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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 Shoreline Park and Ride Feasibility Study as called for by Ordinance 19210, Section 113, Transit, P8 and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, acknowledge receipt of the report.

Metro purchased the 5.34-acre property located at 18821 Aurora Avenue N. in Shoreline from the Washington State Department of Transportation in 2017. Now known as the Shoreline Park and Ride, the facility provides 393 commuter parking spaces, one active bus bay, three bus layover spaces, and a comfort station for Metro drivers. The facility is served by five bus routes including the RapidRide E line. In 2024 when Lynnwood Link begins service to Shoreline, Metro anticipates restructuring some of its service currently serving this location to connect with light rail, resulting in reduced service to this facility.

Metro contracted with a consultant team comprised of engineering, architectural, real estate and public engagement expertise to conduct a feasibility study for transit-oriented development, including affordable housing, for this site. Metro, the King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) and City of Shoreline staff collaborated on identifying interested parties to engage in the public engagement process. Metro, supported by its consultant team, held a four-workshop engagement process. The first meetings focused on the public partners (Metro, DCHS and the City of Shoreline) and the second meetings focused on the broader community. The public agency engagement centered on information sharing and visioning to inform a list of future needs and expectations for the site. The broader community engagement focused on developing a set of future project goals.

The development of this feasibility study supports the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government by optimizing County operations through innovation and continuous improvement. The report supports King County's Strategic Climate Action Plan's Strategy GHG 4.5 to "exercise Metro's commitment to advance equity and strengthen transit-oriented communities, prioritize the development of affordable housing as a

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key component of transit-oriented development projects on County-owned land, and implement sustainable building practices."

It is estimated that the report required 175 hours by Metro staff to produce, costing approximately \$20,000 in staff hours and \$208,000 in consultant costs. The estimated printing cost for this report is nominal.

Thank you for your consideration of this report and proposed Motion. The important work discussed in the study will help King County provide a potential pathway for future transit-oriented development and reduce greenhouse gas emissions as a result.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Sarah Lovell, Transit Oriented Development Program Manager, Metro Transit Department at (206) 263-0911.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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