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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 Motion that, if enacted, would authorize King County to accept a donation of \$500,000 from Kaiser Permanente of Washington via the Seattle Foundation to aid King County in the completion of the Eastrail Wilburton Trestle in Bellevue. The Seattle Foundation is prepared to transfer the donation pending the King County Council's approval of the proposed Motion. A support letter from the Seattle Foundation is enclosed.

In 2013, King County entered into an agreement with the Seattle Foundation to receive and administer charitable funds for the connection of green spaces and trails in King County. In 2017, Kaiser Permanente of Washington (previously named Group Health of Washington) entered into an agreement with the Seattle Foundation to provide funding of the Wilburton Trestle. Construction on the Wilburton Trestle is anticipated to begin this year and the Seattle Foundation is prepared to disburse funds. Because the donation exceeds \$50,000, the Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks must gain approval from the King County Council in order to request disbursement of the funds.

If approved, this contribution will support the repurposing of the historic Wilburton Trestle into a premier public asset that will provide commuters, cyclists, runners, and pedestrians with a spectacular view of the eastside skyline.

The proposed Motion would provide funds needed to support completion of this project and thereby close a critical gap in the 42-mile Eastrail trail. These funds are covered under existing appropriation (Ordinance 19210), and no supplemental budget requests are needed at this time.

This public-private collaboration will enable the region to realize a vision of recreation and non-motorized mobility that connects communities and commercial centers. This donation demonstrates that business and non-profit communities recognize the value of recreation as a key component in making this region a livable, healthy, and attractive place for people to live,

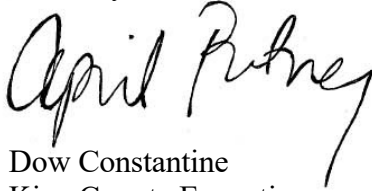
work, and play.

As King County continues to face unprecedented growth, non-profit organizations, businesses, and governments are coming together to find transportation solutions by improving transportation access and safety. Approval of this proposed legislation would increase the integration between regional trails and high-capacity transit.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion. This passage of this important legislation will help give trail users increased access to an interconnected, 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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Enclosure

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