



Legislation Text

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A MOTION approving a memorandum of understanding to restructure the
Eastrail regional advisory council.

WHEREAS, Eastrail, formerly known as the Eastside Rail Corridor or ERC, is a forty-two-mile
corridor that extends from Renton to Snohomish and from Woodinville to Redmond, and

WHEREAS, the King County council originally established the governance structure of the Eastside
Rail Corridor regional advisory council ("the RAC") on December 11, 2012, in accordance with Motion 13801,
to create a collaborative group to carry out a regional planning process to ensure effective use of the southern
portion of Eastrail and the Redmond Spur, and

WHEREAS, the King County council approved the original membership of the RAC with Motion
13834 on February 11, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the RAC's original membership was comprised of owner jurisdictions and included: three
King County councilmembers; the King County executive or the executive's designee; one representative from
the city of Redmond; one representative from the city of Kirkland; one representative from Puget Sound
Energy; and one representative from Sound Transit, and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2016, in Motion 14654, the King County council approved the 2016 work plan
for the RAC, which called for redesign of the governance structure previously adopted in Motion 13801, and

WHEREAS, the King County council approved the Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Trail Final Master
Plan and Environmental Impact Statement on February 13, 2017, in Motion 14805, and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2017, the RAC membership unanimously voted to amend its administrative
procedures and expand its membership to include members from jurisdictions through which sections of the

corridor pass and a group representing nonprofit and private sector voices to support the development of the vision of the corridor and surrounding land uses in accordance with the 2016 work plan approved by the King County council in Motion 14654, and

WHEREAS, the King County council approved a memorandum of understanding on August 14, 2017, in Motion 14922, to restructure the RAC to include additional jurisdictions and stakeholders as members as well as to expand its scope of work to align with the 2013 Creating Connections report and the 2016 work plan adopted by the RAC, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Motion 14922, the RAC serves as a venue for coordinating efforts of member jurisdictions to advance common goals such as advocating for the funding and implementation of Trail Master Plan improvements, and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2019, the RAC reached consensus to change its name from the Eastside Rail Corridor regional advisory council to the Eastrail regional advisory council, and the King County council made that change in Motion 15531, and

WHEREAS, at its January 31, 2022, quarterly meeting, the RAC reached consensus in support of modifications of its leadership structure, to be formalized through revisions to its 2017 memorandum of understanding, and recommended to its member entities that they take action to approve those revisions;

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

The memorandum of understanding regarding the organization of the Eastrail regional advisory council, which is Attachment A to this motion, is hereby approved.