



Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

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Motion

Proposed No. 2017-0293.1

Sponsors Balducci

1 A MOTION approving a memorandum of understanding to
2 restructure the Eastside Rail Corridor regional advisory
3 committee.

4 WHEREAS, the Eastside Rail Corridor ("the ERC") is a forty-two-mile corridor
5 that extends from Renton to Snohomish and from Woodinville to Redmond, and

6 WHEREAS, the ERC creates a direct and contiguous land use and transportation
7 connection through the communities of Renton, Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond,
8 Woodinville, Snohomish county and King County, and

9 WHEREAS, King County has established policy emphasizing the critical
10 importance of transportation dual-usage, transit and nonmotorized trail usage, to link the
11 centers and cities of the Puget Sound region, and

12 WHEREAS, the ERC provides a regional opportunity to connect historically
13 disadvantaged and geographically disparate communities and centers, and

14 WHEREAS, through a series of property transactions, King County, Snohomish
15 county, the cities of Redmond and Kirkland, Puget Sound Energy and Sound Transit now
16 hold property interests in the corridor, and King County and Redmond are the interim
17 trail users under federal law, and

18 WHEREAS, the King County council originally established the governance
19 structure Eastside Rail Corridor regional advisory council ("the RAC") on December 11,

20 2012, in accordance with Motion 13801, to create a collaborative group to carry out a
21 regional planning process to ensure effective use of the southern portion of the ERC and
22 the Redmond Spur, and

23 WHEREAS, the King County council approved the original membership of the
24 RAC in accordance with Motion 12834 on February 11, 2013, and

25 WHEREAS, the RAC's original membership was comprised of owner
26 jurisdictions and included: three King County councilmembers; the King County
27 executive or the executive's designee; one representative from the city of Redmond; one
28 representative from the city of Kirkland; one representative from Puget Sound Energy;
29 and one representative from Sound Transit, and

30 WHEREAS, on June 6, 2016, and in accordance with Motion 14654, the King
31 County council approved the 2016 work plan for the RAC, which called for redesign of
32 the governance structure previously adopted in Motion 13801, and

33 WHEREAS, the King County council approved the Eastside Rail Corridor
34 Regional Trail Final Master Plan and Environmental Impact Statement on February 13,
35 2017, in accordance with Motion 14805, and

36 WHEREAS, on June 7, 2017, the RAC membership unanimously voted to amend
37 its administrative procedures and expand its membership to include members from
38 jurisdictions through which sections of the corridor pass and a group representing
39 nonprofit and private sector voices to support the development of the vision of the
40 corridor and surrounding land uses pursuant to the 2016 work plan adopted by the King
41 County council in accordance with Motion 14654, and

42 WHEREAS, each member of the expanded RAC must approve a memorandum of

43 understanding to include in its membership King County, Snohomish county, the city of
44 Kirkland, the city of Redmond, the city of Woodinville, the city of Bellevue, the city of
45 Renton, Puget Sound Energy, Sound Transit and the Eastside Gateway Alliance, and

46 WHEREAS, the King County council wishes to advance the council's previously
47 adopted policies for the ERC by expanding RAC membership by approving the
48 memorandum of understanding which is found in Attachment A to this motion, and

49 WHEREAS, the RAC will be restructured to include:

- 50 1. Three members from the King County council;
- 51 2. The King County executive, or the executive's designee;
- 52 3. A representative from Snohomish county;
- 53 4. A representative from the city of Kirkland;
- 54 5. A representative from the city of Redmond;
- 55 6. A representative from the city of Bellevue;
- 56 7. A representative from the city of Renton;
- 57 8. A representative from the city of Woodinville;
- 58 9. A representative from Sound Transit;
- 59 10. A representative from Puget Sound Energy; and
- 60 11. A representative from the Eastside Greenway Alliance, and

61 WHEREAS, the RAC will add or remove members, membership agencies and
62 jurisdictions based on a consensus agreement of the current RAC membership or by a
63 signed letter of interest by all parties acknowledging the change to the membership
64 structure, and

65 WHEREAS, the chair of the RAC will be selected from among the four King

66 County representatives and the vice chair will be an elected representative from a
67 jurisdiction who has an ownership interest along the ERC and the technical staff team
68 originally established by the RAC will continue to support the work of the advisory
69 council, and

70 WHEREAS, the purpose of the RAC will be consistent with the owner and
71 easement holder uses and plans for the corridor to:

72 1. Set and advance the multiple use vision of the ERC, as initially set forth in
73 the RAC's Creating Connections report, which emphasized the transportation mobility,
74 utility, recreational and equity benefits of the corridor; and

75 2. Support the implementation of the ERC Regional Trail as identified in the
76 King County Trail Master Plan and in corresponding plans developed by certain RAC
77 member jurisdictions, and

78 WHEREAS, the RAC will also serve as a venue for coordinating efforts of
79 member jurisdictions to advance common goals such as advocating for the funding and
80 implementation of Trail Master Plan improvements and collaborating to develop a brand
81 identity for the corridor, compatible with existing identities in several RAC member
82 jurisdictions; and

83 WHEREAS, the RAC will also serve as a venue to jointly:

84 1. Coordinate the planning, development, public engagement, and
85 communications and marketing activities to the extent possible to ensure effective use of
86 the railbanked portion of the corridor;

87 2. Coordinate the partner planning process for the trail, high-capacity transit and
88 utility uses in the ERC;

- 89 3. Coordinate with affected cities around local planning and development;
90 4. Address both near-term and long-term recommendations;
91 5. Recommend any needed changes to the county's countywide planning
92 policies relative to the corridor;
93 6. Coordinate on funding capital projects and potentially operations;
94 7. Develop legislative agendas and lobbying as it pertains to ERC projects and
95 issues; and
96 8. Weigh in on Sound Transit and Metro long-range plans as related to the ERC,
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98 WHEREAS, the RAC will approve a work plan and corresponding budget every
99 year that sets out the work for the RAC for the year;

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

101 The Memorandum of understanding regarding the organization of the Eastside

102 Rail Corridor regional advisory council, Attachment A to this motion, is hereby
103 approved.
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, _____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. Memorandum of Understanding