



King County  
**METRO**

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# RAIL



**May 20, 2021**

Virtual Sessions

Tues. May 25<sup>th</sup> 11AM -12PM

ONLINE:

<https://zoom.us/j/94942387515>

CALL IN: 253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 949 4238 7515

Passcode: 201201

**Mask and Ask**

Tues. May 25<sup>th</sup> 10 PM-11 PM

Location- Body Shop

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Commendations

*Commendation received from  
Rail Supervisor:*

I would like to commend Operator Felix Borges ID# 22226 for his work during the commissioning of the Northgate Link extension. Felix requires little direction and is very safety conscious while operating the test assignments and should be recognized for his efforts.

**Equity and Social Justice:**

"The worst sin towards our fellow man is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them, that's the essence of inhumanity."

~George Bernard Shaw~

**KCM and ST Partnership Principles**

**LEADERSHIP:**

We exemplify humble leadership and live our principles

**Siemens LRV Horns & Bells**

Now that the new Siemens cars are going into service, we have discovered some operational differences between the Siemens car and the Kinkishario cars, One of the differences discovered in the new Siemens cars is that the master controller must be in the forward or reverse position for the bells and horns to function. Please keep this in mind when troubleshooting when they are not working.

**Rail Operator Pick May 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**

The Rail operator pick for the summer shake-up will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in room 402 (Alaska junction room). Operators are encouraged to pick via absentee pick form, or by calling the pick room using Microsoft Teams by calling 206-485-1387, and use code 369 905 936# to access. You may also call your Shop Steward Fred Veit. The summer shake-up runs from Saturday, June 12 thru Friday, October 2. Operators will pick their assignments based on two schedules. Only one operator will be allowed into the pick room at a time. Available work will be posted outside the pick room.

**Memorial Day Holiday**

Link Rail will observe the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 31. Local 587, the Revenue Processing Center, all Customer Service Offices, and King County DOT offices will be closed. When a holiday schedule is operated on a weekday, operators who have picked a Sunday assignment or report, and whose regular workday falls on the holiday, will work their Sunday assignment or report. **Vacant Run Pick on Memorial Day:** Report operators, extra board operators working a vacation relief, and regular operators, who are scheduled to work on May 31 and have a Sunday RDO (and therefore no holiday assignment), may pick a vacant Sunday run for the holiday, in the order indicated below. Other extra board operators who do not have Monday as an RDO will be assigned work, unless there is a shortage of assignments.

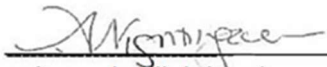
**Personal Holiday Use on Memorial Day:** Operators may not use their 2021 personal holiday on Monday, May 31, since it is a paid holiday for full-time operators.

**Mask Requirements Remain in Force for Employees**

On May 13, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that anyone who is **fully vaccinated** can participate in indoor and outdoor activities – large or small – without wearing a mask. Washington Governor Jay Inslee announced full alignment with the CDC masking guidance, and provided for businesses to retain the right to require customers and employees to wear masks. At King County, our **existing mask mandate for employees remains in force** while we review and update our policy guidance. Under our Temporary COVID-19 Personnel Policy, "Employees must wear a mask when they cannot maintain a distance of six feet from others, and are strongly encouraged to wear a mask when whenever possible indoors." This temporary policy applies to all Executive Branch employees. Employees in other branches of County government will receive guidance from their leaders. Many of our fully vaccinated employees will continue to be required to wear masks under the CDC's new guidance due to the nature of their work. **This includes employees in correctional facilities, homeless shelters, schools, public transportation, long-term care, and healthcare settings.** Prevention measures are still recommended for unvaccinated people.

**Operational Growth Workshops – We Invite You to Participate!**

We are preparing operational growth workshops and your participation is essential! For more info, please see the operator alert and, if interested, **please submit a letter of interest** to your direct supervisor (chief/superintendent) **no later than the end of day Friday, May 21.**

  
Amanda Nightingale  
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