April 24, 2015

The Honorable Larry Phillips

Chair, King County Council

Room 1200

C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Phillips:

As required by Ordinance 17907, Section 3, Proviso 1, I am transmitting to the King County Council this letter and associated reports recommending that the funding identified in this proviso be used to address the Southeast May Valley Road landslide repair, 2015 programmatic road surface repair, and 2015 – 16 snow and ice response improvements. The use of these funds is consistent with Roads operational needs and priorities set forth in the Strategic Plan for Roads Services, and the County’s Strategic Plan.

*Ordinance 17907, Section 3, Proviso 1.*

*Of the appropriation for CIP project 1026798 RSE Cost Model cont 386, $2,941,152 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits and the council approves a report that identifies the project or projects that will receive this funding and a motion that approves the report. The motion shall reference the proviso’s ordinance, ordinance section, proviso number, and subject matter in both the title and the body of the motion. The executive shall file the report and motion required by this proviso by February 1, 2015, in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers.*

Southeast May Valley Road was damaged in a landslide in March 2014. The project area is between East Renton Highlands and Squak Mountain. The landslide caused the pavement in the southern lane to crack and settle. Since then, for safety reasons, we have restricted that part of the road to one lane of traffic. Temporary traffic signals allow traffic to move through the area in alternating directions. In 2015, with these additional County funds allocated in the 2015-2016 budget and emergency relief funds from the Federal Highway Administration, the County will repair the road.

The Roads Services Division has determined it can better provide service during snow and ice events by constructing two additional materials depots (Karin Pit in Enumclaw and Black Diamond Regional Maintenance Shop) and improving existing materials storage sites for salt, sand, and deicer. During storms, using distributed materials storage sites reduces travel time, allowing for more time to apply treatment to roads. Otherwise, trucks must travel back and forth to regional maintenance facilities to refill. Information about materials storage depots and needed improvements is included in Attachment B.

Finally, Road Services has identified road improvements, including square cut patching and repairs that will improve the road surface and driving experience for those using our roads. The road segments identified for repair are listed in the Attachment C, along with the cost estimates for all projects funded by these proceeds.

The estimated cost of producing this report is $1,000. It should be noted that this transmittal replaces our original transmittal of February 9, 2015 (Motion 2015-0075) changing our recommended list of investments to be funded with the sales proceeds, and to reflect further discussions and work with councilmembers.

Thank you for your consideration of this motion and ordinance. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Bauer, Director of the Road Services Division, at 477-3580.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers

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