March 26, 2018 Council Workshop Dinner Meeting

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## **CITY OF SHORELINE**

## SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL SUMMARY MINUTES OF WORKSHOP DINNER MEETING

Monday, March 26, 2018 Conference Room 303 - Shoreline City Hall 5:45 p.m. 17500 Midvale Avenue North

PRESENT: Mayor Hall, Deputy Mayor Salomon, Councilmembers McGlashan, Scully,

McConnell, Chang, and Roberts

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Debbie Tarry, City Manager; John Norris, Assistant City Manager; Randy Witt,

Public Works Director; Nytasha Sowers, Transportation Services Manager; and

Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk

GUESTS: King County Metro Rob Gannon, General Manager, and David Cantey, Transit

Route Facilities Supervisor

At 5:50 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Hall.

Mayor Hall expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work and partner with Metro for the optimal integration of Metro and Lightrail Services, increased east/west connections, and regular and dependable bus routes for residents in Shoreline and in the region.

At 5:53 p.m., Deputy Mayor Salomon and Councilmembers McConnell and Scully arrived to the meeting.

Mr. Gannon shared his professional background. He stated that he has been with Metro for seven years and has served in the capacity of General Manager for the past two years. He provided an overview of how King County Metro is preparing for the future with an emphasis on customer service over a broad set of services. He explained that Metro is focusing on growing services and ridership, costs and integration of regional services, and divisional reorganization. He said the four strategy points that they are working on are transitioning from a transit bus agency to a mobility agency; enhancing the capital delivery program; agency partnerships; and increasing the workforce.

Mr. Cantey shared that he has been with Metro for 21 years, oversees twenty supervisors, and is the Lead for the Metro/Sound Transit Design Alignment. He spoke about his work on the E-line bus route in Shoreline.

Councilmembers pointed out the need for a contiguous transit ride on Highway 99 across north and south boundaries, inquired about moving the Transit Center to Aurora Avenue, and asked for solutions to address a person's failure to tap out an Orca Card at the end of their ride. Mr.

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Gannon replied that there is not a direct solution for the Orca Card, but said he does think a mobility strategy between King and Snohomish Counties could help integrate services. He stated that he supports using smaller services to meet demand, like partnering with Uber and Lyft to provide services in neighborhoods; having an ORCA system for all transit platforms; expediting the RFP process; and ensuring that the workforce can use new technology. Mr. Cantey added that a better job needs to be done to integrate services and coordinate schedules with other agencies.

Councilmembers discussed the opening of the Lightrail Stations in Shoreline and the need to ensure that residents are able to get to the Light Rail Station without their vehicle, limit people from parking at the Stations, and circumvent parking spillage in surrounding neighborhoods. Mr. Gannon replied that he envisions that Metro will be out of the parking business in 5 to 10 years. He said local help is needed to educate riders about options, implement enforcement mechanisms, encourage multi-space and multi-purpose parking options, and to change legislation to remove Washington State Department of Transportation's parking fee restrictions.

Councilmembers McGlashan and McConnell shared that it was communicated at a Seashore Transportation Forum Meeting that extra parking is needed. Mr. Gannon replied that there is an immediate need for parking, but said he expects Metro to get out of the parking business.

Councilmembers asked about Metro's working relationship with Community Transit and the deposition of old parking structures. They suggested using the space at  $192^{nd}$  and Aurora for Transit Oriented Development. Mr. Gannon replied that Metro has a working relationship with Community Transit, but believes a mandate is needed to improve working relationships with Sound Transit. He explained that Metro must reevaluate how to invest and divest their property holdings, and recommended partnering with Shoreline to identity needs and demands. He said assistance is needed from the City to lobby the State for the removal of the parking restriction.

Ms. Tarry asked who the City should work with regarding the 192<sup>nd</sup> Street property. Mr. Gannon recommended that the City contact Diane Carlson, Director of Capital Projects.

Councilmembers inquired about working with Metro and Sound Transit on signalization and prioritization, proposed the idea of using a feeder van system in community neighborhoods, and reorienting the transit system to have a less subsidized bus system. Mr. Gannon responded that the Hotspot Integration Team will be working on prioritization soon, and Mr. Cantey recommended that the City identify intersection problems and provide them to Metro.

Councilmembers called attention to the challenges businesses are having with bus patrons from the Therapeutic Health Services Clinic and asked if the bus stop could be moved. Ms. Cantey explained why the bus stop was placed there and said he is open to looking at it.

At 6:55 p.m. the meeting adjourned.
Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk