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Bellevue Transportation Commission
450 110th Avenue Northeast
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Dear Bellevue Transportation Commission:

King County Metro staff has been engaged throughout the development of the Bellevue Transit Master Plan. Metro participated in workshops, attended meetings, and shared data analysis. The resulting plan is a great step forward and a model for how local jurisdictions can advance the planning of the transit network in their communities.

The Bellevue Transit Master Plan recognizes the importance of a complete transit network. It respects the role of buses and pedestrian amenities in an integrated network of light rail and regional transit service. The plan's focus on person through-put allows Bellevue to make informed decisions about how transit prioritization can enhance public mobility by making investments to improve the speed and reliability of transit. The plan's goals, service vision, and capital vision will inform and assist King County Metro in developing its long range plan. In particular, the investment priorities defined by running way and spot improvements send clear signals that define Bellevue's commitment to providing high-quality transit service to meet current and future needs. The service and policy recommendations signal a strong commitment to transit and will enable Metro to better understand and meet Bellevue's needs within the regional transit network.

It is our hope that we will be able to continue to work with Bellevue staff on improving transit service in your community. We hope that this draft plan and its approach to assessing and planning for transit will be an example for other communities to follow.

Sincerely,

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