



## Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to execute an interlocal agreement between King County, a political subdivision of the state of Washington, and the city of Buckley, a municipal corporation in the state of Washington, regarding the construction, operation and maintenance of the Foothills Trail that is within the city of Buckley.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County is working cooperatively with the city of Buckley, the city of Enumclaw and Pierce County Parks to construct a new nonmotorized-use bridge over the White river, which separates the completed portion of the Foothills Trail in Enumclaw and Buckley.
2. King County owns certain real property which contains a portion of King County's Foothills Trail to the north of and adjacent to the White river, and the city of Buckley owns certain real property which contains a portion of Pierce County's Foothills Trail located south of and adjacent to the White river.
3. The completed portions of King County's and Pierce County's Foothills Trail remain separated by the White river. The lack of a safe pedestrian and cycling trail river crossing between the surrounding communities presents certain health and safety risks and limits the ability of the communities to interact using nonmotorized transportation methods. There is also a need for alternative emergency vehicle egress from the city of Buckley to Enumclaw in the event of a SR-410 bridge closure.
4. In 2015, King County, the city of Buckley, Pierce County and the Washington state

Department of Transportation, entered into the interlocal agreement for cooperative planning design and construction of a Foothills nonmotorized-use bridge across the White river.

5. King County will lead efforts to connect the southern terminus of the trail in King County to the northern terminus of the trail in Pierce County through construction of the nonmotorized-use bridge across the White river. This construction project will primarily consist of the nonmotorized-use bridge, a maintenance turn-around area and mitigation plantings.

6. Through the attached interlocal agreement, Attachment A to this ordinance, the city of Buckley agrees to contribute eighty thousand dollars for the design and construction of the project. Other project funding partners are the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office and Pierce County. King County is also using county levy moneys for the project.

7. The attached interlocal agreement also grants King County permission, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein, to use the portion of the trail on Buckley's property for construction, operation and maintenance of the trail for a term of twenty-five years.

8. After construction, King County and Buckley agree that King County will retain ownership of bridge improvements for the use and benefit of the general public.

9. King County and the city have negotiated their respective rights, roles and responsibilities and set them forth in the attached interlocal agreement.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The King County executive is hereby authorized to execute an interlocal agreement between King County and the city of Buckley, substantially in the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, for the construction, operation and maintenance of the portion of Foothills Trail that is within the city of Buckley.