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King County

KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S CONTINUATION OF DIRECTIVE REGARDING METRO SERVICE PURSUANT TO KCC 28.94.020(B)(2)

Whereas, the King County Code, Section 28.94.020(B)(2)(a), provides that if, in the opinion of the Metro General Manager, an emergency exists that requires any change to established routes, schedules or classes of service, the General Manager may implement such a change for such a period as may be necessary in the General Manager's judgment or until such a time as the King County Council shall establish by ordinance otherwise;

Whereas, on March 18, 2020, I determined based on the Metro General Manager's recommendation that an emergency exists that requires a change to established Metro routes, schedules and classes of service pursuant to King County Code Section 28.94.020(B)(2)(a) and directed Metro to make service changes;

Whereas, these service changes are providing an appropriate level of Metro Service to meet the public's essential transportation needs consistent with public health recommendations to support social distancing;

Whereas, there continues to be evidence of transmission of COVID-19 within King County, scientific evidence and national public health guidance support strategies to slow the transmission of COVID-19 and protect vulnerable members of the public from avoidable risk of serious illness or death resulting from exposure to COVID-19;

Whereas, on February 29, 2020 the Governor issued a Proclamation of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas, on March 1, 2020, I issued a Proclamation of Emergency in King County regarding the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas, public transportation is an essential service which enables the public to access healthcare, food, medicine and work;

Whereas, it is King County's goal that public transportation should remain open and accessible during the regional response to COVID-19;

Whereas, this Directive will continue to help preserve and make more accessible limited public transportation capacity in the Metro service area while also helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19;

Whereas, this Directive is consistent with the Governor's Executive Proclamations regarding social distancing measures;

Whereas, as indicated by his signature below, the Metro General Manager has recommended that I continue the previous authorization for Metro service changes in order to continue to preserve essential public transportation services and align those services with public health guidance;

Whereas, the Metro General Manager will continue to assess and advise me regarding this evolving situation, and I may modify or further extend this Directive, or issue additional Directives or Orders, related to Metro service and COVID-19; and

Whereas, I have determined that it is appropriate to continue the authorization for Metro service changes in order to preserve essential public transportation services and align those services with public health guidance.

NOW THEREFORE, I DIRECT the Metro General Manager to continue to implement service changes consistent with my Directive of April 6, 2020 through the end of Metro service on September 18, 2021.

Signed this 29 day of December 2020 at Seattle, Washington



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King County Executive

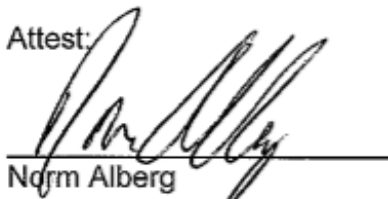
It is my opinion that the COVID-19 emergency continues to require a change to established routes, schedules and classes of service consistent with the Executive's April 6, 2020 Directive and warrants an extension of the temporary suspension of fare collection.

December 29, 2020



Terry White, Metro General Manager

Attest:



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