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King City Council  
City of King City  
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CC: Mike Weston  
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*Submitted via email*

**Re: King City Council Adoption of Master Plan, concerns on Fischer Road Extension.**

1000 Friends of Oregon<sup>1</sup> is a non-profit organization that works with Oregonians to enhance our quality of life by building livable urban and rural communities, protecting family farms and forests, and conserving natural areas through Oregon's land use planning system.

We write to you today in regards to the Fischer Road Extension as a component of King City's Master Plan for Kingston Terrace, which is set to come before council in the coming weeks. We have previously submitted comments on this issue to the planning commission, co-signed by Tualatin Riverkeepers and Friends of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, on April 26th, 2023.

In the creation of its transportation system plan for Kingston Terrace Master Plan, the city proposed several other collector road alternatives to the current proposal for the Fischer Road extension that mitigate potential negative impacts, and would be a step in the right direction for this development area. The current proposal for the Fischer Road Extension raises concerns that these road extensions and development pattern may increase erosion and damage to the Tualatin River, and that it might create high burden transportation corridors at the edge of our urban growth boundary, in conjunction with other proposed projects in the region. Oregon Land Use Goal 12 calls on local jurisdictions to "the fullest extent possible,... plan to utilize existing

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<sup>1</sup> <https://friends.org>

facilities and rights-of-way within the state provided that such use is not inconsistent with the environmental, energy, land-use, economic or social policies of the state.<sup>2</sup> In conjunction with Goals 5 and 7, this means King City should design and build a road network that minimizes impacts on the Tualatin River.

1000 Friends encourages the City to further consider alternatives that were supported by technical advisory committee members, stakeholder advisory committee members, and community members. Together, we can build resilient communities that coexist with the natural resources that surround them. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact 1000 Friends if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,  
Brett Morgan  
Transportation and Metro Policy Manager  
1000 Friends of Oregon

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/OP/Documents/goal12.pdf>