



## **King County**

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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 supplemental appropriation Ordinance that, if enacted, would appropriate \$51.8 million for infrastructure improvements at Harborview Medical Center (HMC). This proposal is backed by the portion of the county hospital tax dedicated to major infrastructure improvements and will be budgeted in the County Hospital Capital Fund (Fund 3740).

The proposed county hospital infrastructure supplemental appropriation Ordinance includes funding for six distinct projects developed in collaboration with HMC and UW Medicine staff. Completion of these six projects will span over multiple years. The projects contained within this proposal were prioritized by Harborview Medical Center as part of a prioritization and risk analysis exercise, completed in coordination with King County facilities management in January 2025. The projects are highlighted below:

- \$13,890,000 to replace pumps and piping for equipment served by the auxiliary cooling system that supports radiology imaging machines.
- \$21,960,000 to complete full updating of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning controls. The priority scope to be addressed first is to eliminate a point of failure and modernize the controls components in West Hospital and West Clinic. Additional work includes replacement of variable air volume systems, as well as replacing 10-11 cooling system controllers that are no longer supported and in place throughout the HMC campus.

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- \$825,000 to replace all major isolation valves, including those at the heating tube bundles, pumps, and mains at each floor level.
- \$313,000 to replace the heating tube bundle associated with the heating water system.
- \$7,500,000 to the acquisition and design of the Duncan Building, the replacement building for the HMC/UW Medicine Pioneer Square Clinic.
- \$7,331,000 to replace several elements of the steam system of the mechanical level of the sub-basement; new steam isolation valves; for construction phasing approach to replace steam pressure reducing valve stations; maintain uninterrupted steam service to the hospital; and to test piping insulation for asbestos and abatement.

The proposal assumes that the County hospital tax infrastructure funding will be available in future years.

To develop this budget proposal, King County and UW Medicine engaged in a collaborative process that spanned more than five months. Regular meetings were held to support and inform budget conversations. The collaboration work included biweekly financial planning meetings where project details were jointly discussed, informed by ongoing project management and construction coordination.

I certify that funds are available.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. If your staff have any questions, contact Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, at 206-263-9687.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Braddock", written over a horizontal line.

for

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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