November 13, 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 17941, Section 53, Proviso 2, I am transmitting to the King County Council a report, and a motion approving the report, regarding expenditures for emergent needs and unanticipated project costs of the Road Services Division of the Department of Transportation. The proviso reads as follows:

*SECTION 53.P2.*

*Of this appropriation, $525,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits seven quarterly reports on expenditures for each prior quarter for emergent needs and unanticipated project costs and motions that approve the quarterly reports and the motions are passed by the council. The motions shall reference the subject matter, the proviso’s ordinance, ordinance section and proviso number in both the title and body of the motion. Upon transmittal of each motion, $75,000 is released for the expenditure.*

*Each report shall include, but not be limited to, identified needs, funding requests and expenditures for emergent needs and unanticipated project costs and shall explain the rationale and the policy basis relative to the 2014 update to the Strategic Plan for Road Services for project selection. If identified unanticipated needs and funding requests exceed budgeted capital improvement program revenue, the report shall detail the process used by the department to prioritize the expenditures.*

*The executive must file the seven quarterly reports by May 15, 2015, August 15, 2015, November 15, 2015, February 15, 2016, May 15, 2016, August 15, 2016, and November 15, 2016, and the motions required by this proviso by those same dates 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, the council chief of staff, the policy staff director and the lead staff for the transportation, economy and environment committee or its successor.*

During the third quarter of 2015, $150,000 of appropriation authority was transferred from Quick Response and $7,687,650 of appropriation authority was transferred from Emergent Need to address emergent needs and unanticipated project costs.

Quick Response funds were used for the following project:

Project No. 1126889, the Baring Bridge #509A Tower Support Strengthening project

Based on an inspection, it was discovered that Baring Bridge #509A would require repairs to strengthen the steel brackets (installed in 1999) which support the deteriorating timber towers and cap beams. Without the repairs, the bridge could fail resulting in potential property and personal losses and isolate approximately 50 developed sites.

Emergent Needs funds were used for the following projects:

Project No. 1026739 - South Park Bridge

The County entered into a settlement agreement with the contractor which included a list of remaining work items to be completed in order to reach final completion of the project and the agreed value of the work, as well as an agreed value for all current contractor claims on the project (a “clear all”). Additionally, the contractor agreed not to make new claims for payment for work on this project. $7,500,000 of appropriation authority was transferred from Emergent Need to the project based on the agreement. This transaction was approved by the King County Council in September 2015 as part of the first omnibus supplemental budget ordinance.

Project No. 1123718 - SE May Valley Road Slide Emergency Repair

A section of SE May Valley Road required repair after a landslide in March 2014 caused pavement in the southern eastbound travel lane to crack and settle. For safety reasons, that part of the road was restricted to one-lane travel with temporary signals that directed traffic through the area in alternating directions. The scope of the project was to stabilize the slope and repair the road so two-lane traffic can safely use it again. Repairs to the road were completed on August 19, 2015, and it is fully reopened to traffic. $187,650 of appropriation authority was transferred from Emergent Need to the project to fund the local grant match of 13.5%. Grant funding from the Federal Highway Administration will cover 86.5% of the project. The overall budget established for the project was $1,390,000.

Funds for these projects address key goals of the Roads strategic plan: Goal 1: Prevent and respond to immediate operational life safety and property damage hazards; Goal 3: Maintain and preserve the existing roadway facilities network; and Goal 4: Enhance mobility (movement of people and goods) by facilitating more efficient use of the existing road system.

The attached motion and report are consistent with the King County Strategic Plan goal of supporting safe communities by maintaining safe and secure county-owned infrastructure, including roads and bridges.

It is estimated that this report and transmittal required two hours of staff time to produce at minimal cost.

Thank you for your consideration of the attached report and motion. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brenda Bauer, Road Services Director, at 477-3580.

Sincerely,

Dow Constantine

King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers

 ATTN: Carolyn Busch, Chief of Staff

 Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

 Carrie S. Cihak, Chief of Policy Development, King County Executive Office

 Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget

 Harold S. Taniguchi, Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)

Brenda Bauer, Director, Road Services Division, DOT