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RE: Ordinance No. 2021-0200

Dear Chair Dembowski, Vice Chair von Reichbauer, and Mobility and Environment Committee Members:

This is Julien Loh, Local Government Affairs Manager for Puget Sound Energy. Today, I write urging the Mobility and Environment committee to **approve proposed Ordinance No. 2021-0200: AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to sign the recreational trail use agreement with Puget Sound Energy for permission to use portions of PSE property for the construction, maintenance, and operation of the Interurban Trail South.**

Approving this agreement will pave the way for King County to use Parks Levy dollars to make important safety improvements to this heavily used trail so individuals from historically underserved communities can enjoy a non-motorized transportation option connecting them economic opportunities.

Improvements to Interurban Trail South are supported by the communities along this well-loved community asset. In 2018, cities joined PSE in voicing their support for an order at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission that allows us to continue our longstanding partnership with King County so the Trail can be improved for public recreation purposes.

Please contact me at Julien.Loh@pse.com if you or your staff have any questions about this proposed ordinance and trail use agreement.

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