October 12, 2015

The Honorable Larry Phillips

Chair, King County Council

Room 1200

C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Phillips:

The attached ordinance is one of a series of appropriation requests being submitted as individual items. Collectively, these requests serve as the mid-biennium review of biennial budgets described in RCW 36.40.250 and required by section 405 of the King County Charter. An additional appropriation request for a group of items likely will be submitted later in the year.

This ordinance would appropriate $2,900,000 for the Road Services Division (RSD) to construct a group of covered snow and ice materials storage facilities in various locations in RSD’s service territory. Current facilities are often inconveniently located, requiring drivers to spend considerable time on unproductive travel, especially when roads are closed due to snow or flooding. Many of the facilities are uncovered piles, which require crews to spend time chipping off ice and snow before they can begin work. Approval of this request will lead to much greater productivity in responding to storms.

I am requesting action on this ordinance prior to the end of 2015 so RSD can begin projects as soon as possible. Delaying approval until 2016 will make it less likely that these facilities can be available for the winter 2016/2017 storm season.

The standalone appropriation ordinance supports the King County Strategic Plan to “exercise sound financial management and build King County’s long-term fiscal strength.”

I certify that funds are available. If you have any questions, please contact Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget at 206-263-9687.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

Enclosures

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