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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:

This letter transmits the North Link Connections Reduction and Redeployment Report, in response to Ordinance 19210, Section 113, Metro Transit Department, Proviso P6.

As required, the enclosed report identifies King County-funded service hours proposed for reduction or redeployment by King County Metro's (Metro) North Link Connections mobility project; the timeline and process for King County Council approval of proposed reductions or redeployment; and an analysis of the impacts of the North Link Connections mobility project on priority populations, including people of color, households with low incomes, foreign-born households or individuals with disabilities. The equity analysis in the report is provided in Appendix A: North Link Connections Mobility Project Equity Impact Review and Recommendation Development Report.

This report is transmitted simultaneously as a proposed Ordinance recommending service changes to the Metro bus system in North King County. The reductions identified in the enclosed report are included in the proposed service change Ordinance, which will improve mobility for priority populations, meet customer needs and deliver an integrated transit network that responds to the expansion of Sound Transit Link light rail.

The enclosed report furthers the County's Strategic Plan Mobility goal to deliver a safe, reliable, and seamless network of transportation options to get people and goods where they need to go, when they need to get there.

The report also advances the goals of the King County Equity and Social Justice (ESJ) Strategic Plan by promoting pro-equity County services. The report reflects ESJ values and strategies including an analysis of equity impacts.

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It is estimated that the report required 16 staff hours to produce, costing approximately \$1,000. Costs for the ESJ analysis were accounted for as part of the North Link Connections mobility project. The estimated printing cost for this report is negligible.

Thank you for consideration of this report. If your staff have any questions, please contact Bill Bryant, Managing Director of Service Development, Metro Transit Department, at 206-477-6456.

Sincerely,



for

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Enclosure

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