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

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

I am pleased to transmit for the King County Council's consideration the attached proposed Motion which would, if enacted, confirm Michelle Allison as Director and General Manager of the Metro Transit Department (Metro) consistent with King County Code 2.16.110. A full set of confirmation documents will be submitted under separate cover.

Ms. Allison has ably served as Metro's Deputy General Manager since December 2020, where she oversaw Bus Operations, Facilities, Vehicle Maintenance, and the Marine and Rail Divisions. Prior to serving as Deputy General Manager, Ms. Allison served as Metro's Chief of Staff where she strengthened stakeholder partnerships, grew the agency's strategic communications and engagement efforts, and oversaw Metro's transition from a division to a department. Before serving at Metro, Ms. Allison served as Government Relations Lead at the King County Department of Transportation and Director of Council Relations in the Office of the Executive.

I am impressed with Ms. Allison's leadership, particularly given the challenges presented by COVID-19 and its impact on riders and services. Her experience and background make her an excellent candidate to lead Metro Transit as it continues its work to meet the challenges of the future, including modernizing its operational systems and supporting social equity.

It is, therefore, my great pleasure to request the confirmation of Michelle Allison as Director and General Manager of the King County Metro Transit Department. Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion.

The Honorable Dave Upthegrove

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If your staff have any questions, please contact Dwight Dively, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Executive, at 206-263-9687.

Sincerely,

 for

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Enclosure

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