



## King County

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The Honorable Sarah Perry  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Perry:

This letter transmits a proposed Motion that, if approved by Council, would approve the 2025 and 2026 King County Metro Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP) in accordance with the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan regulations and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021. Revisions to Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 49 part 673 published in April 2024 adjusted requirements of PTASPs which have been addressed in the updated 2025 and 2026 PTASPs. For efficiency, both the 2025 and 2026 plans are being submitted concurrently for Council review and approval.

The enclosed PTASPs are updated versions of the 2024 PTASP. The updated PTASPs are comprehensive documents that help to ensure the safety of Metro's customers, employees, contractors, emergency responders, and the public, as required by the FTA. The PTASP is required for all operators of public transportation systems that are recipients and sub-recipients of FTA grant funds, of which Metro is a recipient.

The enclosed PTASPs have been updated in coordination with Metro's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Committee, a collaboration between Metro and labor partners, as directed by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Approval of the PTASP is required per the FTA PTASP regulation at 49 CFR Part 673 as authorized by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

The PTASPs outline Metro's Safety Management System (SMS), a structured and collaborative framework that engages management and labor to enhance Metro's safety culture. The SMS builds upon existing safety practices to proactively identify and mitigate risk, improve the effectiveness of safety data analysis, and strengthen the measurement of safety performance. Additionally, the SMS ensures that resources are allocated strategically, supporting informed decision-making across all organizational levels. Implementing an SMS through the PTASP is a federal requirement for operators of public transportation systems.

Please note that the approved PTASPs are due to the FTA upon Council approval.

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Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion and the attached plans. The important work reflected in the plans will help Metro continue to be a safe public transit system for employees, passengers, and the region at large.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Rebecca Frankhouser, Director/Chief Safety Officer, Safety, Security, and Quality Assurance Division, Metro Transit Department, at (206) 477-3976.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karan Gill". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

for

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King County Executive

Enclosure

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