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Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee

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The Honorable Larry Gossett Chair, King County Council Room 1200 COURTHOUSE

RE: Approval of the Transfer and Waste Export System Plan

Dear Councilmember Gossett:

I am pleased to report that MSWMAC voted to reaffirm its support of the *Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Export Plan* at our meeting on September 14, 2007, following a careful review and discussion of the independent third-party review prepared by Gershmann, Brickner & Bratton, Inc.

The independent review concludes that: (1) a network of transfer stations is a good approach, (2) a single, large WTE facility would not change the need for a network of transfer stations; (3) the transfer system is in need of the recommended improvements, including provision of expanded recycling opportunities, and (4) the county should take steps to maximize the life of the Cedar Hills Landfill to keep costs down. MSWMAC concurs with these conclusions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the independent third-party review. We look forward to continued collaboration with the County in updating the *Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan*.

Respectfully,

Jean Garber, Chair

MSWMAC

cc:

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