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## **Letter of Support**

Michelle Allison, General Manager King County Metro Transit 201 South Jackson Street Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Support for Lynnwood Link service proposal - 2023

Dear Ms. Allison,

It's our pleasure to express our support to the King County Metro service as proposed by the entire Lynnwood Link Connections team.

We can attest that the thoughtful process in re-designing the Metro network was led by Metro's Community Engagement and Transit Planning staff with equity at the center, as it was informed by a wide array of stakeholders, including:

- Community members part of the Mobility Board,
- Community-based organizations like ours, and staff from local municipalities participating with the Partner Review Board, and most importantly,
- The many members of the public that learned about the proposed changes and provided feedback during the three different phases of engagement.

We're thankful for being part of this inclusive process, and celebrate that this proposed final network in synchrony with the upcoming light rail stations addresses the long-due and most important transit connectivity issue in our region: the lack of East-West transit routes, and maintains important community-identified routes, such as the 65, for the benefit of underserved youth & seniors in our community.

Lastly, while we recognize it's not a perfect proposal for everybody, we truly believe it does provide the necessary service adjustments to advance accessibility and mobility equity in north King County, and will contribute to our regional goals with regards to climate change and economic development in this time of crisis. Therefore, we're hopeful that Metro leadership, County's Executive Office and the County Council will approve and adopt this final proposal.

In community,
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