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Bob Edgar
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Dear Mr. Edgar:

This letter concerns the written public comments which you submitted for the Burien City Council meeting of March 29, 2010, as well as the memorandum dated March 30 regarding the Special Council Meeting of March 29, 2010.

Your comments have been provided to the Public Works Department. Information related to the asphalt overlay situation in Burien will be presented and discussed at upcoming City Council meetings.

Thank you for your interest in the City's infrastructure needs.

Respectfully,

Mike Martin
City Manager

To The Burien City Council
From Robert Edgar
Re Special Council Meeting of March 29, 2010
March 30, 2010

I am wondering why the $5 million street repave project in the North Highline Area (see attached article) was not mentioned at this special meeting? It seems germane to the topic of road repair. How will this next grant for North Highline work together with the Build America Bonds? How much will the city have to match to get the $5 million grant funding? And how much will this add to our future debt load? Additionally, what roads in North Highline will be covered by the $5 million grant and at what PCI level? I would appreciate if these things were included in the next discussion on the street overlay program.

CFTR: 04/12/10
cc: Public Works and Finance - FYI; City Mgr response

North Highline Unincorporated Area Council talks annexation(s)

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From Thursday night's meeting of the **North Highline Unincorporated Area Council**, held as usual in the **North Highline Fire District** headquarters on SW 112th – The meeting included discussions of both the impending Burien annexation of North Highline South (NHS), and the possible Seattle-annexation vote in what we suppose we can call North Highline North (NHN).

BURIEN ANNEXATION UPDATE: Burien City Manager **Mike Martin** took centerstage to provide updates to NHUAC – first, what'll be happening before the scheduled April 1st date for NHS. During "the last three weeks of March," Martin said, there'll be a survey in the area, including door-to-door canvassing, to make sure residents know what's ahead. City finance managers will be presenting an "annexation budget" soon. Burien leaders plan to "sit down with the community and talk zoning" soon, since obviously moving into a new jurisdiction means different standards and different jurisdictions. Martin also said Burien is pursuing money in the "second round of (federal) stimulus" to repave "most of the streets in the annexation area"; that could cost up to $5 million, he said, but it's a "shovel-ready" project, so they are hopeful they'll get the grant: "It would radically change many of the roads up here almost instantly."

He also said the King County Sheriff's Office is "doing some reorganization to meet the needs of the annexation," but overall vowed to keep a promise made during the public forums that preceded the annexation vote – "This is going to be seamless … the level of service up here will be equal to or better than it was before," with policing services likely featuring "the same people driving the same vehicles, just with new decals on them."

Not so seamless, he said, is the transition for the parks, following the kerfuffle over Puget Sound Park, plus some transition issues, he said, involving the new county administration. And he noted that for the first time in years, Burien is hiring a fulltime city attorney. (Side note, Martin was not the only Burien leader present at the NHUAC meeting; City Councilmember **Kathy Keene** was there too.)