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CITY OF KIRKLAND  
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The Honorable Joan McBride  
Mayor, City of Kirkland  
123 Fifth Avenue  
Kirkland, WA 98033

Dear Mayor McBride:

Thank you for your letter outlining the City of Kirkland's interest in the BNSF Corridor. This corridor is truly a unique and remarkable regional asset that should be maximized for public benefit over the long term.

As you may know, the BNSF Corridor is currently owned by the Port of Seattle. King County, Sound Transit, Puget Sound Energy, Cascade Water Alliance, and the City of Redmond are in partnership and working to purchase the King County portion of the corridor. We hope to have the due diligence process and negotiation of property rights acquisition completed soon.

King County is in discussions with Sound Transit on a regional public process to engage stakeholders, the general public, and locally elected officials on their vision for the corridor. We have been contacted by several cities that have interest in the corridor development. Therefore, I will be recommending a forum for cities interested in providing input and public meetings in the cities along the corridor.

I applaud the City of Kirkland for approaching King County with their interests at this early stage in the process. We will keep these recommendations in mind as we develop the regional process for the corridor. If you need any additional information you may contact the County's BNSF Corridor Executive Project Manager, Pam Bissonnette at [pam.bissonnette@kingcounty.gov](mailto:pam.bissonnette@kingcounty.gov) or (206) 263-9660.

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Thank you again for contacting my office on this issue and I look forward to your engagement throughout this process.

Sincerely,

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Dow Constantine  
King County Executive

cc: King County Council  
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