



King County

Department of Transportation

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Dear Ms. Underwood,

Metro appreciates the opportunity to continue to engage with the City of Mercer Island as transit infrastructure and service decisions are being developed in relation to Sound Transit's East Link project. Metro values its partnerships with cities and other entities across King County and we fully understand that planning and building for the future transit needs of residents is an ongoing dialogue.

For the planned bus-rail intercept, Metro supports the City's preference as identified in the agreement with Sound Transit for the 77th configuration over the 80th configuration and will work with the City and Sound Transit to implement this design with the modifications described in Section 4.2 of the Settlement Agreement between the City and Sound Transit. As East Link-related work between Sound Transit and Mercer Island progresses, King County Metro would welcome an opportunity to work with both parties on the details of implementing reliable, efficient, and practical transit service at this location.

Metro is specifically interested in working with the City and Sound Transit to identify solutions for a transit operator comfort station, enhancements to the pedestrian environment to improve the functionality and appearance of this intercept location, traffic flow considerations, and additional technical components as have been or may be identified by the project teams.

We at Metro appreciate the opportunity to continue to work with the City of Mercer Island and Sound Transit as these core transit infrastructure and service decisions are being developed. Thank you for reaching out to King County Metro. We look forward to continuing the good work in which you and your team are involved.

Sincerely,

Rob Gannon
General Manager
King County Metro