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

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits the Final Scooter Share Pilot Program Report in response to Ordinance 18989 as amended by Ordinances 19137 and 19310, along with a proposed Motion that, if enacted, would acknowledge receipt of the report.

King County's Records and Licensing Services Division (RALS) of the Department of Executive Services was directed by Ordinance 18989 to implement and manage an electric scooter share pilot program to bring new mobility options to the North Highline Urban Unincorporated Area. RALS implemented the electric scooter share pilot program developed in consultation with scooter share programs in other jurisdictions and with other King County agencies.

The North Highline Urban Unincorporated Area Scooter Share Pilot Program did not demonstrate significant consumer demand or achieve cost recovery. However, the program established that there is potential for a regional shared mobility program, with other options in addition to scooters, that would be available throughout the region. The report identifies that interlocal agreements between local jurisdictions and King County would support a more sustainable and equitable program. Considering the continuing evolution of micromobility, the experience and knowledge gained through implementing the pilot program, and the County's regional transportation goals, the County is well-positioned to lead this effort.

Based on input from micromobility customers, lessons learned through conducting the pilot, information from other jurisdictions, and industry trends in micromobility, I am recommending the County establish a regional mobility program with bikes, scooters, and car share services. This proposed program would be similar to the County's approach to animal services, for-hire transportation services, and police/sheriff services, and would provide mobility options for more people through an inclusive, responsive regional mobility model. I am asking DES to work with the Budget Office to design the program in a manner that aligns with our financial realities and does not rely on the general fund for support. I believe that

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with careful planning and strategic partnerships, we can achieve our mobility objectives while continuing the County role as a regional leader without creating additional financial obligations.

Thank you for your consideration of this report and proposed Motion. If your staff have questions, please contact Sean Bouffiou, Administrative Services Manager, Records and Licensing Services Division at 206-263-2875.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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