



WHEREAS, this corridor is strategically important because it links underserved communities of the south county to economic vitality of job growth on the eastside of the county, and

WHEREAS, the Eastside Rail Corridor could provide for a regional trail system that could extend into Snohomish and Skagit counties to the north and Pierce county to the south, and

WHEREAS, portions of the Eastside Rail Corridor already serve as a regional utility corridor for the transmission of gas, electricity, water and wastewater, and

WHEREAS, the Eastside Rail Corridor provides a transgenerational opportunity to support walkable, compact and connected communities through publicly owned lands, subject to potential future reactivation for interstate freight-rail service, and

WHEREAS, King County's multiusage policy identifies the critical importance of a comprehensive regional planning process, and

WHEREAS, King County has designated the Eastside Rail Corridor as a corridor of regional significance, and

WHEREAS, King County has participated as a "principal owner" on the Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Advisory Council and embraced the implementation report, Created Connections: Recommendations on the Eastside Rail Corridor, and

WHEREAS, based on a competitive solicitation process, Cedar River Group, LLC, was selected as the highest-ranked proposer and has been chosen to provide facilitation services for the Eastside Rail Corridor regional planning process;

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

The chair of the metropolitan King County council is authorized to enter into a contract, substantially in the form of Attachment A to this motion, with Cedar River Group, LLC, for Eastside Rail Corridor regional planning process facilitation services.