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Rob Gannon, General Manager King County Metro Transit King Street Center 201 South Jackson Street Seattle, WA 98104-3856

RE: Support for Metro's RapidRide H Line

Dear Mr. Gannon:

This letter is to express the City of Burien's support for the RapidRide H Line, which will connect Burien with Seattle via SW 150<sup>th</sup> St, Ambaum Blvd SW, and 16th Ave SW before continuing to White Center, Westwood Village, and Delridge. The City of Burien is in agreement with Metro's preferred alignment, which will upgrade the current Route 120 and improve speed and reliability for riders. We anticipate these improvements will incentivize more Burien residents to take transit.

The City of Burien is in the process of working with Metro to provide adequate permits and right-of-way to accommodate new RapidRide stops and stations. Further evidence of Burien's support is demonstrated by our application for a \$10 million Regional Mobility Grant to provide additional enhancements on the project. This application is on a recommended ranked list being considered by the legislature for funding this session.

Burien commends Metro for continuing to conduct an inclusive outreach process for the RapidRide H Line and appreciates the opportunity to participate in outreach events.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with Metro and the RapidRide team through implementation of the RapidRide H Line in Burien. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Maiya Andrews at 206-248-5514 or <a href="maiyaa@burienwa.gov">maiyaa@burienwa.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Wilson City Manager