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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, if enacted, would vacate King County's interest in a portion of the S. 372nd Street/8th Street right-of-way containing an area of approximately 14,400 square feet, located in the Auburn area of unincorporated King County.

If adopted, this proposed Ordinance would convert this right-of-way to the private use and ownership of petitioners Rufus M. Sprague, Jr. and Ann S. Sprague, Vicki M. Sherer, and Duane E. Groscost. Upon vacation, the County will no longer be responsible for the maintenance or management of this portion of right-of-way, and the public will benefit in the form of returning the property to the property tax rolls.

The findings in the attached County Road Engineer's Report for this road vacation show that the subject right-of-way has no use as part of the County road system and the public would benefit by the vacation of this right-of-way to the petitioners. It is the recommendation of the County Road Engineer and the Director of Road Services that the vacation be approved with the condition of compensation consistent with the application of the compensation model prepared by the Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget.

The procedure for vacation of the subject portion of right-of-way is set forth in King County Code (KCC) 14.40 and the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.87, which establishes the right of abutting property owners to petition a County legislative body for the vacation of road rights-of-way.

After introduction of the proposed Ordinance and the establishment of a public hearing date by the Hearing Examiner, a notice of the public hearing will be posted on the site of the road vacation. After the public hearing, the Hearing Examiner will prepare final recommendations The Honorable Dave Upthegrove May 25, 2023 Page 2

to the King County Council. Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner will be heard by the Council per KCC 14.40.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. If your staff have any questions, please contact Tricia Davis, Director, Road Services Division, at 206-263-9690.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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