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**PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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Director

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Health Officer

**RE: Re-scheduling of Public Information Meeting for Proposed Safe Parking Project**

Dear Neighbor:

On behalf of Thurston County, I am contacting you as a nearby property or business owner of the County-owned property at 720 Carpenter Road NE. Thurston County is exploring the possibility of temporarily locating 15-20 households currently living in vehicles parked along Ensign Road to the 720 Carpenter Road NE site for approximately six months, until the purchase of a property in Olympia can be completed to serve as a longer-term location for these households.

Currently, more than 50 vehicles are parked along Ensign Road near the entrance to Providence St. Peter's hospital and nearby medical providers. The presence of the vehicles is having a negative impact on the operations of our largest, regional hospital and on the quick and safe access to these facilities by ambulances, other emergency personnel, and the public. As a result, there is an urgent need for the County to immediately relocate 15-20 vehicles from Ensign Road. The County has identified the 720 Carpenter Road property as the best short-term location for these vehicles.

As the County undertakes planning to determine whether to move forward with this approach, we will be holding a public information meeting to provide information about current plans and answer questions from area property and business owners. This public information meeting will take place virtually, via Zoom, on Thursday, **November 4, 2021 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm**. Find information on how to register and participate on the webinar at:

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/bocc/Pages/Regional-Housing-Council.aspx>

Panelists at the public information meeting will include myself, the Director of Public Health and Social Services, the Olympia City Manager, a representative of the service provider who will oversee the site, and a representative from Providence St. Peter's hospital. Members of the public should submit comments and questions in advance to Meghan Porter, Public Information Supervisor, at [Meghan.Porter@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:Meghan.Porter@co.thurston.wa.us). During the public information meeting the facilitator will bring previously submitted questions forward to the panelists.

If you have questions about this letter, please contact me at [Keylee.marineau@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:Keylee.marineau@co.thurston.wa.us).

Regards,

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Enclosure: Informational Flyer