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Dear Mr. Abbotts,

I am writing to you to apply for the **Transportation Planner/Urban Designer** position. I am a graduating senior in the Community, Environment, and Planning program at the University of Washington where my foci involve **public policy** and **transportation planning**. I believe the skills I've gained as a student in my program, as a leader in the work environment, and as a current intern with King County Metro make me an excellent candidate for this position.

My unique educational path and degree has prepared me to take on the responsibilities I would hold in this position. Dozens of group projects and their subsequent presentations have made me very comfortable with both preparing and delivering effective and descriptive **oral presentations**, in addition to refining my **collaborative** skills. My urban planning and real estate courses have provided me with the opportunities to work with **Geographic Information Systems**. I am proficient in using Excel for both GIS-related projects and for **data analysis**. I have taken a studio course where I worked with the City of Bellevue to determine the walkability and **multimodal** access of the Lid-405 project and the area surrounding it through field visits and community outreach.

My current policy and planning internship with King County Metro has allowed me to work on numerous **transportation infrastructure projects** and use **planning software** such as Remix. This position has given me a deeper understanding for how sustainable, equitable, safe, efficient transportation lies at the crux of any functioning community: mobility begets educational and occupational opportunities. I want to use the power and knowledge I've gained through my academic experiences to improve transit systems, using **communication** and technology to empower and connect communities. For five years, I was a managing supervisor in the food service industry, **demonstrating successful leadership of a team** by navigating stressful and time-sensitive situations with diplomacy, a democratic leadership style, and people-oriented customer service. These experiences have taught me how to navigate conflict and reach consensus: I am emotionally intelligent, love working with people, and thrive in a **team environment**. Balancing volunteering, working, and school for the last several years has also given me **effective organizational skills and multitasking ability** necessary to work on multiple complex projects simultaneously and provide adequate support to project managers.

My dream is to use the education this university has given me to help create smart growth strategies for the Puget Sound region to serve communities who need it the most. As one of the fastest growing regions in the country, we must plan for future infrastructure to assure it is efficient, logical, and most importantly, equitable. I am driven and ready to tackle these problems head-on. My passion would be a wonderful asset to this organization, and I am ready to grow and learn, using transportation planning and urban design strategies to inform how we can build our region toward the future our community deserves.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any further questions you may have for me. I look very forward to being in touch with you.

Sincerely,
Hanna Peterson