April 6, 2018

The Honorable Joe McDermott

Chair, King County Council

Room 1200

C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember McDermott:

This letter transmits an ordinance authorizing the Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement with the South King County Fire Training Consortium to train the King County International Airport Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting unit for the purpose of improving operations and mutual aid interoperability.

King County International Airport contracts with the King County Sheriff’s Office for emergency response services including aircraft rescue fire fighting, fire protection, fire suppression and emergency medical services. The Airport relies on fire and medical mutual aid support from neighboring cities for incidents exceeding the capacity of the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting unit. Mutual aid interoperability in skills, abilities and procedures provides for a coordinated and safe response.

The South King County Training Consortium is comprised of 10 south King County fire departments with a vision statement to unify and enhance regional training that improves operational consistency, implements industry best practices and promotes a shared culture of excellence. By working together, the Airport will participate in training at the highest possible level while managing costs by eliminating duplication of effort.

The proposed ordinance and interlocal agreement will address and further several of the key guiding principles and goals of the King County Strategic Plan in the following ways:

* Collaborative: *We work together effectively within the organization and in collaboration with other governments, private entities and community partners.* By partnering with the South King County Fire Training Consortium, we are able to promote interoperability and training with our mutual aid response partners.
* Financial Stewardship: *Work with cities to identify opportunities to provide services more efficiently, such as contracting.* This objectiveis further advanced in managing costs by utilizing audit, compliance and training procedures already in place.
* Quality Workforce: *Utilize employees in an efficient, effective and productive manner.* By partnering with the South King County Fire Training Consortium, the Airport is working with local jurisdictions to reduce duplication in effort for training programs.

The King County Council’s approval of the attached interlocal agreement allows King County International Airport to partner with the South King County Fire Training Consortium. I recommend the King County Council approve this ordinance and the interlocal agreement.

If you have any questions regarding this ordinance, please contact Randall Berg, Director, Airport Division, at 206-477-3666.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

Enclosures

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