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RE: Renton Kent Auburn Area Mobility Plan Service Changes

December 20, 2019

Dear Mr. Gannon:

On the behalf of the City of Kent, I am writing in support of the proposed Renton Kent Auburn Area Mobility Plan King County Metro service changes. The City of Kent has been participating in the Renton Kent Auburn Area Mobility Plan in a staff capacity, which included outreach to the community, participation on the Partner Review Board, and briefings to the City Council during the planning process.

The proposed changes will provide increased service on Kent's East Hill and to the Kent Sounder Station. In addition, the changes increase night and weekend service and create new single trip connection between Covington, Kent, SeaTac, and Burien and between Des Moines, Highline College, Kent, and Green River College. The proposed changes incorporated many of the priorities of Kent residents and businesses heard during King County Metro outreach and during City of Kent outreach for the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) update.

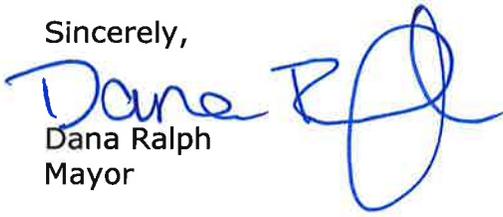
There are on-going communication and equity issues that we encourage King County Metro to address in 2020:

- **Communication:** During outreach for the City of Kent Transportation Master Plan (TMP) update, Kent residents repeatedly asked for assistance in understanding how to use King County Metro routes and how to reach destinations using transit. The City of Kent requests Metro evaluate how to effectively provide "how to" information to Kent's diverse residents.
- **Equity:** The City of Kent is a very diverse city. This strength creates some challenges. The City of Kent encourages King County Metro to continue to develop lines of communication to ensure all Kent residents are served equitably.

The City of Kent is looking forward to future efforts to develop transit routes to serve the new Kent-Des Moines and Star Lake Link light rail stations as well as efforts to develop and construct the next RapidRide line that will link the Kent-Des Moines Link light rail station to Green River College via Kent Station and SE Kent-Kangley Road.

We would like to thank King County Metro staff for their efforts to involve Kent staff, residents and stakeholders in the process to develop the proposed service changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana Ralph". The signature is stylized, with the first name "Dana" written in a cursive-like font and the last name "Ralph" written in a more blocky, capital-letter style.

Dana Ralph
Mayor

cc:

King County Executive Dow Constantine

King County Council Member Claudia Balducci, Regional Transit Committee Chair

King County Council Member Dave Upthegrove, Mobility and Environment Committee
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