

March 9, 2021

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

RE: Support for proposed North Link Connections Mobility Project

Dear Mr. White,

The Sierra Club is writing in support of the proposed North Link Connections Project service changes for King County Metro. We are pleased to see that 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 addition of all-day service frequency, the reorientation of direct service to Downtown Seattle and U-District, and the investment in frequent connections to Northgate. Structuring and timing the new routes to be able to make connections with the new Link Light Rail stations is critical to this effort, and we thank Metro and Sound Transit for working together to help some riders adjust to a two-seat ride, maximizing the value of the new light rail service.

Sierra Club would like to see the maximal level of service provided to riders in Seattle and North King County, in ways that are equitable and that support new service and ridership gains elsewhere in the county. We support new local, state, and federal funding sources to provide that service and believe this restructure is a good starting point for restoration and, ultimately, expansion of transit service throughout the county. We look forward to working with Metro as we collectively seek to improve transit -- which is an essential part of reducing our carbon emissions and tackle the climate crisis.

We encourage the King County Council to adopt the proposed North Link Connections Mobility Project service changes with implementation in September 2021, timed to match the opening of light rail to Northgate, and continue to explore all possible options for delivering frequent, reliable, and all-day transit options for residents of the region.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,  
Robert Cruickshank, on behalf of the Sierra Club's Seattle Group

CC: Dow Constantine, King County Executive  
Council Chair Claudia Balducci