



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Stokes and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Draft Bellevue City Council Metro Connects Comment Letter

Per Council direction on April 25, staff has prepared a draft comment letter on the Metro Connects Long Range Plan. Staff is seeking Council feedback on the draft in order to meet the upcoming June 1 comment deadline.

The attached comment letter includes themes expressed by Council on April 25, and from previous policy direction provided through the City of Bellevue Transit Master Plan, including:

- Increase transit service hours and connections among Eastside Cities, and move towards a frequent, all-day service network.
- Improve system access, including the integration of transit services, pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and commuter parking.
- Invest in alternative services and plan for new technologies.
- Articulate a funding and implementation plan for Metro Connects.

If Council approves the draft letter, staff will work with the Mayor and submit the letter by the June 1 deadline.

Attachment 1: Draft Bellevue City Council Metro Connects Comment Letter

Attachment 2: April 25 King County Metro Long Range Plan Agenda Memo