



## King County

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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 Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the portion of Segment B of the Foothills Trail that crosses over the White River. The proposed Ordinance has no fiscal impact.

King County is working cooperatively with DNR, the cities of Enumclaw and Buckley, and Pierce County Parks to construct a new pedestrian multi-use bridge over the White River which will connect the two completed portions of the trail in Enumclaw and Buckley.

As part of King County's 175-mile regional trail system, the proposed Foothills Segment B addition would 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 Foothills Segment B 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 Foothills 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 delivering a safe, reliable, and seamless network of transportation options to get people where they need to go, when they need to get there. 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 Foothills Trail Segment B supports the Strategic Climate Action Plan goal of providing and encouraging the use of sustainable transportation choices.

The Honorable Claudia Balducci

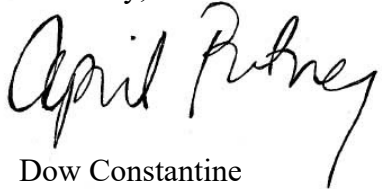
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Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. This proposed legislation will give residents increased access to an inter-connected, non-motorized, active transportation network for more efficient mobility and safe and healthy recreation.

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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King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers

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