

Department of Local Services

Road Services Division

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL SERVICES ROAD SERVICES DIVISION COUNTY ROAD ENGINEER REPORT ON VACATION PETITION V-2738

April 23, 2021

Petition to Vacate: 310th Ave NE/Alder Rd

Vacation File: V-2738

Petitioners: Richard E. Elander and Vernon S. Timmons

Recommendation: The County Road engineer has determined that the subject portion of

right-of-way is useless to the county road system and should be vacated.

Petitioners Richard E. Elander and Vernon S. Timmons submitted a petition for the vacation of a portion of 310th Ave NE/Alder Rd on September 22, 2020. The subject right-of-way is an unopened and unmaintained portion of right-of-way located in the Duvall area of unincorporated King County. See site map attached as Exhibit A.

Pursuant to King County Code section 14.40.0104 B, the following report is submitted.

KCC 14.40.0104 B. - The petition has been reviewed and determined to be valid. Petitioners own the majority of the lineal footage of the frontage of the right-of-way proposed for vacation.

- B.1 The portion of right-of-way proposed to be vacated has been examined and it is recommended that it should be vacated and abandoned.
- B.2 The subject portion of 310th Ave NE/Alder Rd is not in use as a road nor is it in use by the traveling public. No records have been located indicating use, improvement, or maintenance of the area by King County. The subject right-of-way was originally dedicated to King County in the plats of Cherry Gardens Division No. 3, records of King County.
- B.3 The subject portion of 310th Ave NE/Alder Rd is an unopen and unmaintained county road right-of-way.
- B.4 The subject portion of 310th Ave NE/Alder Rd is not needed as part of the county transportation system of the future and it is not advisable to preserve the subject portion of the right-of-way for future transportation use.
- B.5 The public will benefit from the vacation of the right-of-way. The subject vacation area is not necessary or useful to the county road system and the public will benefit from the incorporation of the right-of-way into the Petitioners' property returning this area to the public tax rolls.

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B.6 - Roads obtained from the King County Assessor's Office a determination of the value for the vacation area associated with each Petitioners' property.

The Assessor's Office determined that adding approximately 35,139 square feet to Petitioners' property, APN 155000-0015 would result in a \$5,000 increase in value. The valuation as applied to the compensation model prepared by the County Office of Performance Strategy and Budget (PSB), see attached, results in a charge of \$809 in compensation to this Petitioner should the 35,139 square foot area of unopened undeveloped right-of-way be vacated.

It is the recommendation of the County Road Engineer and the Director of Road Services that, consistent with the application of the PSB compensation model to this road vacation petition, the subject portion of right-of-way be vacated with the condition of payment from the petitioners.

- B.7 The subject portion of right-of-way does not serve as access to any property not a party to this road vacation petition. No access easements are required.
- B.8 King County Water District No. 119 has identified the subject right-of-way as a potential location for installation of a water main and appurtenances. Therefore, it is necessary to preserve or require easements for utilities over the vacation area.
- B.9 No fees have been charged nor costs incurred for this vacation beyond the \$200 filing fee.
- B.10 The right-of-way to be vacated does not abut a body of salt or fresh water.
- B.11 No property owners abut the portion of right-of-way proposed to be vacated who are not petitioners to this vacation.
- B.12 Under KCC 14.40.0106, discretion was exercised, and petitioner is not charged any fees or costs in association with this Petition beyond the filing fee. As no additional fees were assessed under 14.40.0106 B, there are no costs to be waived under 14.40.0106 C and no costs incurred to list.

In conclusion, the subject portion of right-of-way is useless to the county road system and petition V-2738 seeking to vacate this portion of 310th Ave NE/Alder Rd should be approved conditioned upon payment of compensation in the amount of \$809 and the grant of an easement to King County Water District No. 119 in a form suitable for the water district's purposes.

APPROVED:

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County Road Engineer.

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Tricia Davis, Director

Road Services Division

Attachments:

Exhibit A – Site Map

Compensation Calculation Spreadsheet

PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION V-2738



Vacation File: V-2738 310th Ave NE (Alder Road)

SW 4-26-7

ROW Area (Approximate):

35139 FT2 or 0.80 Acres





VALUATION OF ROADS RIGHT-OF-WAY

V-2738

Parcel # 155000-0015

Richard E. Elander and Vernon S. Timmons

Based on PSB Response to Proviso

310th Ave NE/Alder Rd

		Frequently Traversed Public	Undeveloped Unopened	
Factor	Opened Roads	Areas	ROW	
Appraised Value	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
Subtract: Transfer of Liability or Risk	\$ 4,696	\$ 470	0	
Subtract: Expected Property Taxes	\$ 104	\$ 104	\$ 104	
Subtract: Management and Maintenance				
Costs	\$ 170,925	0	\$ 4,087	
DLS Processing Costs	C	0	0	
TOTAL	\$ (170,725)	\$ 4,426	\$ 809	

ANNUAL UPDATES:

The factors identified in the table need to be updated annually. These include:

- 1) Claims, judgments, settlements, and reserved expenses per mile. Claims with a loss date 01/01/2016-01/02/2021
- 2) General Fund and Roads Fund property tax rates. https://kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor/Reports/levy-rate-info.aspx
- 3) Total road mileage in the system.
- 4) Roads operating budget (use half of the biennial budget).

Factor:	Provider:	Number		_	
Value of vacation area	DOA	\$	5,000	See below *	Varies per parcel
"Mileage" of parcel			0.22	Parcel size in linear mileage	Varies per parcel
Average of 5 years of risk costs	ORM	\$	3,314,212	5 year average, annual cost	Updated annually
Property tax rate - general fund	PSB / DOA	\$	0.59	per 1,000 AV; 2020 number	Updated annually
Property tax rate roads	PSB / DOA	\$	1.83	per 1,000 AV; 2020 number	Updated annually
Road miles in system	Roads		1500		Updated annually
Roads annual operating budget	Roads	\$	120,641,814	Half of biennial operating budg	ge Updated annually
Roads costs for clean-up	Roads	\$	204,352	Total annual costs; future aver	ag Updated annually
DLS Processing costs	N/A	\$	-	N/A	

Square footage and lineal measurement of vacation area:

Vacation area in square feet Roads 35139 Square footage of vacation area

Vacation size in lineal feet 1171.3
Vacation size in "road mileage" 0.221837121

* Value of vacation area from Assessor's Office:

Parcel 155000-0015 value pre-vacation	\$212,000
Parcel 155000-0015 value post-vacation	\$217,000
Value of vacation area	\$5,000