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Councilmember Larry Gossett
Councilmember Larry Phillips
King County Courthouse
516 Third Ave, Room 1200
Seattle, Washington 98104-3272

Dear Councilmembers Gossett and Phillips:

The City of Sammamish wishes to express its support for King County Metro's Fall 2013 service change ordinance and the proposed changes to service on the I-90 corridor.

The proposed changes will provide Sammamish residents with enhanced travel options and expanded hours of service during peak commute times between Sammamish, Issaquah Highlands Park-and-Ride, Eastgate and downtown Seattle. These changes will help ease crowding issues at Issaquah Highlands Park-and-Ride and put deadheading coaches into revenue service at a small cost to the County and a great benefit for residents of Sammamish. Transit service at the South Sammamish Park-and-Ride would increase by five trips in the morning and nine trips in the afternoon. These changes make better use of Metro's limited resources, addressing chronic crowding issues in the I-90 corridor by matching service levels to demand. We applaud Metro's transit planning staff for their resourcefulness in developing this win-win solution.

The combination of increased service levels during peak periods and fast trips to downtown Seattle is expected to be of great benefit for the City of Sammamish. We encourage you to pass this ordinance at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Ben Yazici
City Manager

cc: Sammamish City Council
Kevin Desmond