



## King County

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The Honorable Claudia Balducci  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

I am pleased to transmit for the King County Council's approval the attached proposed motion confirming Terry White as Director and General Manager of the Metro Transit Department, consistent with King County Code 2.16.110. A full set of confirmation documents will be submitted to the Council under separate cover.

Mr. White has ably served as the Acting General Manager since July of this year. I have been impressed with his handling of the department especially given the challenges presented by COVID-19 and its impact on riders and services. Prior to serving as Acting General Manager, Mr. White served as the Deputy General Manager.

Mr. White has extensive experience with King County Metro. He began his King County Metro career in 1987. He possesses an unparalleled knowledge of the agency as well as a heartfelt and deeply personal connection to its employees and customers. As Deputy General Manager, Mr. White oversaw all Metro Operations, which included bus, rail, marine service, facilities, and vehicle maintenance. Before serving as Deputy General Manager, Mr. White served in a variety of roles in the department, including transportation planner, customer service administrator, communications superintendent, and managing director of bus operations.

Mr. White's broad experience and skills make him well qualified and uniquely prepared to lead the Metro Transit Department as it meets the challenges of the future, including modernizing its operational systems, supporting social equity, and successfully navigating the pandemic. Appointing the highest quality candidates to lead county departments helps advance the King County Strategic Plan goal of Efficient, Accountable Regional and Local Government by ensuring that county government operates efficiently and effectively. It is therefore my great pleasure to request the confirmation of Terry White as the Director and General Manager of the King County Metro Transit Department.

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Thank you for your consideration of this motion.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Jay Osborne, Director, Department of Human Resources, at 206-477-3628.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dow Constantine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small "DC" monogram at the end.

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King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Carolyn Busch, Chief of Staff

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Jay Osborne, Director, Department of Human Resources

Terry White, Acting Director and General Manager, King County Metro Transit  
Department