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To: District 5 Legislators: Senator Mark Mullet; Representative Jay Rodne  
District 11 Legislator: Representative Steve Bergquist  
District 41 Legislators: Senator Steve Litzow; Representative Judy Clibborn  
District 47 Legislators: Senator Joe Fain; Representative Mark Hargrove

Subject: Unincorporated Area Transportation Issues/Solution Paths Meeting

As our local representatives on either the State House or Senate Transportation Committee, we cordially invite you to attend a discussion on unincorporated area transportation issues and potential solution paths on Tuesday, September 16, at 7:00 PM at the King County Library Administration Building at 960 Newport Way NW, Issaquah.

Our organizations are concerned about the continued maintenance and safety of King County's road network, as well as those policies and laws that tend to hinder government officials. King County currently faces a broken transportation funding model that directly impacts economic growth, public safety, and the region's infrastructure which supports a major economic engine of the State. We believe to sustainably address these issues requires changes to State law. Such changes will have to originate in the House and Senate Transportations Committees.

King County is unique in that it possesses many unincorporated and rural roads critical to the local economy of many cities due to commute and business traffic that traverses between same. Unfortunately, that very infrastructure is at risk. For example, the 2014 King County road budget is 40% less than it was in 2008. This has caused King County to defer many maintenance projects out into the future, which adversely affects public safety on already overcrowded roads, as well as our local and regional economy.

To research the key issues, develop target goals, and propose potential solutions a Citizen Task Force was formed in 2013 consisting of members of the Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC) and the Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council (FCUAC). The Upper Bear Creek Unincorporated Area Council (UBCUAC) also supported these efforts. Our organizations, as local community representatives of King County's unincorporated areas, identified and researched four areas of concern. We then developed four Issue/Solution Papers: (1) Annexation Debt Transfer, (2) Concurrency Adequacy, (3) Usage/Funding Imbalance, and (4) Forecasting Rigor. Each of these address aspects which affect planning and funding of our transportation infrastructure.

Although we don't claim to have all the solutions to such issues, we have developed suggestions that could move us toward a more sustainable funding model and improved accuracy in planning and forecasting. We would like to work with you on these issues.

We are encouraged the Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC's) Transportation 2040 discusses potential solutions to some of these issues. However, only the State Legislature can make such solutions possible. These solutions might include providing local-option authority, allowing usage charging, and/or modifying allocation of collected transportation-related revenues. Clearly, whether the concern is to manage debt, complete infrastructure on time, align user and funding, or ensure accurate forecasting and planning, each requires State Legislative action to succeed.

We are sending you this invitation early, as we understand your calendars fill up quickly. Please contact GMVUAC member, Susan Harvey, who chairs our task force at: 425-432-1177 or susandharvey@hotmail.com , should you have any questions. In a few weeks we will provide specific details on each of the issues and potential solution paths we have developed, as well as followup with a phone call to your office.

Thank you.

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