DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROAD SERVICES DIVISION COUNTY ROAD ENGINEER REPORT ON VACATION PETITION V-2688

March 24, 2017

Petition to Vacate: A portion of James H. Skirving Road No. 2 Revision-County Road No. 1518

Vacation file: V-2688

Petitioner: Edward L. Biliske

Recommendation: The County Road engineer has determined and does recommend that the subject right-of-way should be vacated.

Petitioner Edward L. Biliske, submitted a petition for the vacation of a portion of James H. Skirving Rd No. 2 Revision – County Road No. 1518 located near Auburn, King County. The subject right-of-way is unopened and unimproved.

King County acquired the right-of-way through a quit claim deed as part of the establishment of J. H. Skirving Road No. 2 Revision – County Road No. 1518 established September 2, 1919.

Pursuant to King County Code section 14.40.0104 B, the following report is submitted.

KCC 14.40.0104 B. - The petition has been reviewed and determined to be valid.

B.1 - The right-of-way proposed to be vacated has been examined and it is recommended that it should be vacated and abandoned.

B.2 - The right-of-way proposed to be vacated has been examined and it has been determined that the subject right of way is not in use as a road and has not been in use as a road.

B.3 - The subject right-of-way is unopened and not in use.

B.4 - The vacation portion of the subject right-of-way is not needed as part of the county transportation system of the future and it is not advisable to preserve any portion of the vacation area for future transportation use. The County is retaining a portion of the right-of-way that is James H. Skirving Rd No. 2 Revision – County Road No. 1518 and acquiring additional property from Petitioner through this vacation to enlarge and improve the right-of-way for SE Auburn-Black Diamond Rd and 168th Way SE.

B.5 - The public will benefit from the vacation of the right-of-way. The subject vacation area is not necessary to the county road system. Upon approval of this Petition for Road Vacation, the petitioner shall convey to King County a deed for land adjacent to existing SE Auburn-Black Diamond Rd and 1668th Way SE. Such additional land will expand existing right-of-way and allow for the future improvement of the county road system. The public will benefit from the vacation of the subject useless right-of-way and acquisition of useful property.

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B.6 – The Petitioner's property is assessed for 2017 at \$0.57 per square foot. The entire section of rightof-way to be vacated lies within Petitioner's property. Petitioner's property contains critical area designations which limit the use and suitability of the property for road purposes. Petitioner requests the vacation of an area of 5643 square feet and proposes to convey to the County an area of 1371 square feet, all within the same parcel. The vacation area is useless to the county road system, whereas the area to be conveyed is useful to the county to add right-of-way to SE Auburn-Black Diamond Road and 168th Way SE that could be used in the future to improve the intersection, safety and traffic flow. Therefore, the value of the area to be vacated and that to be conveyed to the county is comparable.

Pursuant to KCC 14.40.020(B), the county road engineer may propose and the council may accept real property of equal or greater value in lieu of cash compensation. It is recommended that the County accept the proposed deed from Petitioner as compensation for the vacation.

B.7 - The subject right-of-way does not serve as access to any abutting properties.

B.8 – Puget Sound Energy has obtained an easement over the parcel to serve its facilities. Covington Water District has a waterline within the vacation area and will require an easement 20 feet in width.

B.9 - No fees have been charged nor costs incurred for this vacation beyond the \$100 filing fee.

B.10 - The subject right-of-way does not abut a body of salt or fresh water.

B.11 - The subject right-of-way is abutted only by property owned by Petitioner.

B.12 - Under KCC 14.40.0106, discretion was exercised and petitioner is not charged any fees or costs in association with this Petition beyond the filing fee. As no additional fees were assessed under 14.40.0106 B, there are no costs to be waived under 14.40.0106C and no costs incurred to list.

The subject right-of-way is useless to the county transportation system. In conclusion, it is recommended that the petition V-2688 to vacate a portion of James H. Skirving Rd No. 2 Revision – County Road No. 1518 located near Auburn, King County should be approved.

Approved:

Rick Brater, P.E. County Road Engineer

