

Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to sign an agreement between King County, a political subdivision of the state of Washington, and Eastrail Partners, a nonprofit, community-based organization for the funding, design and construction of the nonmotorized recreational 520 Connector to Eastrail.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County has determined that connecting the Eastrail to the 520 trail via the 520 Connector has a significant and unique regional public recreation value.
2. The 520 Connector will be built on a portion of Eastrail owned by King County.
3. K.C.C. 4.56.150.E. authorizes the department of natural resources and parks to enter into agreements for the use of county land by nonprofit organizations that provide a service to the public or to make improvements to the land.
4. Eastrail Partners is a nonprofit, community-based organization in good standing, that is dedicated to bringing together the governments, businesses, nonprofit organizations and diverse communities of Lake Washington's eastside to make the vision for the completed Eastrail a reality and improve equity through access.
5. Eastrail Partners has raised \$2,000,000 from private donors for the design and construction of the 520 Connector.
6. King County has agreed to provide Eastrail Partners a capital grant in the amount of \$500,000 to be used as the contingency for the design and construction of the 520 Connector.

7. Eastrail Partners will design and construct the 520 Connector, and after completion the King County parks and recreation division of the department of natural resources and parks will own, operate and maintain these improvements for the general public.

8. King County and Eastrail Partners have negotiated their respective rights, roles and responsibilities regarding the 520 Connector project in the agreement, Attachment A to this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The King County executive is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement between King County and Eastrail Partners, substantially in the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, for the funding, design and construction of the 520 Connector of the Eastrail.