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City of Bellevue
Attn: Franz Loewenherz, Senior Transportation Planner
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Bellevue, WA 98009

RE: Bellevue Transit Master Plan Market Driven Strategies Report

Thank you for this opportunity to provide additional comment during this phase of the Bellevue Transit Master Planning process. We acknowledge and appreciate the extensive outreach Bellevue conducted during the past year. In addition to our previous public comments, representatives from Hopelink participated in the Transit Network Planning exercise and have been in contact with City of Bellevue staff during the development of the Transit Master Plan.

The March, 2013 Draft Market Driven Strategies Report is a significant first step toward creating expanded and crucial transit access in Bellevue. The strategies call for a transit network that is simple and well-coordinated. They lay a foundation for a network that serves the majority of Bellevue's residents and visitors. The fixed-route transit network they envision, supplemented by better sources of information, travel training, and services targeted to those for whom regular, fixed-route transit doesn't work would help address the large and growing need for transportation in our community.

We commend you for including a strategy to encourage walking and cycling. As it is not possible for fixed-route transit service to directly serve every home or destination, investments in pedestrian infrastructure will be important to maintaining and improving access to the transit network. We encourage the application of way finding tools, more benches, better lighting, and safe pedestrian infrastructure that is designed for universal access.

Further, we encourage the City to continue working with local mobility coalitions and human service providers to collectively address the needs of transportation-disadvantaged populations. Innovative partnerships and policy coordination have the potential to improve transportation access, support our diverse communities, and increase the efficiency of our transit system.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

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