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Terry White, General Manager
King County Metro Transit
201 South Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Support for proposed North Link Connections Mobility Project service change

Dear Mr. White,

This letter is to express Lake Forest Park's support for the proposed North Link Connections Project service changes in King County. Lake Forest Park actively participated in the Partner Review Board and was included in outreach to the community. We look forward to continuing the work with King County Metro as the project moves forward to implementation.

The proposed service changes address specific priority needs identified by the Mobility Board, consisting of community members from priority populations in Seattle and North King County. We support the added all-day service frequency as well as the re-orientation of direct service to Downtown Seattle and U-District, and investment in frequent connections to Northgate that will help riders avoid traffic. Timing the new routes to be able to make connections with the new Link Light Rail stations is critical to this effort, and we commend Metro and Sound transit for collaborating closely on creating a welcoming transfer environment while riders adjust to a two-seat ride.

Lake Forest Park looks forward to future opportunities with Metro in a post-pandemic world where we can explore north/south connections to further reduce reliance on single occupancy vehicle trips throughout the region.

Lake Forest Park is grateful to Metro for conducting an inclusive outreach process even during a pandemic, with continuous attendance at public events, stakeholder interviews, online surveys, and online meetings. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Metro through implementation of these service changes as we collectively seek to improve mobility and service delivery in Seattle and North King County for those most in need. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phillip Hill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Phillip Hill

City Administrator