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The Honorable Claudia Balducci  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that, if enacted, would approve the revision of the City of North Bend's (City) corporate boundary to include the orphaned road at 428th Avenue Southeast and segments of Southeast 136th Street and 436th Avenue Southeast public rights-of-way within the city as provided for in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35.21.790. Approval of this proposed Ordinance will transfer the governance and fiscal responsibility of these unincorporated roads from King County (County) to the City.

The County currently has jurisdiction over the eastern half of the road right-of-way for 428th Avenue Southeast in the area described in Attachment A of the proposed Ordinance. The County also has jurisdiction over the western leg of Southeast 136th Street and southern leg of 436th Avenue South of the intersection at Southeast 136th Street and 436th Avenue Southeast in the area described in Attachment B of the proposed Ordinance. The City has plans to make improvements at both locations that include wider paved sections at 428th Avenue SE and a roundabout at the intersection of SE 136th Street and 436th Ave SE.

The County and the City agree that it is in the best interest of both parties to have the County right-of-way portions of 428th Avenue Southeast and segments of Southeast 136th Street and 436th Avenue Southeast public rights-of-way under the City's jurisdiction so that the City can provide urban level services to its residents including maintenance, operation and capital improvements of the public rights-of-way such as the current plans by the City. Since maintenance by the County of disparate segments of orphaned roads reduces resources for core County roads, enactment of this proposed Ordinance aligns with the King County Strategic Plan for delivering consistent, responsive, and equitable, high-quality services to residents, cities and districts, exercising sound financial and risk management, and building King County's long-term fiscal strength.

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The procedure for a city boundary revision of this nature is in accordance with RCW 35.21.790. This type of boundary revision is not subject to potential review by the Boundary Review Board. Revision of the corporate boundary of a city is effective upon approval by the City Council and the County Council. The City enacted Ordinances No. 1696 and 1717 to revise its City boundary. The King County Council's enactment of the proposed Ordinance will approve the revision of the corporate boundary of the City. This will transfer governance and fiscal responsibility for local services to the City.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. If your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Rick Brater, Director of Road Services Division, at 206-477-3601.

Sincerely,



for

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King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers  
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