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Steven V. King, the Executive Director and Secretary of the UTC.

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Dear Steven,

As the Chairman of the Parks Board for the City of Auburn, I strongly support the renewal of the use agreement between King County and Puget Sound Energy related to the Interurban Trail South. This trail linkage for generations has enabled cyclists, walkers and runners (for both commuter and recreational purposes) to connect to other South King County cities as well as Seattle and beyond.

Cooperation related to these lands is critical to meeting the broader regional needs related to transportation and recreation. PSE's request of the UTC is reasonable, as people are already enjoying the trail, resulting in a healthier community. The trail also serves to reduce vehicular travel as many use the trail to commute to work.

The Interurban Trail Agreement only formalizes the existing practice of trail use and in actuality does not change anything related to its use. I cannot stress enough the value of the Interurban Trail to Auburn residents and the surrounding communities. I appreciate your interest in renewal of the agreement that authorizes this long-term use.

Sincerely,



Michael Hassen
Chair, Auburn Parks and Recreation Board

Cc: Julien Loh, PSE Local Government Affairs and Public Policy Manager