



Rob Gannon, General Manager  
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RE: North Eastside Mobility Plan

February 19, 2019

Dear Mr. Gannon:

On behalf of the City of Redmond, I am writing in support of the proposed North Eastside Mobility Project (NEMP) King County Metro service changes. The City of Redmond has been participating in the NEMP in a staff capacity, which included outreach to the community as well as briefings to the Redmond City Council during the planning process.

The proposed changes will provide greater efficiencies and reliability in the North Eastside service area. We particularly support the realignment of service between Kenmore, Lake Washington Institute of Technology and Overlake (new Route 225); more frequent service between Redmond and Kirkland and Bellevue (new Route 250); and all-day service between Redmond and the Kingsgate P&R (DART 930), with restructured DART service along Willows Road and in Totem Lake.

In addition, we are supportive of the other service changes proposed throughout the North Eastside, including the Kirkland-supported proposed truncation of the Route 255 at the University of Washington Link Light Rail Station, allowing the redeployment of significant service hours. We also look forward to the planned capital improvements at the Montlake Hub (Montlake, Pacific and Pacific Place) being driven forward by truncating the 255, which should also benefit Sound Transit routes servicing the Hub.

We commend the effort by Metro staff to work with the affected cities and stakeholders who travel to, from and through the communities in the North Eastside service area as we collectively seek to improve mobility and service delivery.

Sincerely,

John Marchione  
Mayor

cc: King County Executive Dow Constantine  
King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci, Regional Transit Committee Chair  
King County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove, Mobility and Environment Committee Chair  
Grace Carlson, Project Manager, North Eastside Mobility Project, Metro