November 5, 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 a motion that supports an Executive Determination of Emergency (attached) that I made on June 26, 2018, in which it was declared that there was an emergency due to threats of the Stossel Bridge Right Bank Revetment failure affecting King County. The Executive Determination of Emergency authorized designated departments of King County to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such an emergency to protect integral county infrastructure and protect two residences and the Game Haven Farm property. King County Department of Transportation Road Services Division construction crews were utilized to repair the Stossel Bridge Right Bank Revetment.

The legislation will support compliance with the intent of RCW notification and verification requirements that require the adoption of a resolution by the King County Council if emergency work is completed using public employees. It is acknowledged that this motion is being transmitted outside of the two-week reporting requirement as set forth in RCW 36.32.235(12).

Specifically, the motion will accomplish the following:

* Recognize that in late March 2018, the Stossel Bridge Right Bank Revetment was observed to be failing and at risk of undermining the county road. Staff from the Water and Land Resources Division (WLRD) of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks determined that repairs to the revetment needed to be made prior to the annual start of flood season on September 30 in order to reduce the potential for loss of life, property and economic hardship to the adjacent Game Haven Farm should the revetment completely fail.
* Confirm that due to the short timeframe to accomplish the repairs, it was determined that an emergency waiver from competitive procurement requirements was required in the event contracted labor would need to be hired to complete the work. I signed a determination of emergency and a waiver from competitive procurement and communicated this determination in a transmittal letter to you on June 26, 2018.
* Acknowledge that as the project design progressed, WLRD determined that utilizing Road Services Division crews instead of contracted labor was the best course of action due to availability. The Road Services Division completed the repair work on September 28, 2018.

The legislation also furthers the goals of key County plans and initiatives as follows:

* The legislation furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal of enhancing public safety by rebuilding infrastructure which reduce the region’s vulnerability to flooding.

Thank you for your consideration of this motion. This important legislation will certify the damage to public facilities as well as the costs incurred to correct the emergency situation as required by RCW 36.32.235(12).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Josh Baldi, Division Director of the Water and Land Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206‑477‑9440.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

Enclosures

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