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April 2, 2021

Peter M. Rogoff
Chief Executive Officer
Sound Transit
401 South Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Mr. Rogoff:

On behalf of City of Shoreline, I am writing to support Sound Transit's application for Federal Transit Administration FY2021 Low or No Emission Grant Program (Low-No Program) (CFDA 20.526 Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program) for the SR 522/NE 145th Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. Sound Transit is requesting FTA funds to purchase and install battery electric bus charging infrastructure needed for the project.

The BRT project will provide frequent and reliable transit service from north Lake Washington communities to the future Shoreline South/148th link light rail station at NE 148th Street and 5th Ave NE where riders will be able to connect to and transfer between the SR 522/NE 145th BRT, Link light rail and other transit service provided by King County Metro.

The City understands that battery electric buses (BEB) support Sound Transit's goals for greenhouse gas and pollution reduction as well as community equity. BEB produce no tailpipe emissions and no stationary emissions from their charging locations, offering reduced greenhouse gas emissions compared to conventional diesel or diesel hybrid buses, as well as reduced local particulate matter emissions. BEB also have the potential to lower operating costs over time, since maintenance costs may be cheaper. The Puget Sound region is particularly prime for BEB adoption as our region's electricity sources are also nearly carbon neutral.

In addition to BEB charging infrastructure, the BRT project incorporates a variety of enhancements to traditional bus service and will improve travel conditions for all modes using this important corridor. Project elements include transit access improvements such as transit priority signals and queue jumps to reduce delays due to traffic, higher-quality buses with three door/all-door boarding combined with off-

board fare payment, improved stations with platforms, enhanced shelters, lighting, and real-time information systems and sidewalk improvements adjacent to station areas.

This service will improve commute times on a crowded corridor in a growing region, supporting the region's economy by effectively linking residents to job centers.

The project is consistent with Sound Transit's long range plan, sustainability goals, and the Puget Sound Regional Council's adopted "Regional Transportation Plan" (May 2018). It represents an important infrastructure investment that improves transportation mobility for Puget Sound communities.

Therefore, we support Sound Transit's grant application to the FTA Low-No Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Will Hall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Will Hall
City of Shoreline

Cc: Lisa Wolterink, Deputy Executive Director of Fares, Grants and Revenue