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RE: Puget Sound Transportation Reform Package; ESHB 2871

Dear Governor Gregoire, Senator Haugen and Representative Murray,

We applaud your skillful and determined leadership in guiding the bill to passage in both houses. Regional transportation reform has been stalled for years. The bill is a major breakthrough in regional transportation reform.

Because of your commitment to achieving a reasoned compromise, we now have a practical framework for developing new approaches to regional transportation. This framework allows for improving our regional transportation planning process, for expanding our transit system and for fixing our aging highways and bridges. The region can now prioritize projects and promote a strategy for funding that will follow adopted regional and local growth management plans and policies.

The Municipal League of King County, particularly our Transportation Committee, will be engaged in the new regional governance and funding proposals over the next year. We look forward to working with you and the appointed members of the new Regional Transportation Commission. The League is eager to participate in the effort to establish an integrated regional transportation network.

We will be watching and commenting during the development and production of the 2006 city of Seattle ballot and the 2007 regional ballot.

Sincerely,

Rita Brogan, Chair  
Board of Directors

Bob Klein, Chair,  
Transportation Committee