



August 23, 2019

Rob Gannon
General Manager
King County Metro Transit
201 S Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104

Subject: Support for Metro's RapidRide G Line

Dear Mr. Gannon:

This letter is to express the City of Seattle's support for the RapidRide G Line, which will deliver critical east-west transit mobility connecting the Seattle Streetcar System, Coleman Dock ferries, LINK light rail in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel, Metro RapidRide service on the 3rd Avenue Transit Corridor, and many local and regional transit services with service starting in 2022. This project serves multiple major employment hubs, hospitals, and dense neighborhoods with a diverse mix of housing and services. This project is expected to increase ridership, enhance transit customer comfort, and significantly improve transit speed and reliability throughout the corridor.

The Madison Street BRT project will be the City of Seattle's signature BRT line. This project will be delivered in partnership with King County Metro Transit as a RapidRide corridor, leveraging the FTA's investment in the highly successful RapidRide program. This project is uniquely positioned for success with a strong local funding base with City and regional funds.

The Madison Street corridor was included in the Metro Connects plan adopted by the King County Council in 2017. The City of Seattle Transit Master Plan, adopted in 2012, is consistent with Metro's Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021. SDOT concurs that the currently planned alignment and channelization is preferred. The current design allows the RapidRide G Line to reach the desired level-of-service for both speed and reliability. This RapidRide corridor is expected to considerably increase transit ridership while providing frequent service with great customer satisfaction.

SDOT is currently working with Metro on several memoranda of agreement for the project. There was a memorandum of understanding for the future development, planning, and implementation of the Seattle RapidRide Expansion Program first developed in 2016 and updated again in 2019. Specific to the RapidRide G Line, an amended and restated fleet agreement was finalized on July 25, 2019. Separate construction, and operations and maintenance, agreements are being developed jointly and are scheduled to be executed by the end of the year.

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The City of Seattle appreciates Metro's partnership to operate and maintain service as the RapidRide G Line. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Metro and the RapidRide team through implantation of the RapidRide G 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', written in a cursive style.

Sam Zimbabwe
Director