

September 10, 2018

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

Dear Councilmember McDermott:

This letter transmits an ordinance that will authorize the King County Executive to enter into an interagency agreement between King County and the City of Renton for the Lake to Sound Trail, Segment A, which is within the City.

The County and the City of Renton are working cooperatively to construct the 1.1 mile Segment A of the Lake to Sound Trail, part of the larger regional sixteen-mile Lake to Sound Trail. Under RCW 36.89.050, the County is authorized to construct a park or recreational facility and transfer the County's ownership to a city, provided that the facility shall continue to be used for the same purposes.

Specifically, the ordinance will accomplish the following:

- The legislation will help complete an important segment in the sixteen-mile Lake to Sound Trail that connects Lake Washington in Renton to the Puget Sound in Des Moines.
- The legislation will allow the County to enter into an agreement with the City of Renton to define roles and responsibilities associated with the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Lake to Sound Trail, Segment A.

The legislation also furthers the goals of key County plans and initiatives as follows:

- The legislation furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal of mobility by increasing the integration between transportation modes and all service providers. Once complete, the Lake to Sound Trail will connect King County residents to a network of over three hundred miles of non-motorized transportation. The Lake to Sound Trail will also create a direct trails-to-transit connection at local park and ride and Link light rail stations.

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- The legislation furthers the King County Equity and Social Justice Initiative goal of providing access for all people to the health and recreation benefits of regional trails.
- The legislation also furthers the King County Equity and Social Justice Initiative goal of access to safe and efficient transportation by creating an all ages and abilities non-motorized path that is separated from traffic and connects to multiple park and ride and Link light rail stations.
- The legislation furthers the Strategic Climate Action Plan goal of transportation and land use by reducing greenhouse gas emissions by supporting increased use of active transportation and mass transit.

In developing the legislation, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) engaged the City of Renton by negotiating the terms of the agreement. DNRP worked to incorporate the input into the legislation, and City staff have indicated that they support the legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of this ordinance. This important legislation will help King County residents have increased access to a three hundred mile recreation and active transportation network and increase non-motorized access to transit.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kevin Brown, Division Director of the Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-4525.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

Enclosure

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