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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 Operation and Maintenance Agreement (MOA) with Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) for the portion of the Downtown Redmond Link Extension (DRLE) within King County property.

The DRLE adds two new light rail stations in southeast Redmond, serving Marymoor Park. The project runs along the northern edge of the County's Marymoor Park and near the East Lake Sammamish Trail corridor. Sound Transit and King County have worked cooperatively during the design and development of the DRLE and identified the facilities that will be designed and constructed by Sound Transit for the benefit of both parties. These facilities include driveways, trails, guideways, drainage infrastructure, and ponds. The agreement defines maintenance, access rights, and environmental requirements.

If approved, the MOA will allow King County and Sound Transit to define their respective responsibilities for the ownership, operation, inspection, and maintenance of these improvements. Sound Transit will provide environmental mitigation for stream, wetland, and buffer impacts as required in accordance with the terms of local, state, and federal permits. The proposed MOA outlines King County's reimbursement to Sound Transit for compliance of mitigation requirements

As part of the project, construction will include the East Lake Sammamish Trail North Extension, a critical connection of the Regional Trails System. Also, utility upgrades being constructed by Sound Transit surrounding the new station in Marymoor Village provide an opportunity for King County to initiate construction of a new water supply connection that will help meet Marymoor Park's increasing water service needs.

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Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren Jimenez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular flourish at the end.

for

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, King County Council

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