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Re: 2011 Update to Traffic Concurrency Program

Dear County Executive Constantine:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the King County Transportation Concurrency Expert Review Panel, which was appointed pursuant to KCC 14.70.270 for the purpose of reviewing King County's traffic concurrency system and making annual recommendations to the Executive and Council regarding that system.

The Expert Review Panel has examined the 2011 Update Report of the Department of Transportation relating to the traffic concurrency system, and has met with KCDOT staff. In accordance with its mandate under KCC 14.70.270, the Expert Review Panel has examined the underlying concurrency system, and KCDOT's recommendations regarding revisions to the concurrency system, which are being transmitted with the 2011 Update Report. Based on its review, the Expert Review Panel has the following comments:

Concurrency Map Updates: The Department's proposed new concurrency map has been updated to reflect revised travel shed boundaries, but has not been updated to reflect new traffic counts. The Panel discussed the decision not to update traffic counts and concurs that, for this annual update, it was not productive to undertake that work. The Panel appreciated the Department's concern about the cost of an annual update of traffic counts. The Panel also recognizes that, as a result of broader economic factors, including the significant decline in new home construction and rising unemployment in the last two years, there has been virtually no growth in traffic volumes in the last two years. As a result, the need for conducting new traffic counts and updating the concurrency map to reflect this data is quite low at this time.

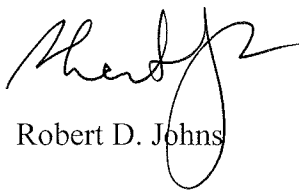
Adjustments to the Travel Shed Boundaries: The Department has recommended an update to the Travel Shed Boundaries and Concurrency Map to reflect changes resulting from recent annexations. The Panel has reviewed these changes and supports the Department's proposal.

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The Department has proposed minor text changes to KCC 14.70 consistent with the changes described above. For the reasons stated above, the Panel recommends adoption of the new travel shed map and proposed text changes to KCC 14.70.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the KCDOT Update Report on Traffic Concurrency and the modified travel shed map.

Sincerely,



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Chair, King County Traffic Concurrency  
Expert Review Panel

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