North King County
MOBILITYCOALITION

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Debbie Tarry, City Manager
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Dear Ms. Tarry:

On behalf of the North King County Mobility Coalition (NKCMC), I am following up on the presentation Cameron Duncan and I made to the City Council on May 4th, 2015 regarding "Listening Sessions in Shoreline."

The presentation described findings based on conversations we had with residents at Westminster Manor and Paramount House. Some obstacles residents shared are sidewalks in poor condition with gaps that make it very difficult to traverse, and rough road surfaces that pose barriers to accessing transit. These obstacles could be mitigated by simple fixes that would make a big difference.

Members of the City Council were interested in the concept of a "find it/fix it" program. At the suggestion of Councilmember Eggen, I am asking you to consider a budget allocation to provide funds for a program that would alleviate minor obstacles and improve mobility for Shoreline residents.

These funds would pay for straightforward fixes around the city that would provide safer access to nearby services, shopping, and transit stops. Similar to our commitment to provide safe routes to school, it is also essential to create safe routes to transit for those with mobility limitations. Although paratransit is a valuable resource in our community, it is not always the best or most convenient solution. Public transportation provides more flexibility and more choices.

There is a very thin line between isolation and social interaction. A simple gap in a sidewalk can mean the difference between confinement and freedom of movement. Even a small allocation could make a large difference for people with mobility limitations.

Thank you very much for your consideration during the budget preparation. If you have questions or would like to follow up with this request, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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