



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 a direct contiguous land use and transportation connection through the communities of Renton, Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, Woodinville, Snohomish county and King County, and

WHEREAS, King County has established policy for the Eastside Rail Corridor emphasizing the critical importance of transportation dual-usage, transit and nonmotorized trail usage, to link the 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 by providing regional livability connections to South, East and North King County through a series of biking, walking and hiking trails, and

WHEREAS, the Eastside Rail Corridor could also 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, the Eastside Rail Corridor is a regional utility corridor for the transmission of gas, electricity, water and wastewater, and

WHEREAS, the Eastside Rail Corridor provides a trans-generational opportunity to support walkable, compact and connected communities through publicly owned lands, and

WHEREAS, King County's dual usage policy identifies the critical importance of a comprehensive

regional planning process, and

WHEREAS, King County is designating the Eastside Rail Corridor as a corridor of regional significance and is establishing the Eastside Rail Corridor Advisory Council to carry out a regional planning process and make recommendations by July 31, 2013, 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.