



Legislation Text

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A MOTION authorizing the chair of the council to enter into a contract for facilitation services for the Eastside Rail Corridor regional planning process.

WHEREAS, the Eastside Rail Corridor is a forty-two-mile corridor that extends from Renton to Snohomish and from Woodinville to Redmond, and

WHEREAS, the Eastside Rail Corridor creates direct, contiguous land use and transportation connections through the communities of Renton, Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, Woodinville, Snohomish county and King County, and

WHEREAS, King County's established policy for the Eastside Rail Corridor emphasizes the critical importance of transportation dual-use for transit and nonmotorized trail purposes, to link these centers and cities of the Puget Sound region, and

WHEREAS, development of the Eastside Rail Corridor has the potential to meet future public transportation needs and provide regional livability by connecting South, East and North King County through a series of biking, walking and hiking trails, as well as public transportation infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, this corridor is strategically important because it links underserved communities of the south county to economic vitality of job growth on the eastside of the county, and

WHEREAS, the Eastside Rail Corridor could provide for a regional trail system that could extend into Snohomish and Skagit counties to the north and Pierce county to the south, and

WHEREAS, portions of the Eastside Rail Corridor already serve as a regional utility corridor for the transmission of gas, electricity, water and wastewater, and

WHEREAS, the Eastside Rail Corridor provides a transgenerational opportunity to support walkable, compact and connected communities through publicly owned lands, subject to potential future reactivation for interstate freight-rail service, and

WHEREAS, King County's multiusage policy identifies the critical importance of a comprehensive regional planning process, and

WHEREAS, King County has designated the Eastside Rail Corridor as a corridor of regional significance, and

WHEREAS, King County has participated as a "principal owner" on the Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Advisory Council and embraced the implementation report, Created Connections: Recommendations on the Eastside Rail Corridor, and

WHEREAS, based on a competitive solicitation process, Cedar River Group, LLC, was selected as the highest-ranked proposer and has been chosen to provide facilitation services for the Eastside Rail Corridor regional planning process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The chair of the metropolitan King County council is authorized to enter into a contract, substantially in the form of Attachment A to this motion, with Cedar River Group, LLC, for Eastside Rail Corridor regional planning process facilitation services.