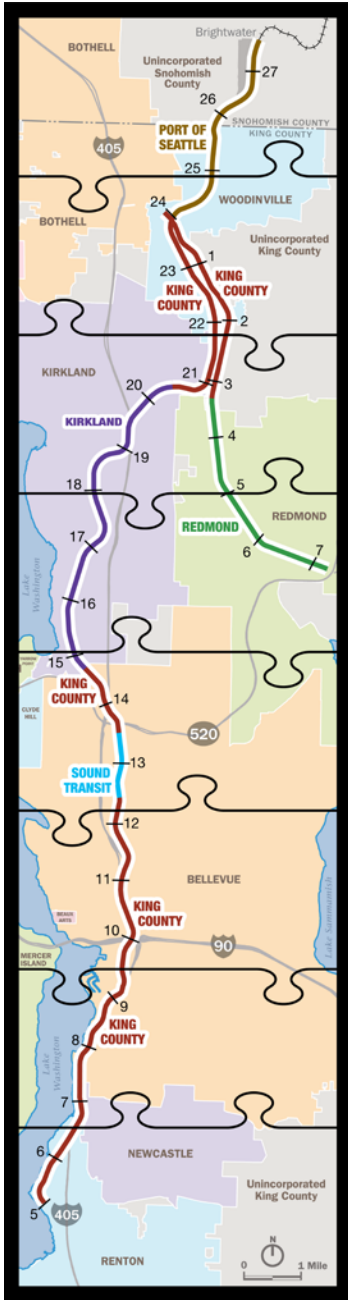


Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Advisory Council

Friday, January 26, 2018
 1:30 pm- 3:30 pm
 Kirkland Justice Center
 11750 NE 118th St, Kirkland WA 98034



- 1:30 **Welcome and Introductions** – King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci
- 1:45 **ERC Branding Effort**— Erica Jacobs, King County DNRP, Grace Li Bergman, The Trust for Public Land (Information, Guidance and Discussion)
 - Update on project schedule and consultant selection
 - Input from members on public engagement strategy and roles
- 2:15 **Funding Commission**—David St. John, King County DNRP, Jeff Muhm, King County Council Staff (Information and Discussion)
 - Update on commission formation
 - Introduce consultant support team
- 2:45 **Member Progress and Success Updates** (Discussion)
- 3:10 Public comment
- 3:30 Next steps and adjournment



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Scoping Document for the ERC Funding Commission
January 8, 2018
Final

Purpose of the Funding Commission:

The Commission will be convened by the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) to produce recommendations for funding the development of the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC). This work will advance the existing multiple-use vision for the ERC. The Funding Commission will primarily be focused on developing a comprehensive strategy to realize an end-to-end trail within the transportation corridor, in the context of transit and utility uses that are fundamental elements of the vision. This work will be rooted in an understanding of the broader transportation corridor vision in the context of transit, utilities and trail development. These recommendations will address:

1. **Funding Source Options:** Identify options for funding the projects through which the trail will be implemented, with a focus on private, non-governmental, and public-private partnership sources in the context of public funding opportunities. Also identify where different types of sources can be used to leverage other sources.
2. **Recommending Actions to Fund:** Identify projects that are the best candidates for current and future funding streams and best suited to leverage public and private funds. The commission will also consider geographic distribution of projects when making its recommendations to the RAC.
3. **Building and Sustaining Support for ERC Corridor Development:** Identify ways RAC members and supporters can build support for trail and corridor development, within the context of transit and utility uses, within their own constituencies and how to turn that support into an organized strategy to fund and sustain the trail and corridor in its entirety.

Funding Commission Project Implementation Structure:

Project oversight will be provided by the RAC. The RAC will approve the scope prior to convening the Commission. RAC members may participate as advisors and subject matter experts in each Commission meeting. RAC meetings, timely scheduled, will be a key venue for gaining direction and information sharing as the commission's work progresses. The Commission will present its final recommendations to the RAC.

The Commission membership will be comprised of community, business and non-government organization leaders. Commission members will be confirmed by the RAC.

Commission members will be confirmed by the first quarter of 2018 by the RAC. The Commission will be convened in early 2018 and its work will be complete by the third quarter of 2018.

Preliminary/Illustrative Commission Scope:

The preliminary scope, serving as a tool to advance consideration of actual tasks and support work planning for the Commission, includes the following main activities. The RAC will approve the final scope.

4Q2017/1Q 2018:

- The RAC approves the final project scope
- King County procures the services of a third-party facilitator, with appropriate RAC involvement
- The RAC collectively identifies their desired Commission members (entities and specific people)
- The RAC assigns specific members to contact and confirm Commission members
- RAC members secure the necessary supporting resources for implementing the project

By 3Q2018:

- Meeting 1: ERC field visit; initial convening for general orientation; discussion of the goals for development of the ERC within the multiple-use vision. (Lead by PST or RAC)

[BETWEEN MEETING WORK BY MEMBERS AND STAFF]

- Meeting 2: Review of key projects and opportunities within the corridor by King County, Redmond, and Kirkland; consideration of adjacent relevant development activities (scope and timeline) by ERC owners, neighboring jurisdictions (trails and neighborhood (re)development), and private interests (i.e., large employers, developers, ...) (Lead by PST)

[BETWEEN MEETING WORK BY MEMBERS AND STAFF]

- Meeting 3: Discuss funding mechanisms relevant to the corridor and their anticipated application/implementation schedules; consider use of previously unaccessed funding mechanisms or develop new private/non-governmental funding mechanisms. (Lead by Facilitator)

[BETWEEN MEETING WORK BY MEMBERS AND STAFF]

- Meeting 4: Identify high-level project priorities and rationale within the corridor and potential private & non-governmental funding mechanisms, including project coordination and

synergies between public and private development. Draft proposed high-level implementation plan for the funding strategy. (Lead by Facilitator)

[BETWEEN MEETING WORK BY MEMBERS AND STAFF]

- Meeting 5: Refine the implementation plan for the funding strategy, including 1) the timeline, key roles and responsibilities, 2) initial/foundational commitments and support necessary to advance the strategy and 3) how to get those commitments and support. (Lead by Facilitator)

[BETWEEN MEETING WORK BY MEMBERS AND STAFF]

- Meeting 6: Finalize recommended funding strategy and implementation plan for submittal to RAC. (Lead by Facilitator)

[IMPLEMENTATION OF FUNDING STRATEGY]

Staffing and Support:

The Commission's work will be coordinated and supported by a third-party facilitator hired by King County. Development and preparation of information supporting the Commission's work will be addressed primarily by staff from the respective ERC owner entities and staff that participate in the PST.



January 12, 2018

NAME

Dear Ms./Mr.:

The Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Advisory Council is seeking a select group of community leaders to help develop a strategy to fund regional trail development within the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC), a treasured community asset on the east side of Lake Washington. The ERC presents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for today's regional leaders to develop a funding strategy to make the ERC vision a reality. We are pleased to extend an invitation to you to be a part of the ERC's development.

As you may already know, the ERC is a railbanked corridor extending from Renton to Woodinville, with a spur segment extending from Redmond to Woodinville. This corridor has been secured in public ownership by King County, the cities of Kirkland and Redmond, and Sound Transit, and is also the location of an easement held by Puget Sound Energy. These owners are collaboratively advancing a vision for the ERC that supports the coordinated development of multiple uses including transportation – by trail and high capacity transit – and utilities.

We request your participation in a new "ERC Trail Funding Commission" that will create a strategy to fund the development of the ERC trail use. Other venues will address the broader transportation, economic, and utility uses. The time is right to take this step: King County, Kirkland, and Redmond each have approved plans for the trail that will extend the full length of the ERC, and segments of the corridor are already being used heavily by commuters, pedestrians, and cyclists at a level that just hints at what will ultimately be achieved.

We will confirm the final membership of the ERC Trail Funding Commission shortly and anticipate convening the Commission in the first quarter of 2018. This initial meeting would be followed by up to five additional facilitated meetings through mid-2018. The ultimate product of the Commission will likely be recommendations for securing public and private funding at the level that will be necessary to fully and strategically develop the trail use within the ERC.

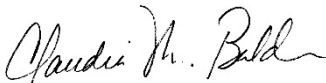
Please let us know if you are interested in being a member of the Commission by the third week of January 2018. If you have questions regarding this invitation, please contact Jeff Muhm at the King County Council at 206-477-0951, jeff.muhm@kingcounty.gov or David St. John at the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks at 206-477-4517, david.st.john@kingcounty.gov.

Thank you for your consideration of supporting this critical step toward realizing the potential of the ERC as an integral and integrating element of the regional transportation and recreation system.

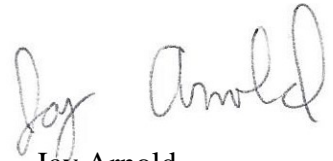
Sincerely,



Dow Constantine
Executive
King County



Claudia Balducci
Councilmember – District 6
King County Council



Jay Arnold
Deputy Mayor
City of Kirkland

cc: Jeff Muhm, Council Initiatives Director, King County Council
Kari Page, Sr. Neighborhood Service Outreach Coordinator, City of Kirkland
Christie True, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP)
David St, John, Environmental Affairs Officer, DNRP

Public Comments

EASTSIDE RAIL CORRIDOR REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

November 2017 Update

McConnell, Lisa

September 27, 2017

COMMENT

I attended the September 22nd RAC meeting in Redmond. I would like to add a request to the Branding Scope. I request that logo, informational material, and especially signage be in all the languages spoken and read in the region. This corridor travels across many neighborhoods and communities and should be inviting and accessible to them all. Additionally, sensitivity should be paid to images used on branding and informational material to create a space in which everyone can see themselves using.

McConnell, Lisa

October 22, 2017

INTERESTS

CONTACT

lisaamcc@hotmail.com

COMMENT

I would like the RAC to consider naming the new section of trail from Renton to Newcastle/Bellevue in honor of the late State Senator Andy Hill. He was instrumental in getting early funding for this project. He was an amazing, forward thinking many who truly worked to best serve his people, regardless of party. The \$2 Million! In funding he got for interim trail construction way back in 2011 was a perfect example. It would be nice to honor him at the opening of our newest trail sections in 2018.

McConnell, Lisa

October 30, 2017

COMMENT

Just saw this very cool 3D printed bridge in Amsterdam. MX3D. I immediately thought of the Wilburton overcross of I405. It might be a very neat project, especially if everyone was interested in seeing it being built, not just after it was finished.

<http://mx3d.com/projects/bridge-2/>

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'While printing the robot will be supported by the bridge itself thanks to the geometry of the overall bridge design, the strength of the metal and support from the edge of the canal. This allows the robot to print horizontally without falling into the water.

"We start with a piece of metal attached to the canal bank. The robots start from one side of the canal, they print their own support structure, so essentially it prints its own bridge. It stands on the floor of the bridge, 3D prints out more and keeps moving," MX3D's CTO Tim Geurtjens told IBTimes UK.

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EASTSIDE RAIL CORRIDOR REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING SUMMARY

September 22, 2017 – 1:00 PM
Redmond Public Safety Building

Advisory Council Members Present: Chair, Claudia Balducci, County Councilmember; Vice-Chair, Jay Arnold, Kirkland City Councilmember; Reagan Dunn, County Councilmember; Bob Burns, Deputy Director of King County Natural Resources and Parks (representing County Executive Dow Constantine); Angela Birney, Redmond City Councilmember; Brandon Buchanan, City of Woodinville; Steve Dickson, Snohomish County; Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director - Planning, Environment, and Project Development, Sound Transit; Julien Loh, Local Government Affairs and Public Policy Manager, Puget Sound Energy; John Stokes, Bellevue Mayor; and Blake Trask, Eastside Greenway Alliance.

Welcome and Introductions

Claudia Balducci, Advisory Council Co-Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Election of RAC Chair and Vice Chair (Action)

Councilmember Arnold made a motion to elect Councilmember Balducci as Chair. The motion was seconded by Mayor Stokes. The motion passed.

Councilmember Birney made a motion to elect Councilmember Arnold as Vice-chair. The motion was seconded by Mayor Stokes. The motion passed.

ERC Funding Commission –Jeff Muhm, King County Council Staff (Discussion and Direction)

Jeff Muhm, King County Council Initiatives Director, reviewed the scoping document for the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC) Funding Commission to include:

- Purpose
- Implementation structure
- Membership
- Timeline/Level of Effort
- Preliminary scope

Discussion ensued regarding the importance of having the document reflect that the focus is on the corridor as it has been conceptualized, not just as a trail; ensuring that the Funding Commission is geographically balanced with a good mix of public and business representatives; having a clear definition of the scope of work; providing more detail in meetings 1 and 2; the possibility of including elected officials or RAC members on the Funding Commission; making it clear that the Funding Commission is advisory to the RAC and does not make final decisions.

David St. John noted that the RAC will approve the scope of work. The Commission's work will be

supported by input from the Principal Staff Team (PST). There will have to be a ratcheting up of engagement with the RAC.

Chair Balducci recapped the discussion as follows:

- Strong support to move forward
- Some concern regarding number 3
- Ensure geographic distribution in membership
- Ensure frequent communication between the Commission and the RAC
- Create an organizational chart showing the relationship of the Commission to the RAC
- Have PST provide a list of suggested Commission members (types or specific) to the RAC members prior to their next meeting

ERC Branding Scope (Information and Discussion)

Vicky Clarke, Eastside Greenway Alliance, and Grace Bergman, Trust for Public Land, presented information related to the proposed branding project, to include:

- Branding effort goals
- Project implementation – roles and responsibilities
- Scope of work
- Timeline
- Proposal format
- Qualifications
- Budget
- Evaluation Criteria

Two major milestones were noted – having the consultant send out a survey to the public and presenting the RAC with a summary of the public input. The consultant will be tasked with designing three logo options and a brand guide.

Discussion ensued regarding the challenge of representing the entire corridor and tying in existing brands, taking individual agency design standards into account, ensuring that the scope of work documentation indicates the three owners who currently have branding in place, whether the south Snohomish section should be included in the overall branding effort, use of social media, and instructing consultant to allow for future brands to happen.

Chair Balducci indicated that it would be good to reach out to Snohomish County and see if they want to be a RAC member or participate at a higher level.

The hope is to send out the request for proposals in a month.

Member Progress and Success Updates (Discussion)

King County and City of Kirkland

Councilmember Arnold reported that the City of Kirkland has set aside money for bridge design and is partnering with King County on a TIGER grant. The Wilburton and Totem Lake Bridges are the two projects under this proposed funding which will provide connections for eastside innovation centers.

Bob Burns asked for everyone's support to move this forward, noting that it would be helpful if there were broader support. The availability of the funds was discovered two weeks ago and we have 45 days to submit the application materials. A draft letter of support can be submitted electronically or via hard copy as desired.

Mayor Stokes moved that the group submit a letter on behalf of the RAC signed by the Chair and Vice-chair. The motion passed.

David St. John noted that they will have to work with delegation members both here and in DC. Our request will likely be for \$25,000.

City of Kirkland

Councilmember Arnold – The money from the state's capital budget mentioned previously is stalled. A "Crossing Kirkland" event was held on September 9 during which a second piece of art, under the 85th Street overpass, was unveiled. Kirkland continues to make investments in connections to the corridor and recently acquired the Totem Lake Park property from the County adjacent to the Cross Kirkland Corridor.

King County

Bob Burns reported that the County just signed a contract for rail removal. Once the rails are gone there will be interim gravel trails.

City of Redmond

Councilmember Birney announced a ribbon cutting on September 23rd for the 2nd phase of the Redmond Central Connector, which restored the trestle and incorporated artwork and places to pause. This will be the first year for the Redmond Rain Fest, to be held on the first part of the Connector on September 23rd from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Eastside Greenway Alliance

Blake Trask noted that \$2.5 million has been set aside in the state transportation budget for the Wilburton Trestle. There is still potentially one-half million in the budget that could augment that. They have been doing walks to help raise awareness of the trail. Richard Smith, the new Executive Director for the Cascade Bicycle Club, will be joining them for one of these walks.

City of Bellevue

Mayor Stokes reported that they are working through the Grand Connection decisions.

Puget Sound Energy

Julien Loh provided updates on the Energize Eastside and Lake Hills/Phantom Lake Transmission line projects.

Snohomish County

Steve Dickson reported that they are working with a consultant team and state agencies. The main trestle over the Snohomish River is in disrepair - restoration options are being explored. We are seeing a lot of movement in residential development along the corridor. There is approximately \$1million in the State's capital budget to go towards trail design.

Sound Transit

Ric Ilgenfritz reported that the full 14-mile length of the East Link Extension is under construction. Construction of an elevated new pedestrian connection, guideway will run through 2021. A contract has been awarded for the construction of the maintenance facility. A temporary trail is in place from the south side of the 520 trail over to 120th. Work on preliminary designs for the two stations in Redmond is underway. Ric reported that he would be leaving Sound Transit next week and thanked the RAC for their work and efforts. Don Billen will be stepping in as the Sound Transit representative to the RAC.

RAC Meeting schedule for 2018 (Discussion)

Staff will work on coordinating quarterly meeting dates for 2018. Chair Balducci suggested considering using the first Thursday, either morning or afternoon, once per quarter.

Public Comment

There was no one present wishing to provide public comment.

Next steps and adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.