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May 26, 2026

The Honorable Sarah Perry  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Perry:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that would, if enacted, authorize execution of a license agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the WSDOT Ferries Division's Vashon Island Ferry Terminal (Vashon Island Terminal) for King County Metro Transit Department (Metro), Marine Division's Passenger-Only Ferry (POF) Service, commonly referred to as the King County Water Taxi.

The license agreement supports the long-term use of the Vashon Island Terminal for the King County Water Taxi and establishes the terms and conditions for continued use. The new term will begin upon contract execution for ten years, with options to extend for two successive five-year terms. The annual license fee is \$12,050.

This transaction is recommended per the rationale and considerations provided in the attached property summary. The previous license agreement authorizing use of the POF terminal from August 2011 until June 30, 2019, provided two successive, five-year extension options. Although WSDOT verbally authorized continued use, no written extension was executed. This new license agreement formalizes and ensures continued use of the POF landing for water taxi service and will supersede and replace the previous agreement.

Thank you for your consideration of this ordinance. If your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Lee, Real Property Agent, Capital Division, Metro Transit Department, at 206-263-8272.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karan Gill". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "K" and "G".

for

Girmay Zahilay  
King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, King County Council  
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