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### Acquiring the BNSF Renton-Snohomish Corridor

King and Snohomish counties have a record of success acquiring rights-of-way for substantial public benefit: the Inter-urban trail, Green River trail, Eastlake Sammamish trail, and others.

Acquiring the BNSF corridor between Renton and Snohomish would be the crown jewel in this legacy. There are several compelling reasons to move forward:

- **Connecting the Network** - This north/south corridor connects several unconnected east/west corridors, creating an interconnected network.
- **Promoting Health** – Several recent studies show rising rates of childhood and adult obesity and asthma, largely from lack of places to walk and from localized air pollution. This corridor could provide adults and kids convenient places to walk and bicycle, for exercise and for commuting (the trail runs through several business centers).
- **Flexibility** – BNSF plans to sell the corridor. If we are not ready, they may sell off pieces to individual owners. If the ROW is lost, it would be extremely difficult and expensive to re-acquire. Quick acquisition would keep our options open for the full range of future transportation uses to be considered.
- **Multiple Uses** – The right-of-way is 100 feet wide in most places, offering substantial opportunities for multiple uses including transit, trails, and tracks.