



September 4, 2019

Sound Transit Board of Directors
c/o Board Administrator
401 Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Support of staff recommendations for System Access Fund projects

Dear Board Members:

I am pleased to express my full support for Sound Transit staff's evaluation and recommendations for use of the System Access Fund in the Snohomish Subarea.

The projects that staff rated as "Highly Recommended" – one each in Everett, Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace – are all great examples of what the System Access Fund is designed to address: making it easier and more convenient for people to get to Sound Transit and partner transit services.

I'm particularly excited about Everett's Highly Recommended project, "Everett Station Nonmotorized Access Improvements." Following the recent adoption by our City Council of the Metro Everett subarea plan, which features major increases in density and building heights in Everett's downtown core and in the neighborhood adjacent to Everett Station, this project creates safe connections for pedestrians and bicyclists between Everett Station and downtown. It's a strategic and timely complement to the Metro Everett plan.

The project elements, which include lighting, sidewalks, marked bikeways and signage along both sides of a nearly 2,000-foot corridor, will serve transit users both in the short-term and when Everett Link arrives here. It also will provide important evidence to our taxpayers that the Sound Transit taxes they've been paying for over 20 years are still working hard for them.

I strongly encourage your approval of staff's recommendations regarding System Access Fund projects by the Executive Committee on Sept. 5, and the full Board on Sept. 26.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cassie Franklin', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Cassie Franklin, Mayor

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