

OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL · CITY OF SEATTLE

June 9, 2010

Executive Dow Constantine  
King County Chinook Building  
401 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 800  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Executive Constantine:

We are writing to express our continued support and commitment to participating in the replacement of the South Park Bridge. As you know, the bridge is owned and operated by King County, and it is physically located outside of Seattle's municipal boundaries, but knits together several residential, commercial, and industrial communities, including some in Seattle. The bridge also plays an important role in the Puget Sound region's freight mobility and economic vitality. Subject to the conditions of this letter, the Seattle City Council is prepared to commit \$15 million towards King County's South Park Bridge replacement project.

The City supports King County's leadership on efforts to secure \$130.8 million in funding for the bridge replacement project. We have previously sponsored action at the Puget Sound Regional Council to commit \$9 million of future federal Jobs Bill infrastructure funding for the bridge replacement project, and spent almost \$1 million in support of King County's environmental review and design of the replacement bridge. Seattle plans to spend several million more dollars through 2011 to mitigate the negative effects on residents and businesses that will flow from the bridge closure, including traffic mitigation such as adjustments to intersection operations and channelization improvements; repaving and lighting to support new routes for King County Metro's buses; and a variety of programs such as public outreach, communications, and other assistance for affected businesses and residents.

We agree that the region's top priority for the TIGER II federal grant applications should be securing funding for this critical project. Seattle will not submit or support TIGER II grant proposals for any other projects that might otherwise be candidates for this funding source. We will provide letters of support for this and other grant applications by King County.

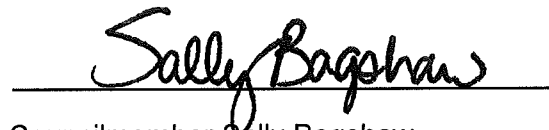
Like most other public and private entities, we are in the midst of unprecedented economic constraints. Among other pressing needs we must secure funding for a \$300 million Central Seawall replacement project. We need our regional partners to work with us on critical regional projects such as the Central Seawall project and transit investments.

Our pledge of \$15 million towards King County's efforts to replace the South Park Bridge is a part of our commitment to joint efforts to solve regional problems. We will appropriate these funds when King County has secured the other needed funding and is ready to proceed with a construction contract for the bridge replacement. We remain optimistic that King County, the City of Seattle, and other regional partners can secure funding for this important project.

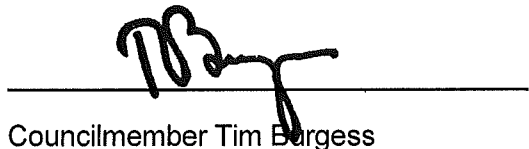
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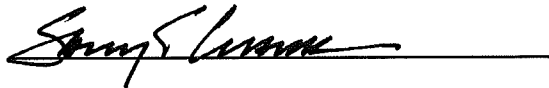
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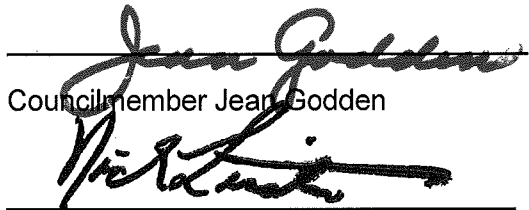
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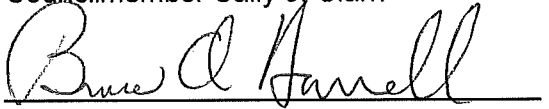
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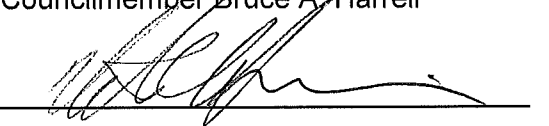
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