



## King County

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The Honorable Claudia Balducci  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits a proposed ordinance that, if enacted, would allow King County Metro to amend the Transit Service Funding Agreement between King County and the City of Seattle extending the term of the agreement to June 30, 2021.

This term extension would change only the term of the Agreement, and would allow King County to continue billing the City of Seattle, and receive revenue for providing transit services. The extension would allow a phased reduction of service funded by the Seattle Transportation Benefit District (STBD) levy that is set to expire December 31, 2020.

Extending the term would reduce impacts on customers in many parts of King County. The extension reflects a plan mutually agreed to by King County Metro and City of Seattle.

In July, the City of Seattle announced a Seattle Transportation Benefit District (STBD) proposal to maintain a 0.1 percent sales tax, which would go before Seattle voters this November. This new STBD proposal has no impact on, and is unrelated to the Transit Service Funding Agreement that is the subject of this proposed legislation.

This agreement is consistent with the King County Strategic Plan, including the guiding principle of engaging with partners to achieve goals, and the Mobility goal to deliver a seamless network of transportation options. The term extension was developed in collaboration with City of Seattle, and extends the period of time where additional mobility services are provided. Such mobility services reduce countywide greenhouse gas emissions.

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Thank you for your consideration of this proposed ordinance. This important legislation allows continued funding to keep transit service on the streets.

If your staff have questions regarding this proposal, please contact Brian Henry and 206-263-3369.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dow Constantine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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