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The Honorable Girmay Zahilay
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits a proposed emergency Ordinance correcting Ordinance 19909 which authorized King County to enter into an agreement for the Operation and Maintenance of King County's portion of the Downtown Redmond Link Extension (DRLE) with an incorrect party. If enacted, this proposed emergency Ordinance corrects Ordinance 19909 and authorizes King County to enter into an Operation and Maintenance Agreement with Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) for the portion of the DRLE within King County property.

An error in the names of the parties to an Operation and Maintenance Agreement was made in Ordinance 19909 adopted by King County Council on April 1, 2025. The Ordinance 19909 incorrectly states the Washington State Department of Natural Resources as a party to this agreement. The correct parties to the agreement are King County and Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority.

King County and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority have negotiated an Operation and Maintenance Agreement outlining each party's responsibilities for the portion of the DRLE within King County property. It is essential that the agreement is signed prior to the DRLE opening date of May 10, 2025.

An ordinance amending Ordinance 19909 to correct the misidentification of the parties to the Operation and Maintenance Agreement is hereby submitted for approval.

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If your staff have questions, please contact Warren Jimenez, Division Director of the Parks and Recreation Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-4525.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Braddock".

for

Shannon Braddock
King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, King County Council
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