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### **North/East Cities Statement on King County’s Intent to Extend Cities’ Jail Contracts**

“The North/East Cities planning group appreciates King County’s responsiveness to our request for an extension of our jail contracts. An extension would give the cities some breathing room and time to do additional work around our jail needs and siting process. We look forward to seeing the county’s specific proposal regarding the extension as we understand the county will be offering 300 beds through 2015. While this will give us a more realistic development schedule, it does not address the issue of long-term jail capacity. The cities will continue discussions with the county on solving our long-term jail capacity needs.”

The NEC is in the midst of its environmental impact statement (EIS) process and will issue its draft EIS in December. Public meetings regarding the Draft EIS will be held in January 2010. The final EIS will be issued in the second quarter of 2010. For more information on the project, log onto <http://www.necmunicipaljail.org/>

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