



**KING COUNTY**  
**Signature Report**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**June 6, 2016**

**Motion 14654**

**Proposed No. 2016-0221.1**

**Sponsors Lambert**

1                   A MOTION approving the 2016 work plan for the Eastside  
2                   Rail Corridor program.

3                   WHEREAS, the Eastside Rail Corridor ("the ERC") is a forty-two-mile rail  
4 corridor that extends from Renton to Snohomish and from Woodinville to Redmond,  
5 creating a contiguous land connection through Snohomish county, King County and the  
6 cities of Renton, Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond and Woodinville, and

7                   WHEREAS, in May 2007, the Puget Sound Regional Council completed a  
8 technical study, titled the BNSF Corridor Preservation Study, of the ERC identifying  
9 desirable potential uses and impacts, the comparative costs of those potential uses and the  
10 legal or institutional issues associated with preserving or acquiring the ERC, and

11                   WHEREAS, the BNSF corridor advisory committee, made up of local  
12 jurisdiction, transportation interests and potential users and beneficiaries, recommended  
13 in that 2007 report, for the ERC portion south of Woodinville, that an interim regional  
14 multipurpose trail be developed, while assuring that the rail corridor right of way is  
15 preserved for future transportation uses, and

16                   WHEREAS, through a series of property transactions, King County, the cities of  
17 Redmond and Kirkland, Puget Sound Energy and Sound Transit now hold property  
18 interests in the corridor, and King County and Redmond are the interim trail users under  
19 federal law, and

20 WHEREAS, the King County council has declared the Eastside Rail Corridor to  
21 be a corridor of regional significance, and has found the transportation, regional trail and  
22 county wastewater facilities in the corridor to be essential public facilities, in concert with  
23 the region's implementation of the Growth Management Act, and

24 WHEREAS, the King County council created the Eastside Rail Corridor regional  
25 advisory council for the purpose of initiating a regional planning process in support of the  
26 corridor's potential to assist in the implementation of the Puget Sound Regional Council's  
27 vision 2040, including regional goals for housing, transportation, public services and the  
28 environment, resulting in the transmittal of the 2013 Creating Connections report, and

29 WHEREAS, the 2016 work plan for the Eastside Rail Corridor represents a set of  
30 actions that will fulfill adopted policy of the county and develop recommendations for  
31 future actions, including fostering close collaboration among local, state and federal  
32 government, with local businesses and with nonprofit stakeholders;

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

34 A. The 2016 work plan for the Eastside Rail Corridor program, Attachment A to  
35 this motion, is hereby approved.

36 B. Those provisions of the work plan that call for the redesign of the governance  
37 structure previously adopted in Motion 13801 shall be carried out consistent with the  
38 policies in the 2013 Creating Connections report and any other adopted county policy.

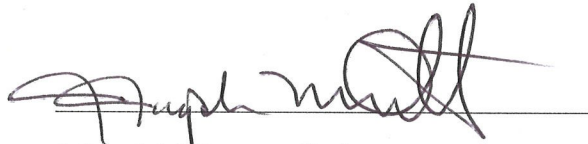
39 C. All activities undertaken in support of the work plan should pursue and  
40 implement best practices for collaboration and problem-solving, in recognition of the  
41 multi-jurisdictional and multisector efforts that will be required to realize the full public  
42 benefits from this important public asset. The collaboration should include close

43 consultation with representatives of the public, private and nonprofit sectors, anticipating  
44 and embracing opportunities to bring government, stakeholder groups and economic  
45 actors into successful working relationships.  
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Motion 14654 was introduced on 5/23/2016 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 6/6/2016, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,  
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles  
and Ms. Balducci  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** A. 2016 Eastside Rail Corridor Work Plan

## 2016 Eastside Rail Corridor Work Plan

	Items	Council Action	Time Frame	Outcome
1	<p><b>County Council Goal: Ensure implementation of existing Council policies, supporting the multiple objectives for the corridor, in development activities and in negotiation of agreements or plans carried out by the Executive.</b></p> <p><b>ERC Program Manager Role: Engage, to the extent feasible and permitted by the Executive, in oversight of agency or department actions to assure that Council policies are followed. Report back or update ERC RAC Councilmembers, as needed.</b></p>			
1.1	NE 8 <sup>th</sup> bridge trail integration	Unknown	Unknown	Negotiation of design and shared financial strategy between DNRP, Sound Transit, City of Bellevue
1.2	SKP&R to SR520 interim trail	None	Current to May 2017	Building an interim trail to meet SR520 regional trail at Northup Way, current DNRP project
1.3	SR520 to Wilburton Station interim trail	None	Current to 2020	Negotiation to expedite interim trail development, involves DNRP, Sound Transit, City of Bellevue
1.4	SR520 to Wilburton OMSF impacts on ERC and East Base	<b>Potential Approval of Development Agreement</b>	Unknown	Negotiation led by the Executive's Chief of Staff with Sound Transit, City of Bellevue, local stakeholders on a development agreement concerning the OMSF area
1.5	Wilburton gap reconnection + I-405 expansion	<b>Potential MOU or other action</b>	Current to 2018	Negotiation among King County, Bellevue, Renton and WSDOT on the 'gap' and impacts on Lake Washington Trail; DNRP leads
1.6	RFP for Valley segment excursion service required by Rail Removal Plan	Unknown	After TMP approval, estimated Fall 2016	Determination of potential for excursion rail service prior to rail removal; DNRP charged with RFP process
1.7	South Kirkland Park & Ride Bridge	<b>Motion</b>	May – June 2016	Recognition of reciprocal roles in establishing a bridge/elevator facility at SKP&R, involves KC Metro, DNRP and City of Kirkland
1.8	East Link/SE Redmond Station Partnership	None	Ongoing	Observation of an interjurisdictional coordination template by ST, includes DNRP, other agencies
1.9	Fiber optic, other opportunities in the ERC	Unknown	Ongoing	Engagement in initiatives may include DNRP, KCIT, other agencies or departments

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2	<p><b>County Council Goal: <u>Ensure adoption of policies</u> or other Council actions that ensure realization of multiple objectives for development in the corridor and which <u>improve funding opportunities</u> for the ERC</b></p> <p><b>ERC Program Manager Role: <u>Advise Council on policy implications</u> of upcoming actions, especially as those actions affect the potential to attract local, state, federal, private and foundation funding by the county or adjacent jurisdictions</b></p>			
2.1	CODE REVISIONS: DNRP regional trails code revisions	<b>Ordinance</b>	Unknown	Review proposals for impacts on ERC's dual use and multiple objectives
2.2	COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Executive submittal for comp plan changes	<b>Ordinance</b>	Fall 2016	Review policies to ensure incorporation of multiple objectives for the ERC, including transit, non-motorized transportation, parks and recreation, cultural resources and regional growth management
2.3	LAND USE and TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND INTEGRATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSRC competitive programs</li> <li>• GMPC supporting CPPs</li> </ul>	May be a budget item	Current to Fall 2017, to be ready for 2018 funding cycle	Ensure competitiveness of projects involving the ERC by close collaboration with County departments and with cross-sector staff team
2.4	COMMUNICATION: Provide necessary updates, briefings for County Councilmembers	<b>Briefings</b>	Ongoing	Provide ongoing reporting to the entire County Council through quarterly updates; support councilmembers engaged in ERC RAC work, schedule other updates as needed
2.5	TRAIL MASTER PLAN: Council adoption of preferred alternative	<b>Comment Letter Ordinance</b>	Fall 2016	Provide support to Council in reviewing, commenting on and helping shape the preferred alternative for the ERC Trail Master Plan
2.6	STATE AND FEDERAL legislative agendas	<b>State and Federal Legislative Agendas</b>	April 2016 (federal) Nov 2016 (state)	Develop agenda items for both state and federal outreach; support councilmembers in connecting public sector lobbyists with nonprofits' federal staff, ensuring better cross-sector collaboration on funding for ERC projects
2.7	LITIGATION UPDATES	May be a budget item	Ongoing	Ensure Council is kept up to date on litigation impacting the ERC, both substantively and as a budget matter

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3	<p><b>County Council Goal: Support redesign and repurposing of the ERC Regional Advisory Council to enhance effective coordination of public interests and agencies, together with private and nonprofit stakeholders, in realizing the shared vision of the ERC</b></p> <p><b>ERC Program Manager Role: Provide lead staff support to Council efforts in supporting the ERC Regional Advisory Council to foster effective collaboration between the public, private and nonprofit sectors</b></p>			
3.1	2016 ERC Summit debrief, recommendations	Briefing	February 2016 Possible April 2016	Report back to County Council and other sponsors on the Summit results, to be completed with first ERC RAC meeting
3.2	Economic impact analysis	May be a budget item	Ongoing	Establish benefits, scope and estimated budget for an economic impact analysis of the full development of the corridor
3.3	Scheduling, work plan and agenda for the ERC RAC for 2016	None	Ongoing, ASAP	Work with ERC RAC Chair and Councilmembers to establish a shared agenda with other other owners and adjacent jurisdictions, especially focused on 3.4, below
3.4	Redesign the ERC RAC governance structure, updating Motion 13801	<b>MOTION or ILA</b>	Fall 2016	<p>Develop a current and practical mission and objectives for the ERC Regional Advisory Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage owners and adjacent governments</li> <li>• Engage EGA, helping to maximize their effectiveness</li> <li>• Incorporate the priorities from the 2016 ERC Summit</li> <li>• Develop high level of communication among public, private and nonprofit (EGA) sector, including state and federal representatives</li> </ul>
3.5	Develop a proposal for the ERC RAC to provide a multi-year blue print for ERC development ("blue ribbon commission")	Unknown, may be a budget item	Summer 2016 to Fall 2017	Research other major infrastructure redevelopment efforts and develop a proposal for the ERC RAC that would bring regional leadership together to chart a mid-term (1-5 year) strategic plan or blueprint for the corridor; identify potential participation, structure, resources needed