

December 19, 2019

Rob Gannon, General Manager
King County Metro Transit
King Street Center, KSC-TR-0415
201 S. Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104-3836

RE: Renton-Kent-Auburn Area Mobility Plan

Dear Mr. Gannon:

The City of Auburn supports King County Metro's (KCM) Renton-Kent-Auburn Mobility as summarized below:

Route 180: The proposed restructure removes a portion of current route 180, which will become route 160, and no longer serve a portion of the original route, will extend service hours and frequencies, and will later become the southern portion of the RapidRide I Line. The southern portion of the original route 180 will become route 184 and remain unchanged.

Routes 910 and 917: The northern portion of the route 910 is proposed to be removed which caused City staff to be concerned that elderly and disabled populations may be left without transit options to access the Outlet Collection area. In response to these concerns, KCM staff performed additional onboard and other engagement activities and determined the impact of the removal of this partnership route appears to be minimal, and KCM staff indicated additional services will be identified for individuals not served by other routes and the City looks forward to further discussions on these additional services. The remaining portion of route 910 is proposed to be combined with route 917 and additional trips will be added. This route will no longer connect to proposed route 184, and will expand service beyond Algona to serve White River Junction in Pacific.

Route 181: This route will receive Sunday service to benefit Lea Hill and the Green River College community.

Routes 915 and 186 will be combined into one single, all day route, with no changes to the schedule. The single route will be route 915.

We appreciate the outreach process that included members of City staff, elected officials, and community members, which ensured broad participation during the plan's development. We encourage the King County Council to adopt the proposed Renton-Kent-Auburn Mobility Plan with implementation in September 2020.

Respectfully,


Nancy Backus
Mayor

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cc: King County Executive Dow Constantine