



September 14, 2015

King County Council Chair Larry Phillips
 King County Courthouse
 516 3rd Ave, Room 1200
 Seattle, WA 98104
 Re: Link Connections - King County Metro Proposed Changes

Dear Chair Phillips,

Sound Transit supports the proposed King County Metro service changes proposed in anticipation of the opening of the University Link light rail project in March 2016.

The proposed changes will provide the best opportunities for riders to utilize the new University Link service, improve bus networks in both northeast Seattle and Capitol Hill, maximize system integration, and leverage the public investment in light rail to provide more service to more people.

When open in 2016, University Link light rail will provide an eight minute ride between Husky Stadium and Westlake station in downtown Seattle and a four minute ride from Capitol Hill to Westlake.

The proposed changes have come from a very thorough and robust public process, receiving over 16,000 public comments. Sound Transit worked closely with Metro staff through this planning process and we are confident that the staff-recommended service changes are the best options moving forward.

Sound Transit is committed to our on-going collaboration with King County Metro on this service change to ensure our customers have a seamless transfer between bus and rail service and the best possible transit options in place next year.

Sincerely,

Michael Harbour
 Acting Chief Executive Officer

cc: Dow Constantine, King County Executive
 Kevin Desmond, General Manager, King County Metro
 Scott Kubly, Director, Seattle Department of Transportation

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