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The Honorable Larry Gossett  
The Honorable Larry Phillips  
King County Council  
King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue, Room 1200  
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Snoqualmie Valley Alternative Service Demonstration Project for King County

Dear Council Member Gossett and Council Member Phillips,

I am writing to express my support for the King County Metro Alternative Service Demonstration Project proposed for the Snoqualmie Valley.

Collectively, the cities of Snoqualmie, North Bend, Carnation, and Duvall are home to 25,000 residents, more than 11,000 of those living in Snoqualmie. Snoqualmie Valley is also a services and jobs hub to the surrounding King County unincorporated area. There are approximately 2,600 jobs in Snoqualmie, many held by persons living outside of Snoqualmie, which warrants improved transportation options. As well, many Snoqualmie residents travel beyond city limits for employment.

Historically, Snoqualmie Valley transit routing has been difficult to adapt in this area due to the dispersed nature of rural development surrounding Snoqualmie combined with Snoqualmie's rapid growth. Snoqualmie has been the fastest growing city in Washington State for many years. (*Sources: U.S. Census Bureau and Washington State Office of Financial Management*)

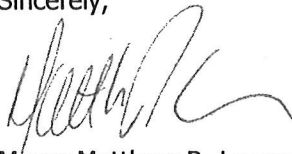
The alternative service proposed by Metro is a strong and well-tailored response to this unique environment, proposing consistent service with the Intra-Valley Shuttle along the State Route 202 and 203 spine that connects Snoqualmie Valley cities; the new 208 route; and modifying routes 209, 224, and 311.

The creation of new route 208 is especially beneficial given recent population growth in Snoqualmie, providing much-needed midday, evening, and Saturday service. At present, reverse route and one-way evening transit travel to downtown Seattle can take two to three hours, with no evening service back to Snoqualmie and no Saturday service at all.

We believe the service proposal by Metro will provide a net gain in ridership in our area, partially due to the local adaptation derived from Metro's collaborative approach in the Snoqualmie Valley. Metro held multiple public meetings between October 2012 and February 2013, talked with Metro bus riders, and met with elected officials and citizens from our area. We saw how the proposed solutions incorporated our feedback, helping tailor the program into one that will be successful in serving the Snoqualmie Valley community.

We hope you will also support Metro's proposed Alternative Service Demonstration Project; it would greatly improve transit access within the Snoqualmie Valley as well as its connection with the region.

Sincerely,



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City of Snoqualmie

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