



## King County

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The Honorable Claudia Balducci  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that would, if enacted, authorize King County to enter into a use agreement with the City of Kirkland for a new public roadway across a portion of the Eastrail Corridor.

Once completed, the Eastrail Corridor will include an uninterrupted, 42-mile trail that will provide the communities of Renton, Bellevue, Kirkland, Woodinville, Snohomish, and Redmond with new opportunities for non-motorized recreation and transportation. King County and the City of Kirkland are owner jurisdictions of portions of the Eastrail Corridor.

The proposed legislation would allow King County to enter into a 30-year use agreement with the City of Kirkland, allowing the city to design, construct, operate, and maintain a new public roadway across a portion of the Eastrail Corridor owned by the county at 134<sup>th</sup> Court NE. The City and County will ensure that this project is implemented to support the safety of and positive experience for Eastrail trail users at the crossing. This roadway will serve as access to the new location of the Lee Johnson Chevrolet dealership. The dealership is in negotiations to sell its current property for redevelopment as office space and has purchased parcels of property adjacent to the Eastrail Corridor for its new location. The proposed legislation will aid in providing the necessary access to the new dealership location and allow the dealership to remain within Kirkland and King County, providing economic benefits to the community.

The continued unprecedented growth in east King County has led to cooperation between businesses and governments to develop transportation solutions through access and safety improvements. This proposed legislation furthers the King County Strategic Plan mobility goal to deliver a safe, reliable, and seamless network of transportation to get people where they need to go, when they need to get there by partnering with the City of Kirkland on this important crossing.

The Honorable Claudia Balducci

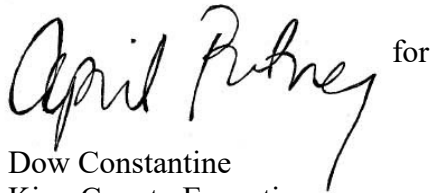
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Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. This important legislation will provide increased access to an inter-connected transportation network for more efficient mobility.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Warren Jimenez, Division Director, Parks and Recreation Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-4525.

Sincerely,

 for

Dow Constantine  
King County Executive

Enclosure

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