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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 a proposed Ordinance that would, if enacted, authorize King County to enter into an interagency agreement with the City of Burien for the portion of Segment C of the Lake to Sound Trail located in Burien.

The proposed legislation would secure the Burien portion of Segment C in the 16-mile Lake to Sound Trail that connects Lake Washington to Renton and on to Puget Sound in Des Moines. As part of King County's 175-mile regional trail system, the addition of Lake to Sound Trail Segment C will connect communities and provide opportunities for recreation that can reduce health factors linked to obesity, diabetes, chronic illness, and reduced life expectancy. The addition of Lake to Sound Trail Segment C also supports economic and civic growth by connecting local businesses to non-motorized transportation options for their customers and employees. The Lake to Sound Trail will also create a safe and accessible place for recreation for the community. King County is working cooperatively with the Washington State Department of Transportation and the Cities of Burien and SeaTac to construct the 2.2-mile-long Segment C.

This proposed legislation would further the facility and system improvement goal area of the Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan by providing access to safe and efficient non-motorized transportation and more equitable access to recreation for all ages and abilities. The Lake to Sound Trail project also supports the Strategic Climate Action Plan goal of expanding equitable access to open space and the Regional Trail System by connecting communities to one another and to other areas of open space.

This proposed legislation has no anticipated budgetary implications.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. This important legislation will

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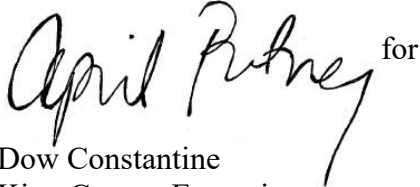
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increase access to recreation for all ages and abilities.

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

Sincerely,

 for

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Enclosure

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