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Executive Sims statement regarding nomination to become deputy secretary of HUD

President Barack Obama today announced his intent to nominate me as the next Deputy Secretary at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. I thank the President for this honor. I am deeply grateful and overwhelmed by his trust and confidence in me.

I also want to thank Secretary Shaun Donovan for his support. If confirmed by the United States Senate, I will serve the President and give his administration and our country my very best.

I want to thank the citizens of King County who have given me the opportunity to serve 12 years as County Executive and 11 years as Councilmember. I cannot imagine anyone more fortunate than I to have spent the better part of my public service career working on issues I care about in a region that I love.

Leaving King County government will be very difficult for me. In my mind and heart, I see and feel the work that needs to be done to complete the transformation of this region into the best place in the world. [Read more...](#)

Additional information

- [Sims complete statement](#)
- [HUD news release](#)
- [Sims leaving King County to work for HUD in D.C.](#), Seattle Times
- [Ron Sims to leave Seattle for HUD](#), Seattle Post Intelligencer

King County Animal Shelter celebrates new buildings and partnership

Monday afternoon, King County Executive Ron Sims joined volunteers and staff at the county's Animal Care and Control Shelter in Kent to celebrate the opening of a new cat adoption building and a new building and partnership with PIMA Medical Institute. Construction began in November on the additions, which double available space at the shelter for homeless cats. One of the buildings will also provide space for students in the PIMA Medical Institute's Veterinary Technical Program to assist shelter staff with medical rounds as they pursue their veterinary education and receive hands-on experience with animal care, treatment and handling in a shelter setting. [Learn more...](#)

Deep bored tunnel to replace Alaskan Way Viaduct

Gov. Chris Gregoire, King County Executive Ron Sims, Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels, and Port of Seattle Chief Executive Officer Tay Yoshitani recently announced their agreement to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct with a deep bored tunnel under downtown Seattle. The plan also includes investment in improved bus service, east-west city streets, a new seawall, relocated utilities, and an upgraded waterfront.



The agreement is the result of a year-long study of solutions for replacing the central section of the Alaskan Way Viaduct. Thousands of hours of technical analysis, public meetings, and letters and emails from the public, interest groups, and local jurisdictions were considered.

"Building a deep bored tunnel will support a strong economy today and in the future," Gregoire said. "This decision will improve public safety, help ensure Seattle is a 21st Century international city, and generate thousands of new family-wage jobs in the Puget Sound region."

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Twitter updates from Ron Sims

- ▶ Executive Sims statement regarding nomination to become deputy secretary of HUD [http://www.metrokc.gov/exec/ 28 minutes ago](http://www.metrokc.gov/exec/28minutesago)
- ▶ King County election: Deadline day <http://tinyurl.com/bedrq9> about 15 hours ago

Annexation progress for residents in White Center and broader North Highline

Proposed annexation boundaries have been set for the cities of Seattle and Burien. On December 4, 2008, King County, the cities of Burien and Seattle, and Fire Districts 2 and 11 in King County agreed on a memorandum of understanding (Memorandum of Understanding) between their service delivery jurisdictions in North Highline. [Learn more...](#)

January 2009 Update: Equity and Social Justice Initiative

King County is working to create a more just society through its Equity and Social Justice Initiative. The Initiative's Community Engagement Team has been providing leadership to engage communities in dialogues and actions related to equity and social justice. [Learn more](#) (PDF)

Community comes together to celebrate legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

More than 600 people packed the Paramount Theatre in Seattle today to celebrate the accomplishments of men in women in this region who share Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of "Breaking Barriers," the theme of King County's 22nd annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. [Read more...](#)



\$36 million awarded countywide to create affordable and supportive housing projects

Creating affordable housing opportunities for hundreds of individuals and families in need, King County Executive Ron Sims today announced [\\$36 million in grants and loans](#) to fund affordable housing and permanent supportive housing development across the county.

Transit tunnel ads help boost Metro's bottom line

Beginning this month, bus riders will notice something new in King County Metro Transit's Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel – the introduction of paid advertising that will generate much-needed income to help offset revenue losses resulting from the faltering economy. [Learn more...](#)

National accolades for performance measures

King County's AIMS High performance measurement system has [won another national award](#) for excellence (external link).

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Related information

- [Press release](#) (pdf)
- [Letter of agreement](#) (pdf)
- [Tunnel animation](#) (External link)
- [Fix is on for Viaduct, opposition files initiative to stop it](#), Seattle Post Intelligencer
- [Gregoire announces tunnel plans: car-tab taxes might help pay for it](#), Seattle Times

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