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February 24, 2023

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC, 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the King County Metro Transit Department (Metro), I am pleased to submit the South Annex Base (SAB) project for consideration in the U.S. Department of Transportation FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program.

Metro's SAB project aligns with RAISE's program goals of addressing historically disadvantaged communities, supporting vital transportation infrastructure that has a significant local and regional impact on residents, environmental sustainability, and economic competitiveness of our region.

Metro's SAB project will be critical in addressing significant local issues the Seattle area is facing, including: operational base capacity deficiencies, anticipated increase in ridership, impacts to climate change by transitioning to a 100% zero emission bus fleet by 2035, operations and infrastructure sustainability, and social equity through increased service and zero-emission buses deployment to south King County, which has a higher proportion of black, indigenous, people of color, and low income populations compared to county average.

The SAB project will rehabilitate and upgrade a deficient, overcapacity bus base facility to house and maintain approximately 250 battery electric buses that will adequately support Metro's current and future transportation services - connecting residents to jobs, healthcare, education, and other critical destinations. The SAB project will enable Metro to expand its services to respond to the long-term trend of the King County area population growth, rising ridership demand, and the associated traffic, safety, and sustainability challenges. It will also help Metro reach its goal of eliminating emissions from its bus fleet by while simultaneously addressing equity and social justice in underserved areas like South King County.

The SAB project aligns with Metro's long- range plan, Metro Connects, and the Mobility Framework guiding principles to ensure that innovations in mobility put people first, use public space equitably and efficiently, and are coordinated with transit policies and regional funding strategies. The project has broad support from both public agencies, utilities, elected officials, and the community.

Our application demonstrates Metro's commitment to addressing social equity in our community, transitioning to a zero-emission bus fleet to eliminate harmful emissions, and improving public health to some of our most vulnerable populations through the implementation of the SAB project.

We appreciate the U.S. Department of Transportation consideration of Metro's request for funding to complete this crucial project.

Sincerely,

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General Manager
King County Metro Transit

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4704
February 21, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support of an application submitted by King County Metro for the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) *Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program* for the South Annex Base Project.

King County Metro is seeking a RAISE grant to construct a new bus base that would service the agency's growing electric bus fleet. Due to King County's increased population growth, this project is crucial in meeting the region's long-term demands for quality and efficient public transportation. The new base would include administrative office spaces, up to 22 busy bays for maintenance and inspection, and help expand King County Metro's capacity to 250 coaches by 2027, accommodating projected demand. In addition, the new base would incorporate electric charging infrastructure into the current system, ensuring smooth conversion to an all-electric fleet in the future. Furthermore, the project would install zero-emission battery electric buses, advancing the region's strategy to combat the climate crisis. This project also includes plans for "daylighting" the west and east branches of Riverton Creek and would install three fish-passable culverts to improve fish passage.

The deployment of electric buses in South King County from a new, supporting bus base would help address the region's general air quality concerns, positively impacting and improving the lives of a neighboring, historically underrepresented community that has been disproportionately impacted by pollution and related systemic inequities. Additionally, the project will create construction and transit jobs as well as apprenticeship opportunities in South King County. In summary, this project would help to stimulate the economy, meet the region's growing demands for public infrastructure, and align with federal goals to protect the environment and promote social equity and justice.

Thank you for your consideration of King County Metro's application. Please contact Bree Rabourn in my Seattle office at 206-553-0724 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray
United States Senator

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February 2, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of King County Metro's (Metro) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for the South Annex Base project.

Metro provides service to over 2.3 million residents and provides 1.4 million jobs in King County, the 13th most populous county in the nation. According to Metro, King County's population will expand by 661,000 people and will add 684,000 jobs by 2050. Expanding the region's transportation system, including transit infrastructure, is critical as the region continues to grow in population, jobs, and transportation needs. It is also essential to advancing the region's strategy to combat the climate crisis and address social equity.

Metro is requesting \$25 million in RAISE funds to construct a fully electric bus base on Metro's existing South Campus, where it will house and maintain approximately 250 hybrid diesel-electric and battery electric buses, eventually transitioning to an all-electric fleet. This project will reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions and is an important part of King County's goal for Metro to transition to a 100% zero-emission bus fleet by 2035. The South Annex Base will increase Metro's capacity, allowing Metro to increase service by 70% by 2040.

According to Metro, this project also addresses inequities in historically disadvantaged communities that have been disproportionately impacted by past transportation decisions. Metro has prioritized the deployment of battery electric buses to south King County, which has a high percentage of underrepresented, minority populations. These communities rely heavily on transit services and have been disproportionately impacted by pollution. Transit services to these communities operate out of the South Campus facilities, which includes the South Annex Base.

This significant project will help meet the infrastructure demands for a growing and economically active region. Thank you for your full and fair consideration to the King County Metro's application.

Sincerely,

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Maria Cantwell
United States Senator

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January 25, 2023

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my strong support for the King County Metro's (Metro) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for their South Annex Base project. Metro provides service to over 2.3 million residence and 1.4 million jobs in King County, the 13th most populous county in the nation. As the region's economy continues to innovate, transform, and attract people this growth requires upgrades and expansion of the region's transportation system, especially the transit infrastructure. As I understand it, this project will support the region's imminent growth in population, jobs, and transportation needs. It is also essential to advancing the region's strategy to combat the climate crisis and address social equity.

It is my understanding the South Annex Base project will address several significant needs in the community including:

- Reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions by enabling the electrification of Metro bus fleet that will operate from the South Annex Base. King County's adopted Strategic Climate Action Plan sets a goal for Metro to transition to a 100% zero-emission bus fleet by 2035. The South Annex Base project will house, operate, and maintain approximately 250 future hybrid diesel-electric and battery electric buses, eventually transitioning to an all-electric fleet to meet this goal.
- Address inequities to communities that have been historically disadvantaged and impacted by past transportation decisions. Metro has prioritized the deployment of battery electric buses to south King County, which has a high percentage of under-represented, minority populations. These communities rely heavily on transit services and have been disproportionately impacted by pollution. Transit services to these communities operate out of the South Campus facilities, which includes the South Annex Base.
- An increase in transit service by providing transit operation base capacity. Metro anticipates increasing service by approximately 70% by 2040. To meet this demand, its vehicle fleet must grow by more than 40%. Metro will need the equivalent capacity of 2-3 additional bases to support this crucial need for service.

The South Annex Base project aligns with RAISE's program goals of addressing historically disadvantage communities, supporting vital transportation infrastructure that has a significant local and regional impact on residents, environmental sustainability, and economic competitiveness of our region. Thank you for your attention to this grant request. I urge you to give their application full and fair consideration, following all applicable rules and regulations. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Jena Yang, Grants Director at (425) 793-5180.

Sincerely,



Adam Smith
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February 23, 2023

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
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Dear Sec. Buttigieg,

I write in support of King County Metro's (Metro) application to the *U.S. Department of Transportation's* "Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity" (RAISE) grant program for their South Annex Base project. Currently, Metro provides service to 2.3 million residents and 1.4 million jobs in King County. It's projected that the County's population will increase by 661,000 people and will add 684,000 jobs by 2050, demonstrating the importance of maintaining and improving public transit infrastructure to meet the needs of our ever-growing communities. Metro anticipates increasing service by approximately 70 percent by 2040. To meet this demand, its vehicle fleet must grow by more than 40 percent. Metro will need the equivalent capacity of two to three additional bases to support this crucial need for service.

The South Annex Base project will house, operate, and maintain approximately 250 future hybrid diesel-electric and battery electric buses, eventually transitioning to an all-electric fleet. This is essential to the region's strategy to combat the climate crisis and address social equity. The project will address several significant needs in our community including reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions by enabling the electrification of Metro's bus fleet which will operate from the South Annex Base. This will better allow Metro to meet its 100 percent zero-emission bus fleet by 2035 as set by King County's adopted Strategic Climate Action Plan.

Finally, but significantly, the project addresses racial and social inequities and barriers for communities which have been historically underserved by transportation resources. According to Metro, this has been done by prioritizing deployment of battery electric buses within South King County, which is home to various communities of color and has been disproportionately impacted by harmful pollutants.

This major project would improve quality of life for community members, protect the environment, and help meet the infrastructure demands for a growing and economically active region. For these reasons, I request your full and fair consideration, consistent with laws and regulations, of King County Metro's proposal. For questions and notifications about this project, please contact Rachel.Alger@mail.house.gov in my district office.

Sincerely,



Suzan K. DelBene
Member of Congress, WA-01



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February 23, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I wish to express my strong support for King County Metro's (Metro) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for their South Annex Base project.

King County is the largest metropolitan county in the Northwest. In 2022, the County's population was 2.3 million, making it the 13th most populous County in the nation. With employment near 1.4 million, King County is the economic engine of the Central Puget Sound region and Washington state.

The adopted regional plan VISION 2050 anticipated that King County's population will expand by 872,000 people and that 682,000 jobs will be added by 2050. This growth requires upgrades and expansion of the region's transportation system, as the region's economy continues to innovate, transform, and attract people. The South Annex Base project supports the region's imminent growth in population and jobs. It is also essential to King County to advance its strategies to combat the climate crisis and address social equity.

The South Annex Base project will address several significant needs that we have identified in our community including:

- Address inequities to communities that have been historically disadvantaged and impacted by past transportation decisions. Metro has prioritized the deployment of battery electric buses to South King County, which has a high percentage of under-represented, minority populations. These communities rely heavily on transit services and have been disproportionately impacted by pollution. Transit services to these communities operate out of the South Campus facilities, which includes the South Annex Base.
- Reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions by enabling the electrification of the Metro bus fleet that will operate from the South Annex Base. King County's adopted

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Strategic Climate Action Plan sets a goal for Metro to transition to a 100 percent zero-emission bus fleet by 2035. The South Annex Base project is being built to house, operate, and maintain approximately 250 battery electric buses to meet this goal.

- An increase in transit service by providing operation base capacity. In Metro's adopted long range plan it anticipates increasing service by approximately 70 percent by 2040. To meet this demand, its vehicle fleet must grow by more than 40 percent. Metro will need the equivalent capacity of 2 to 3 additional bases to support this crucial need for service.

The South Annex Base project aligns with RAISE's program goals of addressing historically disadvantaged communities, supporting vital transportation infrastructure that has a significant local and regional impact on residents, environmental sustainability, and economic competitiveness of our region.

This significant project will improve quality of life for citizens, will protect the environment, and will help meet the infrastructure demands for a growing and economically active region. I support the application from King County Metro and thank you for your full consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Dow Constantine
King County Executive



King County
King County Councilmember Joe McDermott

January 19, 2023

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I wish to express my strong support for King County Metro's (Metro) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for their South Annex Base project. The application sustains the values I spoke of when meeting with your staff in September 2022.

Metro provides service to over 2.3 million residents and 1.4 million jobs in King County, the 13th most populous county in the nation. It is anticipated the County's population will expand by 661,000 people and will add 684,000 jobs by 2050. As the region's economy continues to innovate, transform, and attract people this growth requires upgrades and expansion of the region's transportation system, especially the transit infrastructure. This project supports the region's imminent growth in population, jobs, and transportation needs. It is also essential to advancing the region's strategy to combat the climate crisis and address social equity.

The South Annex Base project will address several significant needs in our community including:

- Reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions by enabling the electrification of Metro bus fleet that will operate from the South Annex Base. King County's adopted Strategic Climate Action Plan sets a goal for Metro to transition to a 100% zero-emission bus fleet by 2035. The South Annex Base project will house, operate, and maintain approximately 250 future hybrid diesel-electric and battery electric buses, eventually transitioning to an all-electric fleet to meet this goal.
- Address inequities to communities that have been historically disadvantaged and impacted by past transportation decisions. Metro has prioritized the deployment of battery electric buses to south King County, which has a high percentage of under-represented, minority populations. These communities rely heavily on transit services and have been disproportionately impacted by pollution. Transit services to these communities operate out of the South Campus facilities, which includes the South Annex Base.
- An increase in transit service by providing transit operation base capacity. Metro anticipates increasing service by approximately 70% by 2040. To meet this demand, its vehicle fleet must grow by more than 40%. Metro will need the equivalent capacity of 2-3 additional bases to support this crucial need for service.

The South Annex Base project aligns with RAISE's program goals of addressing historically disadvantage communities, supporting vital transportation infrastructure that has a significant local and regional impact on residents, environmental sustainability, and economic competitiveness of our region.

This significant project will improve quality of life for citizens, will protect the environment, and will help meet the infrastructure demands for a growing and economically active region. I support the application from King County Metro and thank you for your full consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Joe McDermott
King County Council
District 8

Metro Transportation Equity Cabinet

January 27, 2023

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

As members of the King County Metro Transit Equity Cabinet, we wish to express our strong support for King County Metro's (Metro) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for their South Annex Base project.

Metro provides service to over 2.3 million residence and 1.4 million jobs in King County, the 13th most populous county in the nation. It is anticipated the County's population will expand by 661,000 people and will add 684,000 jobs by 2050. As the region's economy continues to innovate, transform, and attract people this growth requires upgrades and expansion of the region's transportation system, especially the transit infrastructure. This project supports the region's imminent growth in population, jobs, and transportation needs. It is also essential to advancing the region's strategy to combat the climate crisis and address social equity.

We represent communities across King County disproportionately impacted by the multiple crises our nation and world are facing including the death and economic loss due to the pandemic, the daily toll of institutional racism, and the increasing effects of climate change.

We care deeply about improving the outcomes for BIPOC communities, immigrants and refugees, lower income communities, and people with disabilities.

As an Equity Cabinet we co-created the Mobility Framework in partnership with Metro that identifies data-driven recommendations and guiding principles for centering equity and sustainability in how transit serves the community. We worked with Metro along with other equity and sustainability focused stakeholders to update three of Metro's key policies to align with the framework.

In addition to our work on the Equity Cabinet, some members also participated in the King County Climate Equity Community Task Force that co-developed the Sustainable and Resilient Frontline Communities section of the County's 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan that proposes a framework for climate justice and specifically includes a Transportation Access and Equity focus area.

The South Annex Base Project aligns with our work to center equity and sustainability and to invest in communities where needs are greatest by:

- Addressing inequities to communities in South King County that have been historically underserved and impacted by past transportation decisions. Metro has prioritized the deployment of battery electric buses to south King County, which has a high percentage of Black, Indigenous, and other Communities of Color (BIPOC), people earning lower incomes, immigrants and refugees, linguistically diverse communities, and people with disabilities. Our communities rely heavily on transit services and have been disproportionately impacted by pollution. Transit services to these communities operate out of the South Campus facilities, which includes the South Annex Base.

Metro Transportation Equity Cabinet

- Reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions in BIPOC and low-income communities by enabling the electrification of Metro bus fleet that will operate from the South Annex Base. King County’s adopted Strategic Climate Action Plan sets a goal for Metro to transition to a 100% zero-emission bus fleet by 2035. The South Annex Base project will house, operate, and maintain approximately 250 future hybrid diesel-electric and battery electric buses, eventually transitioning to an all-electric fleet to meet this goal.
- Increasing transit service by providing transit operation base capacity. Metro anticipates increasing service by approximately 450 buses by 2050. To meet this demand, its vehicle fleet must grow by more than 40%. Metro will need the equivalent capacity of 2-3 additional bases to support this crucial need for service.

The South Annex Base project aligns with RAISE’s program goals of supporting vital transportation infrastructure that has a significant local and regional impact on traditionally underserved residents, climate justice and economic opportunities for our communities.

This significant project will improve quality of life for citizens, will protect the environment, and will help meet the infrastructure demands for a growing and economically active region. We support the application from King County Metro and thank you for your full consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Metro Mobility Equity Cabinet

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February 14, 2023

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Just Health Action wishes to express our strong support for King County Metro's (Metro) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for their South Annex Base project.

Just Health Action is a Seattle-based, not for profit organization which advocates for reducing health inequities that result from social, political, economic, and cultural factors. Through a social justice lens, we teach workshops and classes that facilitate action on factors that affect health. We have participated in listening sessions that have discussed the need for the South Annex Base project to bring more equity to the County.

Metro provides service to over 2.3 million residence and 1.4 million jobs in King County, the 13th most populous county in the nation. It is anticipated the County's population will expand by 661,000 people and will add 684,0000 jobs by 2050. As the region's economy continues to innovate, transform, and attract people this growth requires upgrades and expansion of the region's transportation system, especially the transit infrastructure. This project supports the region's imminent growth in population, jobs, and transportation needs. It is also essential to advancing the region's strategy to combat the climate crisis and address social equity.

The South Annex Base project will address several significant needs in our community including:

- Reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions by enabling the electrification of Metro bus fleet that will operate from the South Annex Base. King County's adopted Strategic Climate Action Plan sets a goal for Metro to transition to a 100% zero-emission bus fleet by 2035. The South Annex Base project will house, operate, and maintain approximately 250 future hybrid diesel-electric and battery electric buses, eventually transitioning to an all-electric fleet to meet this goal.
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The South Annex Base project aligns with RAISE's program goals of supporting vital transportation infrastructure that has a significant local and regional impact on residents, environmental sustainability, and economic competitiveness of our region.

Just Health Action full support this significant project that will improve quality of life for citizens, will protect the environment, and will help meet the infrastructure demands for a growing and economically active region. I support the application from King County Metro and thank you for your full consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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C. Linn Gould, MS, MPH
Executive Director



2/16/2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary, Buttigieg,

I wish to express my strong support for King County Metro's (Metro) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for their South Annex Base project.

Metro provides service to over 2.3 million residents and 1.4 million jobs in King County, the 13th most populous county in the nation. It is anticipated the County's population will expand by 661,000 people and will add 684,000 jobs by 2050. As the region's economy continues to innovate, transform, and attract people this growth requires upgrades and expansion of the region's transportation system, especially the transit infrastructure. This project supports the region's imminent growth in population, jobs, and transportation needs. It is also essential for advancing the region's strategy to combat the climate crisis and address social equity.

The South Annex Base project will address several significant needs in our community, including:

- **Reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions by enabling the electrification of a fleet of Metro buses operating from the South Annex Base.** King County's adopted Strategic Climate Action Plan sets a goal for Metro to transition to a 100% zero-emission bus fleet by 2035. To meet this goal, the South Annex Base project will house, operate, and maintain approximately 250 future hybrid diesel-electric and battery electric buses, eventually transitioning to an all-electric fleet.
- **Addressing inequities in communities that have been historically disadvantaged and impacted by past transportation decisions.** Metro has prioritized the deployment of battery electric buses in south King County, which has a high percentage of under-represented, minority populations. These communities rely heavily on transit services and have been disproportionately impacted by pollution. Transit services to these communities operate out of the South Campus facilities, which include the South Annex Base.
- **Increasing transit service by adding to transit operation base capacity.** Metro anticipates increasing service approximately 70% by 2040. To meet this demand, its vehicle fleet must grow by more than 40%. Metro will need the equivalent capacity of 2-3 additional bases to support this crucial need for service.



The South Annex Base project aligns with RAISE's program goals of addressing historically disadvantaged communities, supporting vital transportation infrastructure that has a significant local and regional impact on residents, environmental sustainability, and economic competitiveness of our region.

This significant project will improve quality of life for citizens, will protect the environment, and will help meet the infrastructure demands for a growing and economically active region. I support the application from King County Metro and thank you for your full consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,
Lina Stinson-Ali

Lina Stinson-Ali
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February 7, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce, I wish to express my strong support for King County Metro's (Metro) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for their South Annex Base project. The Southside Chamber is a non-profit service organization focused on equitable economic development and community engagement in Southwest King County. We serve over 550 members that employ tens of thousands of workers across a variety of key industry sectors, including: advanced manufacturing, global trade and logistics, hospitality and retail, new space and health sciences.

Metro provides service to over 2.3 million residents and 1.4 million jobs in King County, the 13th most populous county in the nation. It is anticipated the County's population will expand by 661,000 people and will add 684,000 jobs by 2050. As the region's economy continues to innovate, transform, and attract people this growth requires upgrades and expansion of the region's transportation system, especially the transit infrastructure. This project supports the region's imminent growth in population, jobs, and transportation needs. It is also essential for advancing the region's strategy to combat the climate crisis and address social equity.

The South Annex Base project will address several significant needs in our community, including:

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This significant project will improve quality of life for citizens, will protect the environment, and will help meet the infrastructure demands for a growing and economically active region. We support the application from King County Metro and thank you for your full consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Annie McGrath
President/CEO

Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce



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February 15, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I wish to express my strong support for King County Metro's (Metro) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for their South Annex Base project.

Metro provides service to over 2.3 million residents and 1.4 million jobs in King County, the 13th most populous county in the nation. It is anticipated the County's population will expand by 661,000 people and will add 684,000 jobs by 2050. As the region's economy continues to innovate, transform, and attract people this growth requires upgrades and expansion of the region's transportation system, especially the transit infrastructure. This project supports the region's imminent growth in population, jobs, and transportation needs. It is also essential for advancing the region's strategy to combat the climate crisis and address social equity.

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Sincerely,



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February 16, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Sincerely, . . .

Virginia Herrera-Páramo
Executive Director
Para Los Niños de Highline



January 18, 2023

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg

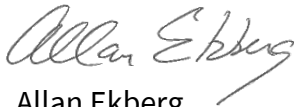
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Sincerely,

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Allan Ekberg

Mayor

City of Tukwila

February 16, 2023

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Washington State Department of Transportation I wish to express my strong support for King County Metro's (Metro) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for their South Annex Base project.

Metro provides service to over 2.3 million residence and 1.4 million jobs in King County, the 13th most populous county in the nation. It is anticipated the County's population will expand by 661,000 people and will add 684,0000 jobs by 2050. As the States and central Puget Sound region's economy continues to innovate, transform, and attract people this growth requires the need to upgrade and expand the region's transportation system, including the transit infrastructure. This project supports the imminent growth in population, jobs, and transportation needs.

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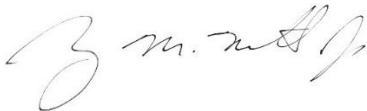
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The work the Metro is doing with its the South Annex Base project supports the vision and focus areas included in the Washington State Transportation plan. This includes enhancing multimodal connections, supporting facilities and services to support the needs of all communities with a focus on equity, and management of growth and traffic congestion. The South Annex Base project aligns with RAISE's program goals of addressing historically disadvantage communities, supporting vital transportation infrastructure that has a significant local and regional impact on residents, environmental sustainability, and economic competitiveness of our region.

This project will improve quality of life for citizens, will protect the environment, and will help meet the infrastructure demands for a growing and economically active region. I support the application from King County Metro and thank you for your full consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,



Roger Millar, PE, FASCE, FAICP
Secretary of Transportation



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February 7, 2023

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (Agency), I am writing to express support for King County Metro's (Metro) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for their South Annex Base project.

The Agency is a special-purpose, regional government agency chartered by state law in 1967. Our jurisdiction covers King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties, home to over half the state's population. The Agency synergizes efforts with state and regional climate strategies and works to stimulate shifts in transportation sector policies in favor of lower-carbon fuels. We also prioritize regional efforts to reduce emissions of diesel particulate pollution, especially in areas that experience disproportionate impacts from air pollution. Metro's proposal to install infrastructure for the South Annex Base in Tukwila, Washington directly aligns with our strategic objectives to reduce greenhouse gas and diesel emissions.

The Agency supports King County Metro Transit's efforts to transition its fleet of over 1,500 buses to a 100% zero-emission bus fleet powered by renewable energy. This includes construction of the South Annex Base located in Tukwila, WA. The battery-electric buses that will run from this location will serve the southern portion of King County where there are disproportionate impacts from air pollution and especially from diesel pollution.

Metro provides service to over 2.3 million residents and commuters at 1.4 million jobs in King County, the 13th most populous county in the nation. As the region's economy continues to innovate, transform, and attract people this growth requires the need to upgrade and expand the region's transportation system, including the transit infrastructure. This project supports the region's imminent growth in population, jobs, and transportation needs.

Tukwila has a population of 20,000 and its median household income is \$57,215. Adjacent to major highways and goods movement centers, Tukwila is disproportionately impacted by diesel emissions. The proposed South Base facility project is adjacent to one of the Agency's four environmental justice focus areas, which we define as geographic locations characterized by degraded air quality and whose residents face economic or historic barriers to participation in clean air decisions and solutions. Diesel exhaust is the largest source of potential cancer risk from air toxics in the Puget Sound region. Metro's proposed projects will improve air quality in Tukwila, in King County, and throughout the Puget Sound region, through reductions in diesel pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

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The South Annex Base project aligns with RAISE's program goals of supporting vital transportation infrastructure that has a significant local and regional impact on residents, environmental sustainability, and economic competitiveness of our region. It will improve quality of life for citizens, protect the environment, and help meet the infrastructure demands for a growing and economically active region.

The Agency strongly supports this application from King County Metro. Please reach out to me if you have any questions about our support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Cooley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Christine Cooley
Executive Director



Puget Sound Regional Council

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February 7, 2023

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Puget Sound Regional Council, I am writing to express support for King County Metro's (Metro) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for their South Annex Base project.

Metro provides service to over 2.3 million residence and 1.4 million jobs in King County, the 13th most populous county in the nation. As the region's economy continues to innovate, transform, and attract people this growth requires the need to upgrade and expand the region's transportation system, including the transit infrastructure. This project supports the region's imminent growth in population, jobs, and transportation needs.

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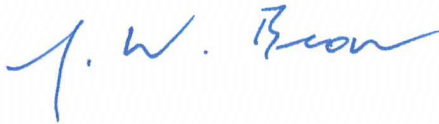
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The proposed project is consistent with PSRC's Regional Transportation Plan and support the Multicounty Planning Policy MPP-En-3: Maintain and, where possible, improve air and water quality, soils, and natural systems to ensure the health and well-being of people, animals, and plants. Reduce the impacts of transportation on air and water quality, and climate change.

Should this project receive federal funding, PSRC will work with Metro to amend the project into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program and State Transportation Improvement Program as quickly as possible.

This significant project will improve quality of life for citizens, will protect the environment, and will help meet the infrastructure demands for a growing and economically active region. The PSRC supports the application from King County Metro and thank you for your full consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Josh Brown, Executive Director
Puget Sound Regional Council



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February 1, 2023

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Seattle City Light, I am writing to express support for King County Metro's (Metro) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for their South Annex Base project. We are excited to partner with Metro on their project to design and build required electric infrastructure at this facility to support placing in service battery-electric buses by 2028.

Metro provides service to over 2.3 million residence and 1.4 million jobs in King County, the 13th most populous county in the nation. As the region's economy continues to innovate, transform, and attract people this growth requires the need to upgrade and expand the region's transportation system, including the transit infrastructure. This project supports the region's imminent growth in population, jobs, and transportation needs.

As the municipal electric utility serving the City of Seattle and several suburban communities in King County, we strongly support Metro's goal to help provide a healthier environment with improved air quality in King County and throughout the Puget Sound region, through substantial reductions in diesel pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. The pace of technological change in electric bus vehicles has been remarkable, and Seattle City Light has committed to deep collaboration with Metro Transit that attempts to move beyond historical utility-customer relationships to help them transition to a zero - emission fleet powered by renewable energy by 2035.

An award to the South Annex Base project will provide Metro critically needed resources to help meet this important goal. As a carbon-neutral electric utility, Seattle City Light understands the many benefits of electrification, especially in public transportation. Our own Transportation Electrification Strategic Investment Plan identified public transit electrification as a top priority for our customers, especially among our Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. Metro's plans align nicely with our strategic priority of enabling electrification of high mileage vehicles, as well as being consistent with the City of Seattle's Climate Action Plan objectives.

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This project will improve quality of life for citizens, will protect the environment, and will help meet the infrastructure demands for a growing and economically active region. Seattle City Light supports the application from King County Metro and thank you for your full consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra J. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Debra J. Smith
General Manager and CEO



January 20, 2023

Michelle Allison, General Manager
King County Metro
King Street Center
201 South Jackson St.
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Ms. Allison

On behalf of the Sound Transit, I wish to express my support for King County Metro's (Metro) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for the South Annex Base project.

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The South Annex Base project supports the vision and focus areas included in Regional Transportation Plan and Washington State Transportation plan. This includes enhancing multimodal connections, supporting facilities and services to support the needs of all communities with a focus on equity, and management of growth and traffic congestion. The South Annex Base project aligns with RAISE's program goals of addressing historically disadvantage communities, supporting vital transportation infrastructure that has a significant local and regional impact on residents, environmental sustainability, and economic competitiveness of our region.

This project will improve quality of life for citizens, will protect the environment, and will help meet the infrastructure demands for a growing and economically active region. Therefore, I support King County Metro's application.

Sincerely,

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Mary Cummings,
Chief Administrative Officer, Acting Chief Financial Officer

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February 21, 2023

The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Public Health - Seattle & King County, I am writing to express my strongest support for King County Metro's (Metro) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for their South Annex Base project.

Public Health - Seattle & King County centers health equity in program delivery and considers all policy to be health policy. In 2020, we declared Racism a Public Health crisis and are committed to racially equitable responses centering on the community. Therefore, we support King County Metro Transit's efforts to transition its fleet of over 1,500 buses to a 100% zero-emission bus fleet powered by renewable energy in a racial/ethnically diverse area where many of our communities of color experience poor health outcomes. This includes the construction of the South Annex Base located in Tukwila, Washington. The battery-electric buses that will run from this location will serve the southern portion of King County, where there are disproportionate impacts from air pollution, especially diesel pollution.

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The proposed South Base facility project is adjacent to an environmental justice focus area identified by the Puget Sound Clean Air agency. A justice focus area is defined as a geographic location characterized by degraded air quality and whose residents face economic or historic barriers to participation in clean air decisions and solutions. Diesel exhaust is the largest source of potential cancer risk from air toxics in the Puget Sound region. Metro's proposed projects will improve air quality in the City of Tukwila, in King County, and throughout the Puget Sound region through reduced diesel pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. The City of Tukwila has a population of 22,620, and its median household income is \$57,215. Adjacent to major highways and goods movement centers, Tukwila is disproportionately impacted by diesel emissions.

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The South Annex Base project aligns with RAISE's program goals of addressing historically disadvantaged communities and supporting vital transportation infrastructure that has a significant local and regional impact on residents, environmental sustainability, and our region's economic competitiveness.

This project will improve the quality of life for residents and visitors, protect the environment, and help meet the infrastructure demands of a growing and economically active region. Public Health - Seattle & King County supports the application from King County Metro and thanks you for fully considering this proposal.

Sincerely,



Dr. Faisal Khan
Director, Public Health – Seattle & King County