



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the county executive to execute an interlocal agreement with the city of Auburn to select a developer for a transit oriented development in the downtown area of Auburn.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. The city of Auburn ("city") and King County ("county") are working together to consolidate bus and rail transit facilities and create a transit oriented development ("TOD") in downtown Auburn.
2. The city has identified its downtown district for more intensive residential, retail and commercial development within walking distance of countywide transit connections.
3. Demand for commuter rail and bus transit park-and-ride has grown at the downtown Sounder garage and declined at the nearby Metro park-and-ride lot next to the Auburn Airport ("15th Street Park and Ride lot").
4. The potential to move users of the county's 15th Street Park-and-Ride lot, to the vicinity of the downtown Auburn Sounder garage will consolidate park-and-ride facilities in the area for more efficient transit operations.
5. The county currently provides bus service at the Auburn Transit Center at the commuter rail station. Service to the Auburn 15th Street Park-and-Ride lot could be reprogrammed to the Auburn Transit Center.
6. The 15th Street Park-and-Ride lot can be permitted for subdivision and redevelopment for

other uses, potentially as retail/commercial for the private sector and airport runway extension for the city.

7. The city and county anticipate that the city will acquire a portion of the 15th Street Park-and-Ride lot in order to extend the runway at the city's airport.

8. The city and the county agree that it would benefit both parties to cooperate in the selection of a developer with whom the county could negotiate for replacement parking spaces for the users of the 15th Street Park-and-Ride lot.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The county executive is hereby authorized to enter into an interlocal agreement, substantially the form of the agreement attached, with the city of Auburn for transit oriented development in the downtown area of Auburn.

SECTION 2. The appropriate county officials, agents and employees are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the agreement and all actions heretofore taken by county officials, agents and employees consistent with the terms and purposes of the agreement are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

SECTION 3. If any one or more of the covenants or agreements provided in this ordinance to be performed on the part of the county shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, then the covenant or covenants, agreement or agreements, are null and void and shall be deemed separable from the remaining

covenants and agreements of this ordinance and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this ordinance or of the agreement.