

November 24, 2023

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

## **RE: Lynnwood Link Connections Letter of Support**

Seattle Children's Hospital looks forward to Link Light Rail service in Lynnwood and the timely adjustments to bus service in the area to complement these new stations in 2024. We have eagerly participated in the surveys and engagement phases of the Lynnwood Link Connections Mobility Project and appreciate the inclusive and transparent process facilitated by King County Metro. This letter is delivered in support of the proposed Lynnwood Link Connections Mobility Project service changes in King County.

Metro Transit's service, speed, and reliability on the Lake City – Sand Point Way corridor is critical to access Seattle Children's Hospital – a destination of regional value and a major worksite. It is with this in mind that we formally and respectfully voice our support here for the final network proposal.

**Service to Healthcare on Sand Point Way**. All day and weekend service along the Sand Point Way NE corridor supports reliable service in an area with few alternatives. We rely on Route 75 to connect multiple Seattle Children's clinics and worksites along Sand Point Way as a part of our commitment to reduce drive alone commuting. Many employees have inter-facility travel needs between these areas and a significant number of employees rely on this corridor to commute to work. The improved weekend and night-time service that this project proposes has thoughtfully taken these considerations into account and will provide more equitable access to job sites and healthcare.

**East-West Mobility.** Children's appreciates the project's mobility priority of creating new and improved east-west transit connections and the inclusive process that the Metro team facilitated to finalize the proposal plan. The connections maintained and enhanced by this project would support affordable convenient access to acute health care and to thousands of jobs.

Seattle Children's encourages the King County Council to adopt the proposed Lynnwood Link Connections Mobility Project service changes with implementation in 2024. The Metro team thoughtfully engaged partners in each phase of the service proposal and acting as a member of the Partner Review Board illuminated how this network was built with all riders and community destinations served best.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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