamble in its entirety. 14 Section 1.2 All Superseding and non-superseding provisions, unless otherwise noted in 15 Section 1.3 below or in the CLA. 16 **Section 1.3** The following non-superseding articles do not apply to this bargaining unit: 17 Article 42 "Safety Gear and Equipment Allowance" 18 Article 43 "After Hours Support" (Only for SCADA Employees) 19 Article 44 "Training and Licensing/Certification" 20 Section 1.4 For ease of reference, the following provisions, which were previously listed in 21 this Appendix, are covered in their entirety by the CLA: 22 Vacation Leave: Pursuant to CLA, Articles 9 and 32. 23 Jury Duty: Pursuant to CLA, Article 5. 24 Leave for Volunteer Service: Pursuant to CLA, Article 4. 25 Military Leave: Pursuant to CLA, Article 2.

Medical, Dental and Life Insurance: Pursuant to CLA, Article 25.

Sick Leave: Pursuant to CLA, Articles 11 and 31.

Holidays: Pursuant to CLA, Article 10 and/or Appendix Article 4 below.

1		Reimbursement for Personal Transportation: Pursuant to CLA, Article 24.	
2		Special Duty: Pursuant to CLA, Article 15.	
3	•	Work Out of Class: Pursuant to CLA, Article 33.	
4	•	Reclassification and Resulting Pay: Pursuant to CLA, Article 14.	
5		Discipline: Pursuant to CLA, Article 27 and Appendix Article 9 below.	
6		Dispute Resolution: Pursuant to CLA, Article 26 and Appendix Article 11 below.	
7		Savings Clause: Pursuant to CLA, Article 30.	
8		Use of County Bulletin Boards and Electronic Devices: Pursuant to CLA, Article 23.	
9		Bereavement Leave: Pursuant to CLA, Article 8.	
10		Rates of Pay: Pursuant to CLA, Article 29 and Appendix Article 5 below.	
11		After Hours Support: Pursuant to CLA, Article 43 and Appendix Article 6 (except	
12	SCADA Emp	oloyees).	
13		Transportation Benefits: Pursuant to CLA, Article 34 and Appendix Article 7 below.	
14	•	Hiring: Pursuant to CLA, Article 18 and Appendix Article 8 below.	
15	•	Contracting Out: Pursuant to CLA, Article 16.	
16	•	Organ Donor Leave: Pursuant to CLA, Article 36.	
17	•	Union Membership: Pursuant to CLA, Article 37.	
18	•	Layoffs: Pursuant to CLA, Article 38 and Appendix Article 15 or Article 16 below.	
19	•	Equal Employment Opportunity: Pursuant to CLA, Article 39.	
20	•	Duration: Pursuant to CLA, Article 41.	
21	ARTICLE 2	: UNION RECOGNITION	
22	Section	on 2.1. The County recognizes the Union as the exclusive representative of full-time	
23	and part-time	regular and term-limited temporary (TLT) employees holding positions in	
24	classifications	s listed in Addendum A and made part hereof by this reference, who work in the Metro	
25	Transit Depar	rtment, excluding:	
26		1. All employees in the Marine Division.	
27		2. All employees in the Administrative Services Section of the Finance and	
28	Administrative Services Division.		
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**3.** All employees in the Employee Services Division.

**4.** All employees in the General Manager's immediate staff, including the Metro Transit Police.

- **5.** All managerial and supervisory employees.
- **6.** All employees in the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity/Equity & Inclusion and all employees exclusively performing equity and social justice work.
- 7. All employees who are designated as employees of King County Information Technology (KCIT).
- **Section 2.2.** The County recognizes the Union as the exclusive collective bargaining representative of all full-time and part-time regular and term-limited temporary employees whose job classifications are listed in the attached Addendum B and made a part hereof by this reference.
- Section 2.3. Seniority List. The County will transmit to the Union a current listing of all employees in the unit by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Such list shall indicate the name of the employee, wage rate, job classification, date of hire, date of hire into their current classification, division, employment status, and section and/or unit. At the time of a proposed reduction of force, the County will transmit to the Union a current listing of all employees which shall indicate the name of the employee, wage rate, job classification, date of hire, date of hire into their current classification, date of hire into any other previously held classification within the bargaining unit, division, employment status, and section and/or unit.

#### ARTICLE 3: RIGHTS OF MANAGEMENT

The management of the County and the direction of the work force is vested exclusively in the County subject to the terms of this agreement. Except to the extent there is contained in this Agreement express and specific provisions to the contrary, all power, authority, rights and jurisdictions of the County are retained by and reserved exclusively to the County, including, but not limited to, the right to manage the work of employees, schedule overtime work, to suspend or terminate, transfer, and evaluate employees; to determine and implement methods, means and assignments, establish classifications and select personnel by which operations are to be conducted, including staffing levels; and to initiate, prepare, modify and administer the budget.

#### ARTICLE 4: HOLIDAYS WORKED

#### Section 4.1.

**A.** CLA Article 10 does not apply to the Customer Information Technological Resources and Solutions (CITRS) group. In place of the Holiday benefits provided for in the CLA, the following rules in Section 4.1.A, 4.1.B, and 4.1.C shall apply to the CITRS group:

Employees eligible for comprehensive leave benefits shall be placed on standby status on the following days:

New Year's Day	January 1st	
Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday	Third Monday in January	
Presidents' Day	Third Monday in February	
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May	
Juneteenth	June 19th	
Independence Day	July 4th	
Labor Day	First Monday in September	
Indigenous People's Day	Second Monday in October	
Veteran's Day	November 11th	
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November	
Day after Thanksgiving		
Christmas Day	December 25th	

and special or limited holidays as declared by the president or governor, and as approved by the Metropolitan King County Council; other days in lieu of holidays as the Metropolitan King County Council may determine. If an employee is not ordered to report to work on a holiday listed above, they shall receive holiday pay for the day.

King County may summon standby employees to report to work on the following dates as soon as possible, but in no event later than two hours, and King County may direct other standby employees to report to a second shift later in the day.

**B.** King County may, at its sole discretion, order employees in the CITRS group to report to work on holidays to respond to service disruptions. An employee who is ordered to come to work on one of the holidays listed in Section 4.1.A above will have two options. 1) The employee

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may shift the missed holiday to another date within two weeks unless operationally impractical, in which case no later than the end of the pay period following the pay period in which an emergency was declared, unless a date outside of this range is mutually agreed upon; or 2) The employee may request a day of extra compensation in lieu of the holiday. An employee who requests an extra day of compensation shall forfeit the holiday. The result shall be that the employee receives the equivalent of six days of pay in the week for working five days. Employees may not self-select to report to work during a holiday.

C. An employee who is granted a week of vacation that is adjacent to a holiday listed in Section 4.1.A will not be required to be on standby status during the holiday. Through a system to be devised by the employees of the CITRS group, one additional employee shall be excused from standby status on each holiday. King County may, at its sole discretion, allow for more than one employee to be excused from standby status on particular holidays.

Section 4.2. All other non-CITRS employees who are directed to work on a holiday, and who are eligible for overtime, will receive 8 hours holiday leave pay pursuant to CLA Article 10 and be paid overtime for all hours actually worked. Such overtime eligible employee may request to accrue the time worked as compensatory time, which may be approved at management's discretion and consistent with Personnel Guidelines.

#### ARTICLE 5: RATES OF PAY

#### Section 5.1. Rates of pay

A. Rates of pay for all classifications in the bargaining unit shall be paid in accordance with Addendum A and Addendum B.

**B.** These bargaining units in Addendum A and Addendum B use steps 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 of the King County Square Table, unless noted otherwise.

C. The appointing authority may place a newly hired Employee at Step 2 upon hire, or a higher step when the department director determines this action is warranted based on the criteria set forth in the King County Personnel Guidelines. Pay placement for employees being promoted, transferred, or demoted shall be determined by Article 5.3, 5.4, and 5.5 below.

**D.** After completion of probation, employees will progress to the next salary step.

Thereafter, step increases will occur on each January 1st until the employee reaches the top of the salary range. All new hires will be hired at a minimum of Step 2.

**E.** King County shall not make any post-hire adjustments to employees' salary steps based on subsequent collective bargaining settlements or retroactive pay associated with other unions.

**Section 5.2. Top Step Merit Pay.** Employees who are at the top step of their salary range will be eligible annually for a merit increase of either 2.5% or 5% above the top step, at the County's discretion, in accordance with the King County Merit Pay Plan, as amended. Employees are eligible for the merit increase who have achieved a performance rating of "outstanding" (at least 4.25 on a scale of 1-5) in two (2) consecutive years.

An employee's performance rating and a decision to grant a merit increase is not subject to the grievance and arbitration provisions of CLA Article 26.

Section 5.3. Pay upon Promotion. An employee who is promoted shall be placed at the nearest step in the new salary range which provides at least a 5% increase above the employee's previous rate of pay in effect at the time of the personnel action. The appointing authority may place the promoted Employee at a higher step when the appointing authority determines this action is warranted based on the criteria set forth in the King County Personnel Guidelines and KCC 3.15.130, as amended. If the employee is receiving above-Step-10 merit pay, such pay may be considered when determining the step in the new salary range. The new pay may not exceed 5% above Step 10. This section is not applicable to a promotion that is a result of a reclassification.

Section 5.4. Pay upon Transfer. Employees who transfer to a position assigned the same pay range shall be placed at the step of the new pay range, which is closest to, but not less than the pay step that the employee received before the transfer. However, this step may not exceed the maximum of the new pay range except where the employee was receiving above-Step-10 merit pay in their former position, in which case such pay may exceed the top step of the new range by no more than 5%.

**Section 5.5. Pay upon Demotion.** Employees who accept a voluntary demotion, or who are involuntarily demoted, or for those who are demoted to a classification the employee formerly occupied, shall be placed at the highest step in the new pay range that does not exceed the pay rate

that the employee received before the demotion. If the employee is receiving above-Step-10 merit pay, such pay shall be considered when determining the new pay and the new pay may not exceed 5% above Step 10.

**Section 5.6.** Lead and Training Pay. Employees covered under Addendum B who are assigned, in writing, by the division manager or their designee to train employees and be responsible for their work product or to perform lead-worker duties over employees in the same classification, shall be compensated at a rate which is five percent (5%) greater than their base rate for all time so assigned.

## ARTICLE 6: HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

**Section 6.1.** For hourly employees, the normal work week shall consist of five (5) consecutive work days not to exceed eight (8) hours in a nine (9) hour period. The County and the Union agree that alternative work schedules may be established that are mutually agreed between the employee and employer.

**Section 6.2.** Contractual daily overtime shall be paid to employees who work more than their regularly scheduled hours in a workday, inclusive of hours worked in excess of regularly scheduled work hours of an alternative work schedule, at the Contractual Overtime Rate in effect at the time the overtime work is performed.

Contractual weekly overtime shall be paid to employees for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours per FLSA workweek at the Contractual Overtime Rate in effect at the time the overtime work is performed.

The Contractual Overtime Rate for each overtime hour worked shall be one and one-half times the combined amount of the employee's hourly base rate of pay, as specified in the Addendum A and B wage tables plus any applicable hourly pay premiums in effect at the time the overtime is worked that are contractually required to be included when calculating the Contractual Overtime Rate. If the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) requires a higher rate of pay for any overtime hours worked, the employee shall be paid the higher rate of pay pursuant to the FLSA.

**Section 6.3.** FLSA-exempt employees are covered under the King County Executive Leave Pay and Leave Practices for Executive Administration and Professional Employees policy(s) and are

expected to work the hours necessary to perform their jobs.

**Section 6.4.** Compensatory Time. Overtime may be paid as compensatory time at the rate of time and one-half, if requested by the employee and approved by the supervisor.

- **A.** Rideshare Services Representatives covered under Addendum A may choose to substitute compensatory time at the rate of time and one half (1-1/2) for overtime earned on weekends or scheduled days off when an employee is on-call.
- **B.** Compensatory time must be used during the calendar year in which it is accrued unless this is not feasible due to work demands. The employee may then request, and the department director may approve, the carryover of a maximum of 40 hours of accrued compensatory time. Requests will not be unreasonably denied.
- C. Employees will be paid in the pay period that includes December 31 for all accrued compensatory time not carried over into the following year.
- **D.** Compensatory hours that have been carried over must be used within the first quarter of the new calendar year, or will be cashed out in the pay period that includes March 31.

Section 6.5. Alternative Work Schedules. Alternative work schedules may be established in accordance with Executive Policy. When a supervisor establishes a schedule change or determines how to respond to an Employee request for an alternative work schedule, they must consider the Employee's childcare and other family and transportation needs in making the decision.

Management will meet one-on-one with each employee requesting a flex schedule in order to understand the employee's need for a flex schedule. A minimum of thirty (30) days' written notice to the employee must be given for a change in work schedule unless mutually agreed between the parties. If the employee does not agree with the supervisor's work schedule decision, the employee may request in writing a review by the Division Director. The Division Director's decision is final and not grievable. If an alternative work schedule is established, the compensation provisions of Sections 6.2 and 6.3 of this Article, related to FLSA-eligible and FLSA-exempt Employees remain applicable.

The parties recognize the importance of regularly reporting to the assigned work site for the purposes of accomplishing work. However, an employee may occasionally request, and a supervisor

may occasionally approve, an alternative work schedule for a limited period of time for the purpose of accommodating and balancing the individual needs of an employee and the business needs of the organization.

Section 6.6. Executive Leave. The nature of the work of many employees represented by this Agreement sometimes requires them to be on-call for significant periods of time and to work, on an on-going basis, substantially in excess of the standard work schedule for other County employees. Therefore, each FLSA-exempt employee will be granted a minimum of three (3) days of executive leave annually. In addition to the base number of days of executive leave granted above, an FLSA-exempt employee may be granted up to seven (7) additional days of executive leave when authorized in writing by their immediate supervisor, in recognition of the additional on-call time, excess work and/or performance expectations required by their specific position. Executive leave must be used in the payroll year it was granted and cannot be carried into the next payroll year or cashed-out.

**A.** The three (3) day minimum executive leave grant in Section 6.6 shall be prorated for employees hired or promoted into an FLSA-exempt position covered by this Agreement as follows:

Period of Employment	Minimum Days of Executive Leave Granted
0 through 1 month	0
1 through 4 months	1
4 through 8 months	2
8 through 12 months	3

Section 6.7. Transportation Planner II's in the Service Development section will be paid overtime based on 40 hours of "paid time" in a workweek. This will allow employees to be assigned to after hours and weekend meetings, and to work more flexible hours based on workload needs. Meetings outside regular work hours will be scheduled with at least 2 weeks notice; employees' personal needs will be considered as in the past. Adjustments in work schedules will be worked out between an employee and their supervisor.

#### Section 6.8. After Hours Support for Exempt Employees.

When an exempt employee performs work as a part of assigned after-hours on-call

duty, they may request permission from their supervisor to adjust their work schedule for the following calendar day. The supervisor shall evaluate the request based upon operational need and the volume of work performed. It is not the intent of this section to provide a minute-for-minute shift in time; rather, the intent is to recognize some on-call duties may significantly interfere with an employee's rest before the following workday.

#### **ARTICLE 7: MISCELLANEOUS**

**Section 7.1. Master ASE Transit Bus Certifications.** With the approval of the supervisor, employees covered under Addendum A who obtain and maintain a Master ASE certification in transit bus shall have all registration and test fees reimbursed upon successful completion.

**Section 7.2.** The County will provide all equipment and Employees' personal foul weather gear to ensure safety and/or identification for Employees based on requirements of their specific job duties. The County will continue to provide all safety-related equipment that is currently provided and/or required by law, including furniture and equipment designed to reduce the risk of injuries associated with positions in this bargaining unit.

Section 7.3. Training. The County may provide employees release time to attend training programs that will be beneficial to their job performance. Notice of all such training opportunities which management deems appropriate will be made available to all employees in writing. If the County requires attendance at such training programs, the County will pay the expenses incurred. The County recognizes the benefit of training and will provide access to training opportunities for Employees, within budgeted appropriations. Training may also include conferences, workshops and other professional networking opportunities.

A. An Employee enrolled in a degree program that the County determines to be job-related may be eligible to receive reimbursement from the County for up to 50% of this program. An Employee who takes individual classes or courses which management determines to be job-related may be eligible to receive reimbursement from the County for up to 100% of class fees or course fees. The decision to provide any reimbursement or initial course approval is solely based upon the County's discretion and is subject to financial constraints; however, management shall assure that over time training opportunities are distributed equitably over the work unit.

**B.** The Labor-Management Committee established pursuant to Section 7.5 of this Article shall address the issue of non-traditional training.

**Section 7.4. Transportation Benefits for Retirees.** The Employer will provide all retirees with bus passes at no cost in accordance with current practice and County ordinance. Further, any member of the bargaining unit who was entitled to a retiree bus pass prior to the January 1, 1996 merger with King County shall continue to be eligible for a retiree bus pass.

Section 7.5. Joint Labor Management Committee. The County and the Union agree to establish a joint labor-management committee (LMC) for the purpose of discussing matters or concerns of either party. Grievances, unfair labor practices, lawsuits and disciplinary matters are not appropriate subjects for discussion for the LMC. The County and the Union also understand that the LMC is not a substitute for bargaining and has no authority to amend the contract. Meetings will be held as needed and may be called by either party. The party requesting the meeting will be responsible for coordinating the meeting. The Union and County will co-chair the meeting and will determine the appropriate participants, not to exceed eight (8) for either party.

**Section 7.6.** Classification Specifications. The County shall furnish the Union with specific classification specifications for classifications in the bargaining unit descriptive of the function, scope and complexity of the position and the knowledge, abilities and qualifications for the position. If the Union requests, the County will meet with the Union to review proposed modifications and revisions to the classification specifications and will negotiate impacts prior to implementation.

Section 7.7. Home Free Guarantee. The County will operate a program to provide employees with a free ride home by taxi, if on a given day the employee has commuted to work by bus, carpool, vanpool, bike or walking on the day of the trip and has an emergency or works unanticipated overtime that day which requires the employee to leave work at other than the employee's regularly scheduled quit time. Determination of what constitutes a qualified emergency will be made at each worksite by the employee so designated by the County. Employees can exercise their home free guarantee a maximum of eight (8) times per calendar year.

**Section 7.8. Meals in Declared Emergency.** In the event of a bona fide emergency which is declared by the King County Executive, an employee will receive the meal per diem or appropriate

meal for any time in which that employee is required because of the emergency to remain at work in excess of twelve (12) consecutive hours or is required to work in excess of eight hours on a day the employee was not scheduled to work. Expense receipts are not required for reimbursement.

Section 7.9. Accidental Death Benefit – Criminal Assault. The County provides special coverage in the event of a felonious assault for employees covered under the County's Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance Plan.

**Section 7.10. Home visits to verify an illness.** Verification of sick leave use is pursuant to RCW 49.46.210 and County policy, procedures and guidelines. If an employee is directed to visit another employee at home to verify an illness after a no call-no show (including emails, texts or phone calls), the following will apply:

- **A.** A minimum of two employees will be sent (these employees may or may not be from the bargaining unit).
- **B.** The employees will be provided functional communication equipment (cell phone, etc.).
- C. A known itinerary will be established, so the supervisor will know if a home visit team is overdue.
- **Section 7.11. Sick Child Benefit Program.** The County provides employees with services through the Making Life Easier program for mildly sick child childcare resources for eligible dependent children. The service is provided at no cost to employees as long as they are preregistered in the program.
- **Section 7.12. Inclement Weather.** This Section shall apply only to employees covered under Addendum B.

#### A. Pay for employees in case of facility closure.

1. If a facility is closed by order of the County Executive due to inclement weather, employees scheduled to work will be paid their normal salary or hourly wage until such time as the facility is reopened, alternative worksites are arranged, or a reduction in force is implemented. Employees who previously requested and have been approved for time off (e.g., vacation, sick leave, compensatory time off, or leaves of absence) will have hours deducted from their accruals as

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Employees designated as first responders and mission critical employees who are unable to report to work will have their time charged to vacation, comp-time, or leave without pay unless the department director or designee determines that regular pay is warranted and waives the charging of the time missed.

- 2. Where a department or division director or agency administrator closes operations in his or her agency during the work day or orders employees to leave the premises because of safety concerns, employees scheduled to work will be paid for the normally scheduled work day.
- **3.** Continued closure of a facility beyond the first day (or partial day) as described above must be approved by the Executive; otherwise, the facility will be deemed open.

# B. Pay for employees where facilities remain open for business.

Where a department, office or facility remains open but inclement weather conditions prevent an employee from reporting to work:

- 1. The employee will notify their supervisor of the absence as soon as possible.
- 2. The employee may request, and the supervisor may approve, the use of compensatory time, vacation time, or leave without pay to cover the absence. Sick leave may not be used in such instances except where appropriate under sick leave provisions of the King County Code, Personnel Guidelines and this collective bargaining agreement.

# ARTICLE 8: HIRING POOLS, TRANSFERS, AND PROBATIONARY PERIOD

# **Section 8.1. Hiring Pools.**

When job announcements are posted to recruit applicants for a vacant position within Addendum A of the bargaining unit and a pool will be created, the job announcements shall notify potential applicants that applications received shall also be used to establish a pool of eligible candidates to fill future vacancies in the same classification. Such notice shall specify for which classifications the pool is being created. The pool of applicants established pursuant to this Section shall be retained for twelve (12) months from the date of posting. If a pool is used to fill a position,

all qualified candidates will be considered. Candidates in the pool may update their applications at any time while the pool is in effect. Qualified candidates from the pool who are not hired will be notified that their applications will remain in the pool.

For vacant positions within Addendum A of the bargaining unit, at least the most qualified applicant in Addendum A of this bargaining unit who meets the minimum requirements of the position will be offered an interview.

Section 8.2. Lateral Transfers. Prior to the initiation of any competitive process to fill a vacant bargaining unit position covered under Addendum B, regular employees covered under Addendum B holding the same classification as that of the vacant position shall be given the opportunity to make a lateral transfer to the vacant position. This provision does not apply to Term-Limited Temporary (TLT) employees or employees covered under Addendum A. Such lateral transfers shall be accomplished pursuant to the following procedure:

- A. Notification of the vacancy shall be provided to all regular bargaining unit employees whose classification is the same as that of the vacant position and thus eligible for lateral transfer considerations. Employees expressing interest in lateral transfer shall not be required to complete skills or other testing.
- **B.** Eligible regular employees expressing interest in a lateral transfer shall be interviewed by the manager/designee.
- C. Prior to initiating a competitive hiring process, King County will consider offering the position as a special duty assignment to interested employees in the bargaining unit. If none of the interested eligible bargaining unit employees are selected for lateral transfer or special duty assignment opportunity, the position will be filled through the County's hiring processes.
- **D.** Interested eligible regular employees who are not selected though the lateral transfer process or special duty assignment opportunity may apply for the position during the competitive examination process.
- E. A career service employee who transfers to a position within the employee's same classification, pay range and department or agency shall not be required to serve a probationary period unless the director of the Department of Human Resources or its successor, or the director's designee,

makes a written finding, in advance of the transfer, that the essential functions of the new position are substantially different from those of the employee's previous position, taking into consideration: the specific duties of the position; the work setting; the skills, training, and experience needed; the level of available support and supervision; and any other factors the director or designee deems relevant.

Section 8.3. Transportation Safety Administrator Assignments. Metro will solicit feedback from TSAs on preferred work location. Metro will consider input received from the TSAs, such as qualifications and tenure in the work unit, as well as work performance. However, Metro will continue to retain the flexibility to decide assignments, including transfers, to ensure the business needs of Metro are met. If metro is unable to honor a preferred work location request, then they shall provide a written statement stating the business need for their denial.

Section 8.4. Probationary Period. The applicable provisions of King County Personnel Guidelines, Duration of Probationary Period, shall apply, except as modified by this section. The probationary period for a new employee or a newly promoted employee shall be six months. A probationary period may be extended up to a total period of 12 months. If a probationary period is to be extended, the union must be notified and a written notice of the extension must be given to the employee. Notification shall be provided prior to the end of the probationary period.

If an employee's probationary period is extended due to the fact that the employee has not received adequate and consistent supervision during the probationary period, the employee will receive a retroactive probationary step increase to the date the normal probationary period was completed upon obtaining regular status.

An employee is "at will" during their probation and probationary terminations are not subject to the grievance and arbitration provisions of this Agreement.

If an employee was promoted from within the bargaining unit and fails to pass probation in the newly promoted position, they may revert back to their former position if it is vacant. If there is not a vacancy, the employee will be treated as a layoff candidate based on the employee's former position.

Existing bargaining unit employees who accept placement in a position in lieu of layoff after receiving a layoff notice are subject to probation as may be required by Career Service Rules,

however, the "at will" element of probation is not applicable to such employees. If it is determined during the probationary period that the employee is not qualified or cannot perform in a satisfactory manner, the employee will be transferred back to Career Support Services and considered for another placement within the County.

#### **ARTICLE 9: EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

**Section 9.1.** The off-duty activities of employees shall not be cause for disciplinary action unless said activities are detrimental to the employee's work performance or the program of the agency.

**Section 9.2.** If the County issues disciplinary action against a regular employee, the employee shall be apprised of their rights of appeal and representation.

**Section 9.3.** The employee and/or representative may examine the employee's personnel file(s) if the employee so authorizes in writing. Material placed into the employee's files(s) relating to job performance or personal character shall be brought to their attention. The employee shall have the right to insert documentation into the file(s) that responds to said material. Unauthorized persons shall not have access to employee files or other personal data relating to their employment, except as otherwise authorized by law.

**Section 9.4.** No employee shall be required to use equipment which is not in a safe condition. In the event an employee discovers or identifies unsafe equipment, they will immediately notify the immediate supervisor in writing. Employees shall not be disciplined for reporting unsafe equipment or working conditions to their immediate supervisor. Said equipment shall be repaired or replaced if the employer determines the equipment to be unsafe. At such time as the employer determines the equipment to be safe, the employee will be advised.

Section 9.5. Defense and Indemnification. In accordance with KCC, whenever an employee is named as a defendant in a civil or criminal action arising out of the performance of the employee's duties and is acting within the scope of employment, the County shall furnish counsel (or, solely at the County's discretion, reimburse the employee the cost of their private counsel) to represent the employee to a final determination of the action, without cost to the employee. To have the benefit of such legal representation and indemnification, the employee must have acted in good

faith, with no reasonable cause to believe such conduct was unlawful, and within the scope of their county employment. All questions as to whether the employee is entitled to indemnification shall be decided by the chief civil deputy prosecuting attorney in accordance with KCC, as amended.

#### ARTICLE 10: PERFORMANCE APPRAISALS AND MEMOS

**Section 10.1. Performance Appraisals and Memos.** Each Employee will receive performance memos and appraisals as needed, but at least once per year.

The Employee may appeal a performance appraisal pursuant to the King County Personnel Guidelines. Performance appraisals or memos are not grievable.

Section 10.2. Personnel Records. The employee has the right to have placed in their personnel file rebuttals to any written communications from County managers or supervisors. Employees may request to have included in the personnel file any written documentation that reflects favorably on the employee's conduct or work quality. Nothing in this section shall prevent the County and the Union from reaching a mutually acceptable agreement regarding the removal or revision of personnel records as the result of a grievance settlement.

## ARTICLE 11: DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

Section 11.1 Non-Contractual Dispute Resolution and Mediation. The intent of this section is to provide employees and supervisors with a dispute resolution process for issues for which the grievance and arbitration processes do not apply. An employee who has a non-contractual dispute is encouraged to exercise their rights to pursue dispute resolution and, if mutually agreed to, use mediation to resolve the dispute.

To initiate this process, the employee will request a dispute resolution meeting with their immediate supervisor. The employee and their supervisor will then meet in an attempt to resolve the dispute. The supervisor may provide the employee with a written summary of the meeting and outcome.

If the dispute remains unresolved, the employee and supervisor may mutually request mediation. The request for mediation will be made, in writing, to Transit Human Resources.

Mediation will use the King County ADR Program and will be concluded, if practicable, within 30 days of the request for mediation.

## **ARTICLE 12: WORK STOPPAGES AND EMPLOYER PROTECTION**

Section 12.1. The County and the Union agree that the public interest requires efficient and uninterrupted performance of all County services and to this end pledge their best efforts to avoid or eliminate any conduct contrary to this objective. Specifically, the Union shall not cause or condone any work stoppage, including any strike, slowdown or refusal to perform any customarily assigned duties, sick leave absence which is not bona fide, or other interference with County functions by employees under this Agreement and should same occur, the Union agrees to take appropriate steps to end such interference. Any concerted action by any employee in the bargaining unit shall be deemed a work stoppage if any of the above activities have occurred. Being absent without authorized leave shall be considered as an automatic resignation. Such a resignation may be rescinded by the division manager if the employee presents satisfactory reasons for their absence within three (3) calendar days of the date their automatic resignation became effective.

**Section 12.2.** Upon notification in writing by the County to the Union that any of its represented employees are engaged in a work stoppage, the Union shall immediately, in writing, order such employees to immediately cease engaging in such work stoppage and provide the County with a copy of such order. In addition, if requested by the County a responsible official of the Union shall publicly order such Union employees to cease engaging in such a work stoppage.

**Section 12.3.** Any employee who commits any act prohibited in this section will be subject in accord with the County's Work Rules to the following action or penalties:

- 1. Discharge.
- 2. Suspension or other disciplinary action as may be applicable to such employee.

#### **ARTICLE 13: WAIVER**

The parties acknowledge that each has had the unlimited right within the law and the opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any matter deemed a proper subject for collective bargaining. The results of the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. Therefore, the County and the Union, for the duration of this Agreement, each agrees to waive the right to oblige the other party to bargain with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 14: UNION REPRESENTATION**

**Section 14.1.** Authorized representatives of the Union may, after notifying the County official in charge, visit the work location of employees covered by this Agreement at any reasonable time for the purpose of investigating grievances, and to conduct union business that is directly related to the administration of this agreement. Such representatives shall limit their activities during such investigations to matters relating to this Agreement. Department work hours shall not be used by employees or Union representatives for the conduct of Union business or the promotion of Union affairs.

Section 14.2. Authorized representatives of the Union may have reasonable access to its represented employees in County facilities for transmittal of information or representation purposes before and after work and during lunch breaks or other regular breaks as long as the work of the County employees and services to the public are unimpaired. Prior to contacting represented employees in County facilities, such authorized agents shall make arrangements with the division manager. Where allowable and after prior arrangements have been made, the County shall make available to the Union meeting space, rooms, virtual meeting space, etc. for the purpose of conducting Union business, where such activities would not interfere with the normal work of the Department.

Section 14.3. The Union shall have the right to appoint stewards within Sections, Divisions, and locations where its represented employees are employed under the terms of this Agreement. Stewards shall see that the provisions of this Agreement are observed, and they shall be allowed reasonable time to perform these duties during regular working hours without suffering a loss of pay. Paid release time, for purposes of this section, does not apply to participation in the LMC defined in Article 7.5 or contract or settlement negotiations.

#### ARTICLE 15: REDUCTION IN FORCE ADDENDUM A EMPLOYEES

This Article shall only apply to employees currently covered under Addendum A, and shall not apply to employees currently covered by Addendum B.

#### Section 15.1. Pre-Layoff Process.

**A.** When a reduction in force (RIF) is anticipated for career service positions

represented under Addendum A, the County will notify the Union at least thirty (30) days prior to the determination that a reduction of force will occur. Upon request, the County will meet with the Union Representative to identify the number of employees in this bargaining unit that the County is anticipating for layoff. The Union may request to meet with the County prior to the implementation of the RIF for the purposes of discussing RIF mitigation strategies. The County will demonstrate that all interns, temporary, and term-limited employees that perform work in the same classification will be laid off prior to the layoff of members of this bargaining unit. The County and the Union shall jointly endeavor to find ways to minimize or eliminate the number of employees who must be laid off (e.g., reassign employees to vacant positions, locate temporary placement in other departments, encourage leaves of absence, or allow job-sharing).

**Section 15.2. Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply for the purposes of administering this Article.

**A. Reduction in Force** is any budgeted change to a career service employee's FTE which may include a decrease or elimination of the FTE.

- **B.** Layoff is the termination of career service employment due to a RIF action.
- C. Classification seniority is defined as total time in a classification without a break in service. Only career service employees are eligible to earn classification seniority. Seniority hours earned are not to exceed the equivalent of a full-time position (2080 hours annually). Term Limited Temporary (TLT) and Short Term Temporary (STT) employees do not earn classification seniority hours. Employees who transfer, promote or demote into a different job classification under Addendum A will accrue seniority in the new classification upon start of their placement in the position. Previous seniority hours earned in other classifications worked under Addendum A will be retained and calculated into the Contract seniority, as described below.

If two or more employees in the same classification are hired on the same date, then the classification seniority between those employees will be determined by contract seniority. If their contract seniority is the same (i.e., they were hired into the bargaining unit on the same date), then their classification seniority will be determined by their King County hire date within a coalition represented position without a break in service (the earliest hire date being most senior). If their

contract seniority and King County hire date are the same, then their classification seniority will be determined by their application submittal date/time (the earliest date/time being the most senior).

- **D.** Contract Seniority is defined as accumulated seniority for all classifications worked under this contract without a break in service as listed in Addendum A.
- E. Break in Service is a voluntary quit, retirement, layoff, medical separation or termination for just cause. Employees who terminate due to layoff or medical separation will have accrued seniority reinstated upon rehire if the rehire occurs within two years following their termination. Authorized paid and unpaid leaves of absence are not considered breaks in service; however, seniority will cease to accrue during an unpaid leave if the leave exceeds thirty (30) consecutive days.
- **F.** Trial Service Period is a defined period of time following placement into a new position as a result of a reduction in force. A trial service period only applies in the circumstances defined in the Vacancy/Bumping Process.

The purpose of the trial service period is to provide the individual an opportunity to acquire the requisite knowledge and skills specific to that position so as to be able to perform the duties in a competent manner. The trial service period is also a time for management to assess progress and performance of the individual and determine if they are able to perform the duties at an acceptable level. A trial service period is generally six months in duration, but may be extended an additional six (6) months to allow for further skill and knowledge acquisition; it may also be shortened if management determines the individual has demonstrated sufficient competency.

- G. Unsuccessful Trial Service Period: Management may end the trial service period at any time pursuant to just cause, for instance, if it objectively assesses that the individual is not demonstrating sufficient progress in obtaining the requisite knowledge and skills required of the position within a reasonable period of time. The individual may request to end the trial service period on their own accord if they conclude the placement is not an appropriate match. In both cases, the individual will be removed from the position and placed in layoff/recall status and will be eligible for recall services for up to two years following the date of their changed employment status.
  - **H. Qualified** means the employee possesses the qualifications required to be

considered eligible to be appointed to the position as a new hire.

I. King County is responsible for providing the Union with complete, accurate, pertinent, and timely information to assist the Union in identifying the seniority date. Failure to provide this information is grieveable. All questions or issues pertaining to a represented employee's seniority will be settled by the Union. The Union determined seniority date cannot be grieved. An employee who has obtained career service status in any bargaining unit classification and who moves into a position in King County outside of the bargaining unit shall retain their layoff seniority in the bargaining unit covered by this contract for one (1) year from the date of transfer. An employee who is not a base represented employee of the bargaining unit and is working in a Special Duty Assignment in a bargaining unit position who is hired permanently to that position shall have their seniority date reflect the start date of the Special Duty assignment.

**J.** Seniority is portable in a reciprocal manner between this bargaining unit and the employees in the Planning unit of the PROTEC17 non-interest arbitration Professional and Technical Department of Transportation bargaining unit.

**K.** An Employee who is granted a voluntary leave of one (1) year or less or who resigns from County employment for education or professional development or is laid off and is rehired within two years or less shall retain their seniority date. However, if said employee is gone for more than the above allotted time, upon return to the bargaining unit, the employee will receive a new seniority date reflecting the date of hire.

#### **Section 15.3. Reduction in Force Process.**

The following process shall govern for the purposes of administering this Section.

A. Notice –Notice to the individual(s) impacted by the RIF will occur no less than 60 days prior to the effective date of the RIF. The impacted employee will receive written notification of the Department's intent to change or eliminate the employee's FTE. This notice will include the effective date of the change, a description of the employee's RIF and layoff/recall rights as provided under the contract and King County policies and procedures; and a list of current vacancies available within the employee's current classification which includes the vacant position's allocated FTE level and work location. The Union will be provided a copy of the notice given to the impacted employee.

**B. Volunteer RIF.** When a RIF is to be initiated, employees may request to be voluntarily laid off if the employee is in the same work unit and classification as the position(s) determined to be eliminated/reduced. An employee who voluntarily chooses to be laid off will be placed directly in recall per Section 15.5.

#### C. Vacancy/Bumping Process.

An employee whose position has been eliminated entirely, will have the option of accepting layoff and entering the recall process (as described in Section 15.5), or resigning employment, or follow the process, based on seniority, for vacancies or bumping as described below:

- 1. The employee will be placed in a vacancy in the same classification and Division. If two or more RIF impacted employees are interested in the same vacancy, placement will be based on classification seniority. If there are no vacancies in the same classification in the same Division, but there are vacancies in the same classification in another Transit Division, then the employee will be placed in that vacant position and will serve a trial service period. If the vacant position is not represented, or is represented by another bargaining unit, the employee's new position will no longer be represented by this bargaining unit.
- **2.** If there are no vacancies under Step 1, the employee will bump, based on classification seniority, the least senior employee in the same classification within the same Division.
- 3. If there are no vacancies in the same classification in any Division or bumping opportunities under Step 2, then the employee will be placed in a vacant position in a lower classification within the same Division. To be placed into such a position, the employee must have previously passed probation in the lower classification and be qualified for the lower position. Additionally, if it has been more than five years since the employee worked in the lower classification, then the employee must serve a Trial Service Period. If two or more RIF impacted employees are interested in the same vacancy, placement will be based on contract seniority.
- **4.** If there are no vacancies in a lower classification (for which the employee has passed probation and is qualified) in the same division, then the employee will bump, based on contract seniority, the least senior employee in a lower classification within the same division, provided the bumping employee has previously passed probation in the lower classification and is

increased or decreased, the Notice processes will be the same as stated in Section 15.3.(A). Employees in such positions will be given first right of refusal to the changed FTE level for their position. If they elect not to remain in their position at the new FTE level, then the process set forth in Section 15.3.(C) will apply, but only for positions with the same FTE level as that from which the employee was laid off. If there are no placement opportunities in the same FTE level, then the process in Section 15.3.(C) will apply, regardless of FTE level.

#### Section 15.5. Recall.

Recall is the return to employment in a career service position covered under the collective bargaining agreement in the classification and FTE level from which the employee was laid off.

Recall rights to the classification from which an employee has been laid off shall expire two (2) years from the date of layoff.

Employees in recall status will be offered vacancies as per Steps 1 and 3 in Section 15.3.(C) in that order so that if multiple vacancies are available, then the employee must take the vacancy in the earliest step available (with Step 1 being the earliest, and Step 3 being the latest). An employee in recall status may bump a TLT or temporary employee working in the current classification or any job classification previously worked in the bargaining unit or classification series. Any employee bumping into a TLT or temporary position shall maintain their recall rights under this section and shall continue to accrue seniority and maintain step placement. The recall of an employee into a TLT or temporary position shall not convert such position to a regular, career service position. Recall opportunities will be offered in order of contract seniority.

A. All career service bargaining unit employees who are laid off, whose hours of work are reduced involuntarily or who accept a position with a lower pay range in lieu of layoff, shall be placed on the layoff recall list for two years in the County's Layoff/Recall Program from the date of layoff. In addition, the employee shall retain specific recall rights to the position from which the employee was laid off for an additional one (1) year following the end of the two (2) year general recall period. During the three (3) year specific recall period, the employee shall retain specific recall rights to the position from which they were laid off regardless of whether the employee has accepted a different position within the County. Refusal to accept re-employment in a position with a lower

salary range or with fewer working hours than the employee held at the time of layoff shall not be cause for removal from the recall list.

- **B.** When the County is filling a bargaining unit position and there are laid-off employees who have held such positions within the previous five (5) years, the employees shall be notified of the vacancy and be afforded an opportunity to apply for the vacant position. The notification requirement is fulfilled by sending such notification to the employee's last known address of record.
- C. When a laid-off employee applies for, or is referred to, a bargaining unit position and such employee is unsuccessful in obtaining the position, the employee will be provided with the rationale for their own non-selection, interview and test scores, and other documentation used to make the determination.
- **D.** An employee who is recalled from layoff within two (2) years shall have all their unpaid sick leave balance and vacation accrual rates restored.
- **E.** In Service Development, an employee shall retain two year specific recall rights to a vacancy that opens up in Service Development in the classification from which the employee was laid off.
- **Section 15.6. Outplacement.** The County will provide access to outplacement services for employees who have been notified of their impending layoff. If the County does not provide outplacement services that the parties mutually agree meet the needs of the employee, each affected Employee will be allowed to access non-King County outplacement services for a period of one year following receipt of their notice of layoff, or to a maximum expenditure of \$2,500, whichever comes first.
- **Section 15.7. Term-Limited Temporary Employees.** The provisions of this Article do not apply to TLTs.

# ARTICLE 16: REDUCTION IN FORCE ADDENDUM B EMPLOYEES

- This Article shall only apply to employees currently covered under Addendum B, and shall not apply to employees currently covered by Addendum A.
  - Section 16.1. Pre-Layoff Process.

A. When a reduction in force is anticipated for career service positions represented under Addendum B, the County will notify the Union at least thirty (30) days prior to the decision to eliminate a position that will result in an employee being laid off. Upon request, the County will meet with the Union Representative to identify the number of employees in this bargaining unit that the County is anticipating for layoff. The County will demonstrate that all interns, temporary, and term-limited employees that perform similar professional and technical work in the same classification will be laid off prior to the layoff of employees of this bargaining unit. The County and the Union shall jointly endeavor to find ways to minimize or eliminate the number of employees who must be laid off (e.g., reassign employees to vacant positions, locate temporary placement in other departments, encourage leaves of absence, or allow job-sharing).

**B.** When the elimination of a career service position will result in an employee being laid off, the employee will be placed in an available vacant position.

C. When the elimination of a career service position shall result in an employee being laid off, the employee shall be selected by inverse seniority within the same classification within a Department. An employee subject to layoff who is not placed in a vacant position may bump the least senior employee in the same classification within the Department, provided the employee who elects to bump has more seniority.

Employees who bump into a new position will serve a probationary period in the new position. If the employee does not successfully complete the probationary period, they are no longer able to exercise bumping rights and will be terminated from employment. The employee will be referred to Career Support Services and be eligible for possible placement in another County position.

**Section 16.2. Notice.** When the elimination of a position shall result in an employee being laid off, the County shall provide written notice to the Union and the affected employee at least 60 calendar days prior to the effective date of the layoff.

# Section 16.3. Recall Rights.

A. All career service bargaining unit employees who are laid off, whose hours of work are reduced involuntarily or who accept a position with a lower pay range in lieu of layoff, shall be placed on the layoff recall list for two years in the County's Layoff/Recall Program from the date

of layoff. In addition, the employee shall retain specific recall rights to the position from which the employee was laid off for an additional one (1) year following the end of the two (2) year general recall period. During the three (3) year specific recall period, the employee shall retain specific recall rights to the position from which they were laid off regardless of whether the employee has accepted a different position within the County. Refusal to accept re-employment in a position with a lower salary range or with fewer working hours than the employee held at the time of layoff shall not be cause for removal from the recall list.

- **B.** When the County is filling a bargaining unit position and there are laid-off employees who have held such positions within the previous five (5) years, the employees shall be notified of the vacancy and be afforded an opportunity to apply for the vacant position. The notification requirement is fulfilled by sending such notification to the employee's last known address of record.
- C. When a laid-off employee applies for, or is referred to, a bargaining unit position and such employee is unsuccessful in obtaining the position, the employee will be provided with the rationale for their own non-selection, interview and test scores, and other documentation used to make the determination.
- **D.** An employee who is recalled from layoff will have all unpaid sick leave balances restored.
- **Section 16.4. Outplacement Services.** The County will contract with qualified firms to provide outplacement services for employees who have been notified of their impending layoff. Each affected Employee will be allowed to access non-King County outplacement services for a period of one (1) year following receipt of their notice of layoff, or to a maximum expenditure of \$2,500, whichever comes first.

#### Section 16.5. Seniority Defined.

A. Seniority shall be defined as the date when the employee first began working in a bargaining unit position currently covered or would have been covered by this Agreement. King County is responsible for providing the Union with complete, accurate, pertinent, and timely information to assist the Union in identifying the seniority date. Failure to provide this information is

grieveable. All questions or issues pertaining to a represented employee's seniority will be settled by the Union. The union determined seniority date cannot be grieved.

- **B.** Time worked as a King County temporary, in an Administrative Support or Rideshare bargaining unit classification, shall be counted, provided there is no break in service, as determined by the Union. Seniority will be adjusted for all time in excess of thirty continuous days, when not in pay status.
- C. An Employee who is granted a voluntary leave of one (1) year or less or who resigns from County employment for education or professional development or is laid off and is rehired within two (2) years or less maintains their seniority date. However, if said employee is gone for more than the above allotted time, upon return to the bargaining unit, they will receive a new seniority date reflecting the date of hire.

## **D.** Special Duty Seniority.

An employee who is not a base represented employee of the bargaining unit and is working in a Special Duty Assignment in a bargaining unit position who is hired permanently to that position shall have their seniority date reflect the start date of the Special Duty assignment.

**Section 16.6. Term-Limited Temporary Employees.** The provisions of this Article do not apply to TLTs.

# ARTICLE 17: SCADA EMPLOYEES

This Article applies only to SCADA Employees due to the unique nature of their work.

Section 17.1. Call-Out Pay. A SCADA Employee who has gone home after their regular shift, and who is called back to work and reports to work, will be paid at the overtime rate for hours actually worked or four hours, whichever is more. Additional call-outs within a four hour period will be covered by the same four hour guarantee. If a SCADA Employee can respond to the situation without having to report to the worksite, the guarantee is a minimum of two hours.

Section 17.2. Clothing, Uniforms, and Equipment. The County shall provide and maintain necessary safety clothing, uniforms, and equipment. Each SCADA Employee who is required by the County to wear a particular type of safety footgear shall be entitled to a voucher to be applied toward the purchase of such safety footgear. The maximum County contribution paid by such voucher shall

be \$200 per SCADA Employee. SCADA employees may use up to \$50.00 of the voucher to purchase work socks. A replacement item will be issued when the item is lost, stolen, damaged, or worn out.

#### Section 17.3. Shift Differential.

- 1. Shift differential will be 5.00% per hour for swing shift and 7.5% per hour for graveyard shift. Any shift with a quitting time from 8:01 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. will be considered a swing shift. Any shift with a quitting time from 2:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. will be considered a graveyard shift.
- 2. SCADA System Specialists who are not regularly scheduled for the night shift will be paid according to the overtime provisions in Article 6 and the language applicable to SCADA System Specialists in Article 17.
- Section 17.4. Negotiated Meal and Rest Periods. The parties agree to continue their long-standing agreement to specifically supersede in total the State provisions regarding meal and rest periods for SCADA System Specialists. SCADA System Specialist shifts may include "straight eight" shifts, which do not have meal periods. For all SCADA System Specialists shifts, meal periods, and rest periods are not scheduled but may be taken intermittently consistent with work needs. SCADA System Specialists are entitled to meal and rest periods only as described in this agreement and not those provided by State law.

#### Section 17.5. SCADA System Specialists Shift Picks.

- 1. The County will hold two shift picks annually for the SCADA System Specialists to be effective on the start of the closest pay period to March 15th and September 15th with pick order determined by seniority. When a facility opens or closes, a section-wide pick will occur. A seniority list shall be provided by the County and reviewed by the Union prior to the shift picks occurring. Management will provide the Union with a list of shifts based on business needs. Shifts can be scheduled for any day of the week.
- 2. It is understood that the County will determine the description of schedules and shifts (hours of the day and days of the week) available to pick. The creation of all schedules and shifts (hours of the day and days of the week) is within the right of management to establish and

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change pursuant to business needs. The parties also agree that it is within management's right to add, move or remove shifts, or modify shift days or start/end times that will be included in each shift pick. Changes could also include, but are not limited to, establishing swing shifts or weekend shifts. Copies of the proposed pick schedule and shifts will be posted for the employees and the Union to review no later than 14 calendar days prior to the start of the pick. Changes in the posting may not be made without consulting with the Union within seven days prior to the pick. The effective date of the shake-up will be approximately two weeks after the pick.

- 3. The County and an individual SCADA System Specialist may establish other schedules for special projects or events if mutually agreed to. If an employee is, or will be, unable to work for the entirety of the next picked schedule, that employee shall not pick a schedule. If an employee unexpectedly comes back to work after a pick has taken place, management will assign them a shift. If the special project includes overtime then Section 17.5 will apply.
- 4. As new employees are hired, management will decide which additional shifts to add to the pick. Employees hired in between picks will be placed on shifts that provide the best opportunity to train. Training will last a minimum of 90 days and will conclude when management deems the employee capable of performing the job duties with minimum supervision. Training will be assessed during the 90- and 180-day evaluations. Upon completion of training, and while still on probation, if applicable, an employee will be eligible to participate in the next pick.
- 5. If a vacant position is to be filled or a new position is created, Employees in that classification will have a move-up if requested. Move-ups will be conducted only when they can be implemented at least 28 days prior to the end of the current shake-up.
- During each pick, employees will, by shift and by seniority, also select vacations by calendar week. Employees may only pick vacation weeks equivalent to their accumulated and expected balances. Requests for time off will be considered on a case by case basis depending on business and safety needs.
- Overtime will be offered first by facility, then by shift, to all qualified SCADA System Specialists and Leads on rotating basis using a monthly overtime list. SCADA Specialists will every month indicate if they are interested in overtime if it becomes available. It will then be

offered, among those who have indicated interest, by seniority to the person(s) with the least amount of overtime worked in the previous month. If no SCADA System Specialists accept the offer for overtime, management may assign the overtime by inverse seniority by facility and then by shift. Management will determine what facility will be first offered the work. In cases where there is a need for overtime for a special task the overtime will be first offered to the employee within the classification responsible for the work. A Special task shall mean non-ordinary circumstances in which the work cannot wait to be completed, or work deemed unreasonable to have anyone but the existing employee performing the work.

8. Management may designate employees in accordance with the below terms and conditions covering standby. When an employee is called out while on standby, any applicable standby pay shall cease and the employee shall then be paid in accordance with Article 17.1. Standby will be offered to all qualified SCADA System Specialists by seniority on rotating basis using a monthly standby list. SCADA Specialists will every month indicate if they are interested in standby if it becomes available. It will then be offered, among those who have indicated interest, by seniority to the person(s) with the least amount of standby worked in the previous month. Employees assigned to standby must be ready to report to work, either remotely or on site, if called. If no one chooses standby work, the County may designate those employees on a rotating basis by shift by inverse order of seniority. County management may cancel standby work at its discretion.

#### Standby:

- A. Parking expenses to park in the County's Goat Hill and King Street Center garages shall be reimbursed on presentation of a receipt if an employee is called out to a work location in the Seattle Downtown core area outside of regular working hours.
- B. Equipment: The County will provide all assigned standby staff with a two-way electronic device when assigned standby.
- C. Employees will be paid ten percent (10%) of their base hourly rate for all hours on standby.
  - 9. Management recognizes the challenges facing night shift employees and will

engage those employees in attempting to find a mutually beneficial result when management's business needs may conflict with employee's personal needs.

Section 17.6. Training Pay. SCADA Specialists who are assigned, in writing, by the division manager or their designee to train one or more employees, under the following circumstances, shall be compensated at a rate which is five percent (5%) greater than their base rate for all time so assigned. Leads or employees in a different classification than the new employee are not eligible for training pay. To be considered eligible for training pay, the employee must be preauthorized in writing and the work they are performing must involve active instruction. They are required to be responsible for their instruction, evaluation, and work product. Training pay will not be offered for any other types of intern, apprentice, or for peer-to-peer training or orienting new Employees.

Section 17.7. SCADA Specialist-Lead Classification Hiring. Rail SCADA Specialist-Lead positions will use a competitive recruitment selection process. All internal employees and external candidates are eligible to apply for Rail SCADA Specialist-Lead positions, however, employees covered by this Appendix Article 17 shall be given consideration over other internal and external candidates. Employees covered by this Appendix Article 17 who are not offered the position after the interview process shall be informed in writing of the reasons they were not selected and be given an opportunity to meet with the hiring manager for more in-depth feedback.

#### ARTICLE 18: BUS ASSEMBLY INSPECTOR EMPLOYEES

This Article applies only to Bus Inspector Employees due to the unique nature of their work.

**Section 18.1. Out-of-State Work.** When working at a job site outside of Washington, the following shall apply:

- 1. The first and last days of a work period in an out-of-state inspection location shall be full travel days. Inspectors will be given the option of flying home after their work shift the night before their return travel day. Mondays and Fridays are full travel days; however, Flights home can be taken on Thursdays after work or other days under certain circumstances with pre-approval from the assigned Contract Administrator or Fleet Procurement Superintendent.
  - 2. The County will reimburse for travel expenses as outlined in the County's policy

on "Authorized Travel, Travel Expense and Miscellaneous Reimbursements for King County Employees."

- **3.** Each Bus Assembly Inspector may elect to have a rental car when on assignment.
- **4.** The County will provide an additional \$20 per week to cover laundry and other miscellaneous expenses.
- **5.** The County will pay a 5% "out-of-state" premium for all time spent working during out-of-state assignments. This premium shall not apply to work performed in Washington State.
- 6. When a term-limited temporary Bus Assembly Inspector is subsequently hired into a career service Bus Assembly Inspector position, the Adjusted Start Date (upon which vacation accrual rates are based) should be the start of the TLT position, provided there has been no break in service (the period of time that the employee did not work for the county).

#### ARTICLE 19: PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER LICENSES

King County will reimburse the renewal cost of Professional Engineer Licenses for any Employees in the Engineer Series covered under Addendum A in Transit Mobility Division's Service Development Section.

#### ARTICLE 20: TERM-LIMITED TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES

TLT employees shall be eligible for all of the rights, benefits, and responsibilities enumerated in this collective bargaining agreement, with the following exclusions. TLTs will not become Career Service employees following a probationary period. The employment of TLT employees is on an at-will basis. All terms and conditions of employment not addressed in this collective bargaining agreement are covered by the King County Code and King County Personnel Guidelines.

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# Addendum A

# **Professional & Technical Employees Bargaining Unit, Metro Transit Department**

# Wage Addendum

Job Class	PeopleSoft	Classification Title	Range
Code	Job Code		
2810000	281106	Administrative Staff Assistant	48
2810100	281207	Administrator I	50
2810200	281304	Administrator II	56
2810300	281404	Administrator III	63
2810400	281510	Administrator IV	68
2410300	240104	Bus Assembly Inspector	56
2811100	286105	Business Analyst	63
2811200	286206	Business Analyst - Senior	68
2131100	214102	Business and Finance Officer I	53
2131200	214203	Business and Finance Officer II	58
2131300	214305	Business and Finance Officer III	62
2131400	214409	Business and Finance Officer IV	67
2214400	225003	Buyer - Lead Senior	64
2501100	252103	Communications Specialist I	51
2501200	252202	Communications Specialist II	54
2501300	252305	Communications Specialist III	58
2501400	252405	Communications Specialist IV	64
2215100	223804	Contract Specialist I	56
2215200	223905	Contract Specialist II	61
2215300	224005	Contract Specialist III	66
2230200	223401	Customer Services Coordinator	55
2230300	223501	Customer Services Coordinator - Lead	59

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Data Administrator Database Specialist - Senior Educator Consultant I **Educator Consultant II** Engineer I Engineer II Engineer III Engineer IV Environmental Scientist I Environmental Scientist II Environmental Scientist III Environmental Scientist IV Functional Analyst I Functional Analyst II Functional Analyst III Functional Analyst IV GIS Specialist - Journey GIS Specialist - Senior Grant Administrator IT Project Manager I IT Project Manager II IT Systems Specialist - Master Maintenance Planner Scheduler Marketing and Sales Specialist I Marketing and Sales Specialist II Marketing and Sales Specialist III Occupational Education and Training Instructor 

2252200	226604	Occupational Education and Training Coordinator	53
2252300	226702	Occupational Education and Training Program Administrator	58
2252400	226802	Occupational Education and Training Program Administrator -	63
		Senior	
7222300	723605	Photographer - Lead	54
8202100	822101	Power Distribution Technical Assistant	59
2441100	243104	Project/Program Manager I	53
2441200	243206	Project/Program Manager II	58
2441300	243303	Project/Program Manager III	63
2441400	243403	Project/Program Manager IV	68
8311300	839102	Rail SCADA Systems Specialist	61
8311600	839301	Rail SCADA Systems Specialist - Lead	64
8311400	839202	Rail SCADA Systems Administrator	66
8311500	839205	Rail Ventilation Systems Coordinator	66
2814100	283101	Rideshare Services Representative	54
2334100	234103	Safety and Health Administrator I	43
2334200	234203	Safety and Health Administrator II	48
2334300	234302	Safety and Health Administrator III	54
2334400	234403	Safety and Health Administrator IV	62
2502100	252602	Special Projects Manager I	68
2502300	252804	Special Projects Manager III	72
2219100	222201	Supply Chain Analyst	62
2410100	240102	Transit Maintenance Analyst	67
8730550	822103	Transit Power Distribution Coordinator	64
2218100	228102	Transit Vehicle Procurement Administrator	67
2450100	245201	Transportation Safety Administrator	68
2421100	241602	Transportation Planner I	53
2421200	241704	Transportation Planner II	58

2421300	241804	Transportation Planner III	63
2421400	241905	Transportation Planner IV	68
6222100	656501	Van Pool Risk Specialist	59
7316300	734004	Website Developer - Senior	63

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#### Addendum B

# Transit Administrative Support Employees Bargaining Unit, Metro Transit Department Wages

Job Class Code	PeopleSoft Job Code	Classification Title	Range
4201600	421601	Transit Administrative Support Specialist I	35
4201700	421701	Transit Administrative Support Specialist II	39
4201800	421801	Transit Administrative Support Specialist III	43
2151100	207110	Payroll Specialist	44
2281000	228200	Transit Warranty Claims Analyst	46
4101100	411107	Fiscal Specialist I	34
4101200	411207	Fiscal Specialist II	40
4101300	411314	Fiscal Specialist III	44
4322100	435101	Transit Customer Service Specialist	42

All job classifications in Addendum A and Addendum B are paid on the King County "Squared" Pay Schedule.

Employees move through the steps in the King County "Squared" pay ranges pursuant to Article 5.1.D.

Wage tables are available upon request to Transit Human Resources or the Department of Human Resources.

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