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The Honorable Dow Constantine  
King County Executive  
401 Fifth Avenue, Suite 800  
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Dear Executive Constantine:

In 2008 the Washington Department of Transportation agreed to provide funding for transit service as mitigation for impacts to drivers during construction of SR 99 in Seattle. Replacing the Alaskan Way Viaduct is a critical safety project, however, construction has significant effects on the traveling public and freight mobility and mitigation of those effects was identified as an essential part of the project.

This funding was initiated in 2010 and intended to continue through 2015. Our investment in transit service has led to a 42 percent increase in ridership on the routes where new service was added. Transit ridership has also grown significantly, increasing by more than 40 percent since 2009. This increase in ridership has provided capacity on SR 99 and city streets to ensure people and goods can still move to and through downtown Seattle during this complex and multi-year project.

The funding agreement between WSDOT and King County to provide this added transit service will end this year. WSDOT will extend this agreement so the added level of transit service will continue until the end of 2015.

In order to execute this, I have asked Todd Trepanier, administrator of the Alaskan Way Viaduct Program, to meet with your staff in the coming weeks to extend the funding agreement. If you have any questions, please contact me at 360-705-7054. We appreciate the continued partnership with King County as we work to deliver this critical safety project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lynn Peterson".

**Lynn Peterson**  
Secretary of Transportation

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cc: Governor Jay Inslee  
City of Seattle Mayor Ed Murray  
Port of Seattle CEO Tay Yoshitani