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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 an Electric Vehicle Charger Installation Plan for Rural and Unincorporated Areas of King County in response to the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 19, Proviso P2, as amended by Ordinance 19633, Section 13, and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, acknowledge receipt of the Plan.

The enclosed plan provides information on the current distribution, and potential future installation, of public electric vehicle (EV) chargers in rural and unincorporated areas of King County, focusing primarily on charging opportunities at County-owned park and rides and other facilities. King County's Executive Climate Office and King County Metro collaborated on development of this document and worked closely with other departments and stakeholders.

State and local governments have a significant role to play in transportation-related carbon reduction efforts, including developing the charging infrastructure needed to support widespread adoption of EVs within County operations and by the public at large. The County's Strategic Climate Action Plan also commits to accelerating electric vehicle adoption that prioritizes environmental justice and equitable access to mobility solutions.

The plan references public input on EV charging from a range of sources, including the King County Comprehensive Plan and an ongoing public survey managed by the Washington State Department of Transportation. A GIS mapping exercise located hundreds of non-county-owned publicly accessible charging ports throughout the County. While the mapping revealed only two County-owned park and rides and a few other significant (non-park) County-owned facilities in rural and unincorporated areas, it identified approximately 90 parking lots in parks and natural areas, some of which may meet suitability criteria for charger installation.

In this context, the plan also presents a number of other opportunities the Executive Climate Office identifies to improve access to non-urban EV charging, including partnering with

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commercial charging networks, leveraging relationships with members of the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C), joint applications to upcoming state and federal funding sources aimed at rural installations, and cross-promotion of EV charger rebates already offered by local utilities.

Thank you for your consideration; the Executive Climate Office looks forward to continuing its work on EV charging to achieve the County's Strategic Climate Action Plan goals.

If your staff have questions, please contact Ross Freeman, EV Planner, Executive Climate Office, at 206-263-5526.

Sincerely,



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