



Legislation Text

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A MOTION authorizing the King County executive to accept a donation of five hundred thousand dollars from Kaiser Permanente of Washington, to aid the King County parks and recreation division of the department of natural resources and parks in completion of the Wilburton Trestle project of Eastrail.

WHEREAS, the donation will help fund completion of significant regional trail project with iconic presence, skyline views, and connections to high-capacity transit and regional commercial centers, and

WHEREAS, Eastrail is a forty-two-mile nonmotorized corridor that is built on a historic railroad line connecting Renton to Snohomish County and is owned and managed by the King County parks and recreation division, the cities of Kirkland, Redmond, and Woodinville, as well as Snohomish County, Sound Transit and Puget Sound Energy, and

WHEREAS, the Eastrail's Wilburton segment is owned and operated by the parks and recreation division and includes the yet to be completed Wilburton Trestle, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 18890, enacted May 2, 2019, called for a special election to approve a measure to renew what is popularly known as the King County Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Levy for 2020-2025, which, in part, provided limited funds for the Wilburton projects of the Eastrail, and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2019, King County voters approved the 2020-2025 King County Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Levy, and

WHEREAS, under K.C.C 7.08.070, the King County parks and recreation division has the authority to solicit gifts from individuals, foundations, not-for-profit organizations, and corporate sources, and

WHEREAS, under K.C.C. 2.80.060, any and all gifts for parks and recreation purposes that exceed fifty

thousand dollars require acceptance on behalf of King County by the King County council by motion, and

WHEREAS, all gifts to the King County parks and recreation division are used only for parks purposes,
and

WHEREAS, the financial donor, Kaiser Permanente of Washington, is pleased to support completion of
this key project on the Eastrail and help bring this opportunity to reality through a public-private collaboration,
and

WHEREAS, Kaiser Permanente of Washington entered into a Donor Agreement with the Seattle
Foundation through its King County Parks Foundation to fund the trail development of the Wilburton Trestle,
and

WHEREAS, this generous gift provides the funds needed to restore and transform the Wilburton Trestle
into an elevated trail;

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

The King County executive is authorized to accept a donation of five hundred thousand dollars from
Kaiser Permanente of Washington, to aid King County in completion of the Wilburton Trestle portion of
Eastrail. The parks and recreation division is responsible for handling the donation agreement and is authorized
to execute such other documents as are necessary to complete the transaction. Actions consistent with this
motion taken before the date of the passage of this motion are hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed.