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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:

This letter transmits the Transit Stops and Centers Cleaning Effort Report in response to Ordinance 19546, Section 114, Proviso P3, along with a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, acknowledge receipt of the report.

As required, the enclosed report describes the standards used by the Metro Transit Department (Metro) for cleaning transit facilities, how cleaning activities in 2021 and 2022 have or have not met those standards, and strategies and a projected timeline to meet the standards.

Staff from Metro's Transit Facilities Division and Rail Facilities section are responsible for cleaning and maintaining more than 1,700 customer-facing facilities throughout King County. Over the last three years, these staff demonstrated flexibility and resourcefulness in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the last five years, Metro has seen an increase in the use of transit shelters and transit centers as shelter by those experiencing homelessness and those with visible behavioral health conditions, including drug use. This report documents the complexity of facilities and maintenance work, and the new materials, tools, and cleaning protocols Metro is implementing to support the safety and comfort of riders and encourage travelers throughout the region to take public transit.

This report aligns with Metro Connects' vision for facilities and other support systems, by maintaining a state of good repair to ensure customers enjoy a world-class transit system.

Thank you for your consideration of this report and proposed Motion. The work discussed in the report is critical as King County residents rely on transit for connections to work, opportunities and recreation, and as public transit provides a sustainable alternative to driving alone.

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If your staff have any questions, please contact Rachel Wilch, Policy and Equity Analyst, Metro Transit Department, at 206-263-0609.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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