



February 12, 2019

Rob Gannon
General Manager
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Seattle, WA 98104-3856

SUBJECT: Support for Metro's RapidRide H Line

Dear Mr. Gannon:

This letter is to express the City of Seattle's support for the RapidRide H Line, which will connect the South Lake Union area of downtown Seattle with downtown Burien, via the Third Avenue transit corridor, West Seattle Bridge, Delridge Way SW, Westwood Village, and central White Center, complete with premium service starting in Fall of 2021. The new RapidRide line will replace Metro's current Route 120 and will be named the RapidRide H Line.

In December, King County Metro sent the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) a letter of intent to enter into an inter-agency agreement for design and construction of improvements within the City of Seattle toward implementation of a Metro RapidRide bus rapid transit line between downtown Seattle and Westwood Village. This agreement is important to advancing SDOT's Delridge Way SW Project.

SDOT concurs that Metro's currently-planned alignment is preferred. This route allows H Line to reach a desired level of service which incorporates both coverage and speed. This RapidRide corridor is expected to significantly increase transit ridership while providing frequent service with high customer satisfaction.

SDOT is currently working with Metro to provide adequate permits and right-of-way to accommodate new facilities constructed by Metro within Seattle city limits. SDOT and Metro anticipate that Metro will design, fund, and construct any required improvements from South Lake Union to the West Seattle Bridge, and from the intersection of Delridge Way SW & SW Henderson St to the intersection of SW Roxbury St & 15th Av SW. SDOT will lead the design and construction of the H Line segment on Delridge Way SW, between the West Seattle Bridge and SW Henderson Street. SDOT is leading this work because it will construct a number of other multi-modal (non-transit) improvements along the Delridge section of the corridor at the same time.

The City of Seattle appreciates Metro's efforts to conduct a thorough outreach process for the RapidRide H Line and appreciates the opportunity to actively partner on outreach events. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Metro and the RapidRide team through implementation of the RapidRide H Line in Seattle. If you have further questions, or need assistance from Seattle on this project, please do not hesitate to contact Maria Koengeter, SDOT's Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridors Program Manager, at 206-733-9865 or maria.koengeter@seattle.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Zimbabwe'.

Sam Zimbabwe
Director