



August 21, 2015

King County Council Chair Larry Phillips
King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: King County Metro proposed transit restructure

Dear Chair Phillips:

The City of Seattle supports King County Metro's proposal to restructure the bus network in March 2016 to integrate the Link light rail extension to Capitol Hill Station and University of Washington Station. The Metro staff-recommended restructure would be a bold move towards a more frequent and usable service network. This network would provide new connections, generate increased overall transit ridership, and result in even greater productivity on these key Metro services. Under the staff recommendation a large majority of riders would have improved frequency, speed, reliability, or a combination of these three essential characteristics of transit.

I am pleased that City of Seattle Proposition 1 transit service funds will leverage the recommended service restructures to provide significantly enhanced service throughout the Link integration service area and throughout Seattle. The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and Metro worked together closely to ensure that Proposition 1 service investments will be very effectively integrated into the proposed Metro restructure. I strongly encourage the County Council to approve the Metro service restructure as proposed.

I look forward to many more years of working together with you and your Council colleagues to improve transit for the people of Seattle and King County.

Sincerely,

Edward B. Murray
Mayor, City of Seattle

CC: Seattle City Councilmember Tom Rasmussen
King County Executive Dow Constantine
Scott Kubly, SDOT Director
Kevin Desmond, Metro General Manager