January 31, 2019

The Honorable Rod Dembowski

Chair, King County Council

Room 1200

C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Dembowski:

This letter transmits the 2019 work plan and budget for the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C), as required by Motion 14449. The K4C is a voluntary but formal partnership between King County, the Port of Seattle, and 15 cities that together represent more than 80 percent of King County’s two million residents. The K4C is collaborating on climate action strategies to help achieve shared, countywide greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets that were adopted by the Growth Management Planning Council.

In 2015, the King County Council unanimously adopted the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP). The SCAP outlines that effective strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the impacts of a changing climate require an integrated countywide effort involving public, private and non-governmental partnerships. Motion 14449, which adopted the SCAP, outlined that King County will continue to play a key role in the K4C, which has collaborated to develop a shared countywide vision and priority actions for confronting climate change.

The report outlines 2019 K4C work plan priorities, an initial investment priority for K4C cost-share revenues, and next steps for allocating remaining 2019 revenues. Work plan priorities reflect recommendations from K4C elected-official representatives at an October 2018 summit, and follow-up consultation with staff from K4C partners.

The report also furthers the goals of key county plans and initiatives as follows:

* The report furthers the Environmental Sustainability goal of the King County Strategic Plan by articulating shared work between K4C partners to confront climate change.
* The report furthers King County’s Equity and Social Justice Initiative and K4C principles to address climate change in ways that are fair, equitable, empowering, and inclusive and also that ensure that low income residents do not bear unfair costs of climate solutions, as articulated by the K4C’s Joint County-City Climate Commitments.
* The report furthers the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan commitment to “build cross-sector alliances” to develop and implement climate solutions.
* The K4C work plan and budget support collective work that represents unincorporated King County and the K4C’s 17 partners.

It is estimated that this report required 8 staff hours to produce, costing $600.

Thank you for your consideration of this report. The report outlines the K4C’s work plan and shared actions that are helping King County residents more efficiently and collaboratively confront climate change. I look forward to continuing to work with the Council on efforts of the K4C.

If you have any questions about this report, please contact Megan Smith, Director of Climate and Energy Initiatives in the Executive Office, at 206-263-9605.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

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