



Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

May 26, 2016

Motion

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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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. 2016 Eastside Rail Corridor Work Plan