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**KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S CONTINUATION OF DIRECTIVE REGARDING METRO SERVICE
 PURSUANT TO KCC 28.94.020(B)(2)**

Whereas, the King County Code, Section 28.94.020(B)(2)(a), provides that if, in the opinion of the Metro General Manager, an emergency exists that requires any change to established routes, schedules or classes of service, the General Manager may implement such a change for such a period as may be necessary in the General Manager's judgment or until such a time as the King County Council shall establish by ordinance otherwise;

Whereas, on February 29, 2020 the Governor issued a Proclamation of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas, on March 1, 2020, I issued a Proclamation of Emergency in King County regarding the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas, on March 18, 2020, I determined based on the Metro General Manager's recommendation that an emergency exists that requires a change to established Metro routes, schedules and classes of service pursuant to King County Code Section 28.94.020(B)(2)(a) and directed Metro to make service changes;

Whereas, public transportation is an essential service which enables the public to access healthcare, food, medicine and work;

Whereas, it is King County's goal that public transportation should remain open and accessible at service levels consistent with demand and customer needs during the regional response to and recovery from COVID-19;

Whereas, this Directive will continue to help preserve and make more accessible public transportation capacity in the Metro service area;

Whereas, these service changes are providing an appropriate level of Metro service consistent with demand, customer needs and public health guidance;

Whereas, the Metro General Manager is monitoring demand for service, customer needs and public health guidance and will provide Metro service consistent with those needs and this Directive;

Whereas, as indicated by his signature below, the Metro General Manager has recommended that I continue the previous authorization for Metro service changes in order to continue to provide Metro service consistent with demand, customer needs and public health guidance through the Fall 2022 service change;

Whereas, I have determined that it is appropriate to continue my previous authorization for Metro service changes consistent with demand, customer needs and public health guidance.

NOW THEREFORE, I DIRECT the Metro General Manager to continue to implement service changes consistent with Attachment A through the Fall 2022 service change.

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Signed this ____ day of March 2022 at Seattle, Washington

Dow Constantine
King County Executive

It is my opinion that the response and recovery from the COVID-19 emergency continues to require a change to established routes, schedules and classes of service consistent with Attachment A through the Fall 2022 service change. It is my further opinion that by monitoring demand for service, customer needs and public health guidance Metro can provide service consistent with those needs.

March 11, 2022



Terry White, Metro General Manager

Attest:

Norm Alberg

Director, Records and Licensing Services Division, Department of Executive Services