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December 3, 2011

12/4/13 Council Meeting

Sponsor: Patterson

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Proposed No.: 2013-0509

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Motion CARRIED

1 **AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED MOTION 2013-0509, VERSION 2**

2 Beginning on page 2, strike lines 34 through 36, and insert:

3 "The King County council adopts the King County 2014 State Legislative
4 Agenda, Attachment A to this motion, and King County 2014 Statement of State Policy,
5 Attachment B to this motion, as King County's highest priorities for action in the 2014
6 legislative session of the Washington state Legislature."
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8 **EFFECT: Amends the body of the motion to correctly refer to the attachments.**

9 **(Technical amendment)**

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Sponsor: Phillips

Proposed No.: 2013-0509

- 1 **AMENDMENT TO ATTACHMENT A TO PROPOSED MOTION 2013-0509,**
- 2 **VERSION 2**
- 3 In Attachment A (King County 2014 State Legislative Agenda) on page 1 after line 21
- 4 insert:
- 5 • "Honor the state's commitment to reconnect the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC) at I-
- 6 405 (Wilburton) and seek support to implement the regional multi-use vision of the
- 7 corridor as envisioned by the Creating Connections report of the Eastside Rail
- 8 Corridor Regional Advisory Committee."
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- 10 Delete line numbers in engrossed attachment.
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- 12 **Effect:**
- 13 **Adds bullet related to the Eastside Rail Corridor.**

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Sponsor: Dembowski & Gossett

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Proposed No.: 2013-0509

Motion CARRIED

1 **AMENDMENT TO ATTACHMENT A TO PROPOSED MOTION 2013-0509,**

2 **VERSION 2**

3 In Attachment A (King County 2014 State Legislative Agenda) on page 1, delete lines 26
4 through 37 and insert:

5 "Reductions in mental health funding coupled with increasing state-imposed obligations
6 have led to a chronically underfunded system, with an ongoing lack of treatment and
7 inpatient facilities.
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- 9 • Support legislative efforts to expand capacity and improve service delivery, including
10 restoring \$7.4 million in cuts to King County mental health and substance abuse
11 programs in the 2013-15 biennial budget, much of which is based on an assumed
12 Medicaid fund shift that cannot be materialized in King County. This mitigates the
13 current severe inpatient bed shortage.
- 14 • Adjust the Mental Illness & Drug Dependency (MIDD) levy to better meet the needs
15 of people suffering from mental illness and addiction, including extending the MIDD
16 supplantation language at 30% by postponing the planned 2015 stairstep down to
17 20% as originally outlined by state law.
- 18 • Ensure that any state actions to comply with federal Medicaid procurement rules for
19 mental health services as currently provided by Regional Service Networks (RSNs)
20 is compassionate and effective for people suffering from mental illness. King County
21 wants to be part of this conversation.
- 22 • Employ funding and local tools to meet residents' increasing demand for the wide
23 range of needed human services."

24 Delete line numbers in engrossed attachment.

25 **Effect:**

26 **Clarifies first bullet on mental health/substance abuse services and adds the last**

27 **bullet on funding and local tools to meet increasing demand for human services.**

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King County 2014 State Legislative Agenda

King County

King County, with more than 2 million residents, is the economic engine of the State of Washington, generating as much economic activity as the other 38 counties combined – \$72 Billion in King County, \$72 Billion in the rest of the state. Over the past several years, reductions in funding and policy changes at both the state and federal levels have compounded one another, yet local governments have few tools to ensure critical services remain intact. As the government closest to the people, the County must be given the ability to prioritize critical regional needs for our residents and businesses.

King County seeks state legislative means to implement sustainable funding for county roads and transit, to repair and maintain the safety net, to more effectively and efficiently carry out state laws, and to invest in the arts and community assets. The County's legislative agenda reflects partnerships with its cities, employees, and with community agencies, with the shared objective of ensuring King County remains a thriving hub of economic development and job creation. These key policy objectives further support the county's Strategic Plan and its focus on efficiency, partnerships, and customer service.

Moving Ahead: Delivering on Transportation & Achieving our Growth Management Goals

Funding mechanisms supporting both roads and transit are fundamentally flawed, and the County is struggling to provide basic levels of service.

- King County seeks local revenue options, as well as additional direct state support for local and regional needs, including rural roads and regional transit.
- Providing suitable public services for unincorporated areas – through annexation or interlocal agreement – remains a priority for King County. Revenue options beneficial to annexation are requested.

Restoring the State Commitment: State Support & Local Tools for the Safety Net

Reductions in mental health funding coupled with increasing state-imposed obligations have led to a chronically underfunded system, with an ongoing lack of treatment and inpatient facilities.

- Restore \$7.4 million in cuts to King County mental health and substance abuse programs in the 2013-15 biennial budget, based on an assumed Medicaid fund shift that cannot be materialized in King County. Inpatient bed space is currently insufficient, with dozens of people each night on hold in local emergency rooms. This cut will exacerbate this problem.
- Adjust the Mental Illness & Drug Dependency (MIDD) levy to better meet the needs of people suffering from mental illness and addiction, including extending the MIDD supplantation language at 30% by postponing the planned 2015 stairstep down to 20% as originally outlined by state law.
- Ensure that any state actions to comply with federal Medicaid procurement rules for mental health services as currently provided by Regional Service Networks (RSNs) is compassionate and effective for people suffering from mental illness. King County wants to be part of this conversation.

Seizing Opportunity: Investing in our Community Assets

Fostering a vibrant arts community is a critical asset for both our residents and visitors. Likewise, increasing the amount of available workforce housing and promoting tourism enrich our community.

- King County supports the Cultural Access Fund and other local tools for the arts.
- King County requests flexibility in administration and investment of hotel/motel revenues, including – with fiscal prudence – bonding for housing and tourism capital needs while protecting revenue streams for ongoing operating expenses. Hotel/motel arts funding would remain unchanged.

Making State Laws Work Locally: Cost-Saving Improvements & Clarification

- Consolidate the King County Ferry District's governance and oversight into the County. This would achieve considerable efficiencies and savings that could translate to greater deployed services.
- Clarify and integrate the medical cannabis and recreational marijuana statutes to better support effective law enforcement, land use laws, and public health objectives, e.g., deterring youth access.

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Motion CARRIED

- 1 **AMENDMENT TO ATTACHMENT B TO PROPOSED MOTION 2013-0509,**
- 2 **VERSION 2**
- 3 In Attachment B (King County 2014 Statement of State Policy) on page 2, line 70, insert:
- 4 **"Equity and Social Justice**
- 5 **King County believes that every person has the right to live, work, learn, feel safe and**
- 6 **play free from discrimination. We support legislation that prevents discrimination in**
- 7 **housing, employment, public accommodations and lending practices. We also support**
- 8 **efforts to reduce and reverse disproportionate outcomes in the areas of race and social**
- 9 **justice."**
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- 11 Beginning on page 4, delete lines 196 through 199.
- 12 Delete line numbers in engrossed attachment.
- 13 **Effect:**
- 14 **Moves the entire paragraph that starts with "King County believes that every**
- 15 **person has the right to live, work, learn, feel safe and play free from**
- 16 **discrimination..." from the Law & Criminal Justice section to a new section with a**
- 17 **heading of Equity and Social Justice.**

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King County 2014 Statement of State Policy

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Biodiversity Conservation & Habitat Protection and Restoration

4 King County encourages state resources for implementation of habitat protection and
5 restoration projects in approved WRIA-based salmon recovery plans. We support streamlining
6 of federal and state permitting requirements and other incentives for public and private parties to
7 carry out projects that will restore habitat for listed endangered species as well as the
8 consideration of multiple species and their habitats. We support the Washington Wildlife and
9 Recreation Program's work to support high priority local parks and open space projects. We
10 support incentives to protect working farm and forest lands and regionally significant open
11 space and habitat. We support proposals to link state funding of infrastructure improvements
12 and other amenities to agreements by cities to receive development rights.

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Climate Change and Energy

15 We support collaborative development of short- and long-term regional targets for reducing
16 greenhouse gas emissions that meet or exceed state emissions reduction goals and are
17 informed by current science, recent emissions inventories, and local land use patterns. We
18 support alignment of state transportation funding and incentives with Vision 2040
19 recommendations for focused growth in urban centers. We support continued energy efficiency
20 incentives and innovations, as well as the ongoing exploration of clean energy alternatives, as
21 well as appropriate roles for waste-to-energy technology.

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Economic Development

24 We encourage state efforts to partner with local governments and provide them with tools
25 needed to build strong, diverse, and sustainable economies. We support regional economic
26 growth through strategic public-private partnerships such as the Central Puget Sound Regional
27 Economic Strategy. King County also encourages increased funding for Associate Development
28 Organizations to implement this and other economic strategies to retain existing businesses and
29 strategically recruit new ones. We support revisions to public works and sole source contracting
30 laws that would allow full compliance with state and federal laws and that would maximize the
31 use of in-house employees in public works. We support continued funding of infrastructure
32 programs that provide resources to local jurisdictions to promote economic development,
33 including the Local Revitalization Financing Program, the Community Economic Revitalization
34 Board, the Public Works Trust Fund, the Transportation Improvement Board, and the Model
35 Toxics Control Account.

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38 King County also strongly supports education and workforce development programs for youth
39 and adults including adequate K-12 funding and continued funding for dislocated worker
40 retraining programs—matched to industry skill needs—at community and technical colleges. We
41 support education funding that strengthens the in-state pipeline of aerospace workers to enable
42 this vital industry to thrive and expand while providing family-wage jobs for King County and
43 Washington residents. King County promotes programs that provide public contracting
44 opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses. We support maintenance and
45 construction of infrastructure that facilitates efficient movement of freight and goods to promote
46 domestic and international trade. We support rural economic development policies and
47 programs that maintain the character of rural areas and sustain rural lifestyles.

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Elections

King County supports modifications to state election law that would provide cost savings and improved customer service. We also support consideration of policies to ensure greater efficiencies without compromising access to voting and democracy and customer service.

Emergency Management & Flood Hazard Reduction

We support integrated approaches to major river flood hazard reduction, including development of regional standards for levee maintenance that both protect public safety and meet state and federal requirements for protecting listed species. We support an increased state role in providing support for major flood hazard mitigation projects, including those that meet multiple objectives of reducing future flood damages, protecting existing development, protecting habitat, and providing open space benefits. We support state investment in infrastructure including roads and bridges where hydraulic impacts cause flooding and other public safety risks. We support clarification of immunity and liability for flood control prevention and navigation projects. We support state development of integrated state goals, programs, and regulations for floodplain management. We support state involvement in emergency management and additional regional tools to support emergency preparedness and disaster response. We also support efforts to prevent harassment of E-911 operators and continued steps toward full implementation of E-911 programs.

Health Care and Support

King County develops and implements creative and effective strategies and programs that prevent the leading causes of poor health, ensure access to appropriate and quality physical and behavioral health services, and promote individual health and intervention to reduce health disparities. Supporting and expanding this work requires stable funding at the state level for our public health, mental health, and chemical dependency prevention and support infrastructure. Addressing health disparities in our community requires investments in resources and initiatives that will give all our residents access to affordable health care, including prescription drug coverage, alcohol and substance abuse treatment, and comprehensive mental health services.

The County seeks support for initiatives that will protect the health of our communities and provide environmental safeguards ensuring the safety of our residents. We support steps that will encourage healthy eating and active living standards that will prevent obesity and reduce use of tobacco and tobacco by-products, and that provide for local discretion over these policy and regulatory areas. We support continued state resources to facilitate full and successful implementation of federal health reform, which will expand health care access and preventive care to all Washingtonians.

Homelessness & Housing

King County is the administrative lead for the Committee to End Homelessness. The plan's success is built on existing strong collaborations between local, state and federal governments and community nonprofit providers and having the tools to measure the effectiveness of our investments. We support maintaining and expanding funding and initiatives for affordable appropriate housing at the state level for homeless and low income residents of King County. Housing and supportive services help county residents remain successfully housed and prevent future homelessness. King County also supports flexibility in administration and investment of hotel/motel revenues to increase affordable housing consistent with state law.

98 Complementing the housing strategy is the provision of tools to reduce homelessness for
99 families, individuals, and youth through early support and intervention, including consideration of
100 ways to prevent discharging youth and adults directly into homelessness from state institutions.
101 We support modifications to the Homeless Management Information System toward its
102 improved operation. We support robust funding for the Housing Trust Fund, which provides a
103 powerful tool for local agencies' creation and support of affordable and homeless housing. We
104 support the Housing & Essential Needs program and all of its components.
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106 **Human Services**

107 King County supports funding for human services programs that help all children and youth
108 grow and prosper socially and academically, offer paths to reduce or prevent involvement in the
109 criminal justice, crisis mental health and emergency medical systems, and provide a safety net
110 of services and partnerships to support our most vulnerable residents. We further support
111 initiatives that offer opportunities for independence, self-sufficiency, and mobility for our
112 residents of all ages.
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114 We support state resources for homelessness programs, including the renewal of existing
115 document recording fees. We support programs that assist the developmentally disabled,
116 including early intervention funding and school transition funding. We support community
117 mobilization programs and other means to prevent and treat substance abuse and violence. We
118 support state resources to maintain access to mental health facilities and psychiatric beds. We
119 support the ability under current law to use a portion of Mental Illness and Drug Dependency
120 funds to supplant general fund programs including human services, and we support the
121 extension of that flexibility.
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123 **Infrastructure and Transportation**

124 The roads system in unincorporated King County is critically important to people who live and
125 travel in the county, but it is aged and deteriorating. Funding mechanisms supporting both roads
126 and transit are fundamentally flawed, and the County struggles to provide basic levels of
127 service. New state revenues and local financing tools should prioritize resources for preserving
128 local and regional roads and bridges and sustainable funding sources for public transportation.
129 Substantial investments are needed to restore roads and bridges, maintain them in good
130 condition, and meet new transportation demands. However, the county's available funding falls
131 far short of the need. The unincorporated-area road system owned and managed by the county
132 includes 1,691 miles of paved roads, 51 miles of unpaved roads, 184 bridges—including several
133 jointly owned with cities—and other related services and facilities within the 2,130 square miles
134 of total land area in King County. As a result of annexations, county tax resources are shrinking
135 while 50% of county roads' traffic is made up of urban users. King County seeks state funds to
136 support county roads projects and facilities and will continue to pursue opportunities in state
137 revenue packages, state competitive grants, and other means that will help meet the great
138 unmet needs of our county and regional facilities.
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140 As the operator of one of the largest bus systems in the United States and the carrier for over
141 60% of all transit riders in the state, King County believes that a stable and well-funded
142 transportation system is important to the economic prosperity and projected growth of our
143 region. As we plan for the future it is clear that transit must play a larger role in moving people.
144 We support efforts to provide public transit with more diverse, stable, and robust funding
145 sources. We support the state's plans for a strong transit component as being critical to the
146 designs for the Alaskan Way Viaduct and SR 520 corridors. We support mechanisms that
147 facilitate smooth operation of the transit system, including fare card data management and fare

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148 enforcement. We support better integration of land use and transportation. We support efforts to
149 reduce vehicle miles traveled and to reduce greenhouse gas levels.

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151 We support continued funding of the Commute Trip Reduction program and the Regional
152 Mobility Grant program, as well as state policies that encourage innovation in carpool and
153 vanpool programs. We encourage policy that facilitates transit's effective operation, including
154 policies governing rental or lease of rights-of-way as well as equitable reimbursement for
155 Medicaid-eligible non-emergency trips. We support efforts to expand the use of tolling and
156 congestion pricing to address our infrastructure needs and manage traffic. We support
157 legislative efforts to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety.

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159 King County supports a cooperative relationship with the State in providing for the ferry service
160 needs of the residents of King County, including the effective use of toll credits and federal
161 funds toward maximizing our county investments. We also support efforts to assure compatible
162 land uses adjacent to airport facilities.

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164 **Land Use, Growth Management and Annexation**
165 King County supports the Growth Management Act as the primary means of planning for
166 growth. We support the long-standing, strong state framework for comprehensive, countywide
167 monitoring of the provision of urban services, the capacity to absorb future growth and the
168 sufficiency of the size of the urban growth area. We support integration and streamlining of state
169 land use and related statutes, as well as state funding to assist jurisdictions in meeting planning
170 requirements. As unanimously recommended by the King County School Siting Task Force, we
171 support changes in state laws, guidelines, policies and administrative procedures that would
172 provide school districts with the incentives and tools to site schools in cities and towns. We
173 support tools and incentives to facilitate annexations within urban growth areas and to help
174 cities accommodate the transitional costs of annexations. We also support changes to state
175 subdivision laws that would eliminate illegal practices or conflicts with local zoning. We support
176 better integration of land use, transportation, and public health.

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178 **Law & Criminal Justice**
179 We support a fair and accessible justice system that keeps people safe in their homes and
180 communities. We support the use of court fees that appropriately balance the need for revenue
181 with the need to eliminate barriers to court access. We support a state/local split of state-
182 imposed court fees that are collected at the local level. King County supports the development
183 of statewide court case management systems and data exchange that will meet the needs of
184 the County and the many users of its criminal justice system. We support state funding for state
185 mandated programs, including dependency court appointed special advocates. We support
186 tools that allow counties to work with one another in developing effective systems to share
187 criminal justice information, including an appropriate exchange of mental health commitment
188 and firearms information. We support distribution of state resources for parents representation,
189 court interpreters, and extraordinary criminal justice costs. We believe the state should bear
190 responsibility for the costs of notice publication in dependency cases. We support legislation
191 providing for continuation of federal benefits for qualifying mentally ill adult and juvenile inmates
192 and detainees. We are committed to ending domestic violence and sexual assault for our
193 residents. We continue to be concerned about human trafficking and will work to combat its
194 practice.

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196 King County believes that every person has the right to live, work, learn, feel safe and play free
197 from discrimination. We support legislation that prevents discrimination in housing, employment,

198 public accommodations and lending practices. We also support efforts to reduce and reverse
199 disproportionate outcomes in the areas of race and social justice.

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201 **Revenue, Finance, and General Government**

202 King County strongly supports maintaining and enhancing local taxing and fee authority and
203 local revenue options. We support fee-based tools to preserve the provision of services by the
204 county assessor and new technology tools to provide more efficient service. King County
205 supports efforts to develop financing tools for spay and neuter programs that support regional
206 animal services objectives. We also support enhanced additional page recording fees to offset
207 local governments' recording costs. We support giving counties the ability and discretion to
208 accept partial payments of delinquent property taxes. We seek to preserve our ability to operate
209 our own investment pool. We do not support unfunded mandates on the county. If state
210 responsibilities are shifted onto local governments, we would seek new local governance
211 authority and state financial support or new local revenue tools. Such a shift should be weighed
212 carefully, and explored only after investigating ways to reduce state requirements as well as
213 local governments' ability to absorb such responsibilities and costs.

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215 King County supports expanding the banking and financial services options available to local
216 governments in meeting their needs. This expansion should provide local governments with the
217 option of using local and smaller financial institutions, while maintaining a high level of safety
218 and security for public funds. King County also supports amending RCW 39.58 to allow credit
219 unions to accept public deposits in a manner consistent with the restrictions of banks and thrift
220 institutions under this statute.

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222 King County supports mechanisms or tools to streamline the public disclosure request process
223 to ensure that is efficient and that unreasonable costs are avoided.

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225 **Stormwater, Water Quality and Puget Sound Partnership**

226 We support more holistic implementation of the Clean Water Act, including evaluation of and
227 prioritization of actions at a watershed and Puget Sound scale. We support optional programs
228 that would allow state agencies to approve local stormwater programs as qualified local
229 programs. We also support development of state certification for wetland ecologists. We support
230 state technical assistance and regulatory approval for a wider range of tools and approaches for
231 stormwater treatment and management. We seek refinement of NPDES water quality
232 monitoring requirements to focus on value-added monitoring that is coordinated across permit
233 holders consistent with recommendations of the Stormwater Monitoring Workgroup. We support
234 funding and implementation of the Puget Sound Partnership's Action Agenda, including fees on
235 products that have a clear nexus with water pollution. We also support exploration of new
236 watershed-based, optional funding authorities to support water quality, stormwater, and habitat
237 protection and restoration projects. We support regulatory streamlining and other incentives for
238 public and private projects that will restore functioning shoreline and mitigate stormwater
239 impacts.

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241 **Waste Reduction and Recycling**

242 We support development of cradle-to-cradle product education, stewardship, recycling, and
243 take-back programs for products for which improper disposal is likely to result in hazardous
244 waste, water quality contamination or other solid waste impacts, including pharmaceuticals and
245 medicines, computers and other electronics, paint, carpet, batteries, telephone books, and
246 mercury and fluorescent lighting sources.

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LP Withdrew

Sponsor: Phillips

Proposed No.: 2013-0509

1 **AMENDMENT TO ATTACHMENT B TO PROPOSED MOTION 2013-0509,**

2 **VERSION 2**

3 In Attachment B (King County 2014 Statement of State Policy) on page 4, after line 162,
4 insert:

5 "King County supports the state's commitment to reconnect the Eastside Rail Corridor
6 (ERC) at I-405 (Wilburton) and requests funding to implement the regional multi-use
7 vision of the corridor as envisioned by the Creating Connections report of the Eastside
8 Rail Corridor Regional Advisory Committee."
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11 Delete line numbers in engrossed attachment.

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13 **Effect:**

14 **Inserts paragraph regarding Eastside Rail Corridor in the Infrastructure and**

15 **Transportation section.**

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