



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between King County and the Washington state Department of Transportation, Pierce county and the cities of Buckley and Enumclaw, for the cooperative planning, design and construction of a bridge over the White river for nonmotorized transportation, linking the Enumclaw Plateau and Foothills trails.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County, a home rule charter county and political subdivision of the state of Washington, is the owner of certain real property which contains a portion of King County's Enumclaw Plateau trail to the north of and adjacent to the White river.
2. The city of Buckley, a non-charter code city and municipal corporation, owns certain real property that contains a portion of the Foothills Trail spur located south of and adjacent to the White river.
3. King County, Pierce county and the cities of Buckley and Enumclaw all support linking regional trails to increase recreational and mobility opportunities for the public.
4. In 2011, the Washington state Department of Transportation initiated a project to replace the State Route 167 Puyallup River Bridge located at milepost 6.40, just outside the city of Puyallup. The bridge was determined to be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. As a result, the state Department of Transportation is required to attempt to preserve and reuse the bridge. The state Department of Transportation asked King and Pierce

counties to consider the feasibility of reusing the bridge as a pedestrian, nonmotorized bridge over the White river in order to link the Enumclaw Plateau Trail and the Foothills Trail.

5. King and Pierce counties and the city of Buckley have expressed interest in determining the feasibility of reusing the bridge to link these two regional trails. The parties agree that the public interest would be best served by working collaboratively on project planning, design, construction and financing.

6. Under RCW 36.89.050, King County is authorized to participate with other local governments in the financing, acquisition, construction, development, improvement, use, maintenance and operation of open space, park, recreation and community facilities.

7. Under K.C.C. 2.16.045.E.1., the duties of the parks and recreation division of the department of natural resources and parks include providing active recreation facilities by facilitating agreements with other jurisdictions and entities.

8. The interlocal agreement covers only the preliminary work on this project, including evaluating the feasibility of reusing the existing State Route 167 Puyallup river bridge. Under the interlocal agreement, the jurisdictions will form a White River bridge committee and outline their roles and responsibilities as well as the terms and conditions of serving on the committee. King County will act as the lead agency.

9. All parties, other than King County, have signed the interlocal agreement. However, there is a waiver provision that needs to extend to all parties and as currently drafted the agreement only extends to the state.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The King County executive is hereby authorized to enter into an interlocal agreement between King County and Washington state Department of Transportation, Pierce county and the cities of Buckley and Enumclaw, substantially in the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, for the cooperative

planning, design and construction of a bridge over the White river for nonmotorized transportation, contingent upon all parties executing the amendment in substantially the form as Attachment B to this ordinance.