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

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that, if enacted, would amend King County Code (KCC) 4.56.350 related to the 2019 Real Property Asset Management Plan (Plan) and revise the updated Plan's due date from September 2023 to September 2025.

As required by KCC 4.56.350, the Real Property Asset Management Plan must be updated four years after the 2019 Plan's effective date, which is September 2023. I am requesting an extension of the Real Property Asset Management Plan update due date to September 2025 because of the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on County space use and planning, including the future of work planning which is still underway.

This proposed amendment to KCC 4.56.350 is necessary due to the evolving space planning and utilization underway within King County agencies due to pandemic generated changes in use of County space and facilities. Many agencies made significant changes to their King County facilities footprints as part of the County's pandemic response. The cascading impacts of these changes include some spaces currently ready for occupation while many others are not, leaving agencies in spaces that they will move out of in the coming months, or making changes to their current spaces to reflect a change their use of such space. Consequently, if the Real Property Asset Management Plan update were to be transmitted in 2023, it would be significantly outdated by the time it arrived at Council.

In addition, significant work is underway for King County's new Civic Campus Master Plan, which may impact our Real Property Asset Management Plan.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

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If your staff have questions, please contact Anthony Wright, Director, Facilities Management Division at 206-477-9352.

Sincerely,

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