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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 would, if enacted, authorize King County to enter into an interagency agreement with the City of SeaTac for the portion of Segment C of the Lake to Sound Trail that is located in SeaTac. King County is working cooperatively with the Washington State Department of Transportation and the City of Burien to construct the 2.2-mile Segment C. This proposed legislation pertains only to the 1.8 miles of Segment C located within SeaTac.

The proposed legislation would secure the SeaTac portion of Segment C, an important segment in the 16-mile Lake to Sound Trail that connects Lake Washington in Renton to Puget Sound in Des Moines. As part of King County's 175-mile regional trail system, the addition of Lake to Sound Trail Segment C will connect communities and provide opportunities for recreation that can reduce health factors linked to obesity, diabetes, chronic illness, and reduced life expectancy. The addition of Lake to Sound Trail Segment C also supports economic and civic growth by connecting local businesses to non-motorized transportation options for their customers and employees. By improving access and safety and by creating a more inviting place to recreate and recharge, the Lake to Sound Trail can become a gathering place and focal point for the community.

This proposed legislation furthers the mobility goal of the King County Strategic Plan by increasing the integration between transportation modes, including multiple Park and Ride facilities and Link Light Rail stations. Execution of the interagency agreement would also further the facility and system improvements goal of the Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan by providing access to safe and efficient non-motorized transportation and more equitable access to recreation for all ages and abilities in a part of the county that has historically not been served by regional parks and trails. Finally, by providing an increased opportunity for non-motorized transportation, construction of the Lake to Sound Trail supports the Strategic

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Climate Action Plan goal of providing and encouraging the use of sustainable transportation choices.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed ordinance. This proposed legislation will give residents increased access to an inter-connected, non-motorized active transportation network for more efficient mobility and safe and healthy recreation.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Warren Jimenez, Division Director of the Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-4525.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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