



City of Tacoma

City Council

July 18, 2023

Dear Pierce Transit CEO Mike Griffus and the Pierce Transit Board of Directors,

The City Council remains strongly supportive of the Stream bus rapid transit (BRT) project along Pacific Avenue and into downtown Tacoma and we value Pierce Transit's efforts to ensure our city has the best possible services for transit riders. Delivering a high-quality transit project to our constituents is a priority and the City of Tacoma has identified High Capacity Transit as an essential element of the community's future transportation system.

We appreciate the staff presentation on Monday, July 10, 2023 on a value engineered, reimagined version of the Stream BRT project as well as immediate Enhanced Bus Service. We are in support of efforts that move this project forward while improving route performance, enhancing pedestrian safety, and minimizing negative community impacts. Additionally, as the project is reimagined and cost savings are realized, we want to ensure that transit riders' needs are prioritized. We know this is also an important goal for Pierce Transit. To that end, we look forward to being partners in this important conversation. We believe that moving forward on Enhanced Bus Service options that serve current riders is a good path forward while we reimagine the Stream BRT project.

As the project develops, our staff will be at the table to help think creatively about how we can achieve our shared goal of meeting the overall transportation needs for the corridor and the surrounding area. The City is also ready to support collaborative conversations with Pierce Transit to jointly fund investments on work that improves the community's connection to the new service. In addition, we are ready to support other partnership opportunities that we believe will be mutually beneficial, such as grants for complementary improvements.

We look forward to working together on delivering high quality, efficient transit and we greatly value Pierce Transit's efforts to deliver first-class services to the current and future transit riders of Tacoma.

Sincerely,

[City Council Member signatures to be added pending approval]