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Subject: Support for Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-0130
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This is Mohammed Akmoosh, as a member of Metro-North Link Connections Mobility Board, I am writing today in reference to Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-0130, the proposed North Link Fall 2021 Service Change. I am fully supportive of this change which we have been advocating for and working on to serve our communities and make sure their voices are heard in drafting the changes proposed.

please see attached letter of support for your reference.

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Mobility Board recommendation for the North Link Connections Mobility Project

Terry White, General Manager
King County Metro Transit
201 S. Jackson St.
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Re: Support for North Link Connections Mobility Project network proposal

Dear Mr. White,

The North Link Connections Mobility Project Mobility Board is a board of twelve community members who live, work, or play in the north Seattle and north King County. We are a group of immigrants, students, elders, parents, and community organizers; we have diverse lived experiences and identities which all affect our individual understandings and experiences using transit. From the beginning and throughout the process, our perspectives and expertise were essential to the development of both the proposed transit network changes as well as the ways with which Metro staff engaged with the community to collect feedback and encourage dialogue. We had five in person workshops and meetings, three virtual meetings, and we were engaged individually numerous times throughout the process.

This letter is to express the Mobility Board's support for the proposed transit network changes captured in the North Link Connections service change proposal.

At the start of the engagement process and the Mobility Board's involvement in the network development, our main priorities were to increase the connections riders can make between east and west King County, to ensure existing and emerging job centers like South Lake Union and First Hill were well-served by transit, and to make the transit network as easy to understand as possible which includes language access and way finding.

A large part of our work with the other parts of the North Link Connections team was learning more about transit planning and understanding the trade offs and decisions involved in putting the "lines on the map". There were several ideas over the course of the project we supported; however, due to budget constraints and other issues some of them were not included in the final proposal. For example, one of the network drafts included a rerouting of the Route 62, but due to paving issues, this was not included. Additionally, there was a proposed Route 61 that would provide a one-seat

connection from Lake City of Greenwood. This idea was very exciting to many members of the Board but was unfortunately replaced due to budget constraints.

While there were a few disappointments, the network proposal is one that we the Board are proud to have contributed to and that we support. We can see how crosstown connections, service to hospitals and job centers, and ease of transfers are considered in this proposal. Furthermore, we would like to emphasize that the language accessibility included in the engagement and development process should be prioritized in the implementation, and that navigation and wayfinding should also be prioritized to ensure the transfer environment is as friendly as it can be.



Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mohamed Akmoosh, North Link Connections Mobility Board member

Preston Sahabu, North Link Connections Mobility Board member