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

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that would, if enacted, allow King County to continue cooperation with other government agencies for shared fiber optic projects and streamline the process for executing fiber optic infrastructure interagency agreements facilitating continued services to the public and King County agencies.

In 1995, King County, the City of Seattle, University of Washington, Federal General Services Administration, and Seattle Community College District developed terms and conditions (General Terms and Conditions) for cooperative agreements between government agencies for the joint installation, ownership, and maintenance of fiber optic cable and cooperative use of associated infrastructure and facilities. Over the past 20 years, these and other fiber partners have executed interagency project agreements serving the participating public sector organizations. These agreements have been adopted by more than 17 government agencies.

Under the General Terms and Conditions, project agreements were effective for 10 years. The proposed Ordinance would amend the General Terms and Conditions to extend the effective date of all executed project agreements for an additional 10 years. This would allow King County to continue to utilize the fiber installed pursuant to those project agreements and that require continued payment for maintenance. As of July 2024, King County's total share for annual maintenance for all executed project agreements is \$104,044.23.

The proposed Ordinance would also streamline the process for executing future project agreements by allowing the Executive to directly execute project agreements instead of requiring the Council's approval for each agreement, provided the agreement utilizes the General Terms and Conditions and does not commit the County to expend funds beyond the then-current appropriation period for anything other than maintenance. Annual maintenance costs for an individual project average around \$10,000. All maintenance costs are covered by revenue received and planned for in KCIT's ongoing budget.

The proposed Ordinance would authorize the Executive to execute two fiber optic project agreements using the General Terms and Conditions outlined below.

- Addendum #34 covers the fiber cable installation supporting Washington State Department of Transportation (SDOT) and King County Metro (KCM) for the 2016 WSDOT Tunnel project. The work includes the completion of the fiber installation between SR99 Tunnel South Operations Building to the Capitol Hill Radio Tower and the KCM South Access Cabinet Project, along with changes in cost allocation between WSDOT and KCM. Addendum 34 also extends the end date of Addendum #27 to enable WSDOT to complete payment to City of Seattle for the completed work.
- Addendum 36 is also related to the WSDOT Tunnel Project, specifically installing fiber cabling between Pier 48 and Coleman Dock, temporarily rerouting existing fiber optic cabling for the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) Waterfront Project, the permanent reroute of King County fiber path between King Street Center and Coleman Dock, and the removal of fiber connecting WSDOT emergency gates.

If your staff have questions, please contact Stephen Heard, Interim Chief Information Officer, Department of Information Technology (KCIT) at 206-477-5728.

Sincerely,



for

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Enclosure

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