



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 Pierce County, a political subdivision of the state of Washington, regarding a financial contribution from Pierce County.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County is working cooperatively with Pierce County, the city of Buckley and the city of Enumclaw to construct a new recreational nonmotorized bridge over the White river, which separates the completed portion of the Foothills Trail.
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 portion of King County's and Pierce County's Foothills Trail remain separated by the White river. The lack of a safe recreational nonmotorized 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 ingress and 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 the Foothills nonmotorized 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 bridge across the White river. The construction project will primarily consist of the nonmotorized bridge, a maintenance turn-around area, and mitigation plantings.

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

7. King County and Pierce County have negotiated their respective rights, roles and responsibilities and set them forth in the interlocal agreement between King County and Pierce County, Attachment A to this ordinance.

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 Pierce County, substantially in the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, for the financial contribution, construction and design of the portion of the Foothills Trail nonmotorized bridge that is within Pierce County.