



Eastrail Regional Advisory Council

Friday, April 29, 2022

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

10:00 AM – 10:05 AM **Introductions and Agenda Review**

- RAC Vice Chair/City of Kirkland Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold

10:05 AM – 10:10 AM **Approval of January 31, 2022 RAC Meeting Summary**

- RAC Vice Chair/City of Kirkland Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold

10:10 AM – 10:20 AM **RAC Leadership Position Confirmations (Consensus Item)**

- RAC Vice Chair/City of Kirkland Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold

10:20 AM – 10:40 AM **Federal and State Engagement for Eastrail Trail Support (Discussion and Potential Consensus Item)**

- Katherine Hollis, Eastrail Partners
- RAC Members

10:40 AM – 11:05 AM **Arts Coordination Planning (Discussion Item)**

- Jeff Aken, City of Redmond Parks Department
- Katherine Hollis, Eastrail Partners

11:05 AM – 11:25 AM **Budgeting for Eastrail Collaboration in 23-24 Biennium (Discussion Item)**

- David St. John, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks

11:25 AM – 11:35 AM **Eastrail Partners Action Update (Information Item)**

- Katherine Hollis, Eastrail Partners

11:35 AM – 11:50 AM **Progress and Success Updates (Information Item)**

- RAC Members

11:50 AM – 12:00 PM **Public Comment**

Adjourn



EASTRAIL REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY January 31, 2022 | 1 – 3 PM Zoom Meeting

Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Members Present: Jay Arnold, Kirkland Deputy Mayor (Vice Chair), John Stokes, Bellevue Councilmember; Claudia Balducci, King County Councilmember; Sarah Perry, King County Councilmember; Christie True, Director, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks; David Hoffman, Puget Sound Energy; Jessica Forsythe, Redmond Council President; Ryan McIrvine, Renton Council President; Tom Teigen, Snohomish County; Luke Lamon, Sound Transit; Les Rubstello, Woodinville Councilmember.

Welcome and Introductions

Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm, welcomed all in attendance to the first RAC meeting of 2022, and reviewed the agenda. New RAC members Ryan McIrvine and Sarah Perry introduced themselves. Members watched a video produced by Eastrail Partners: [Eastrail – For Everyone, Every Day](#).

Approval of October 18, 2021 RAC meeting summary

Councilmember Forsythe moved to approve the October 18 meeting summary and Councilmember Stokes seconded. There being no objections, the summary was approved as written.

RAC and Principal's Staff Team 2022 Work Plan

David St. John of King County DNRP summarized and invited feedback on the RAC 2022 work plan which was included in the meeting packet.

- Setting the work plan is a core RAC function as the coordinating body for Eastrail development. Previous examples of work plan items include reconnecting the corridor across I-405 at the former Wilburton Tunnel Crossing, rebranding the corridor, and providing opportunities for energy and utility infrastructure to support future growth and development (e.g., fiber project).
- Collaborative focus areas for the 2022 work plan include the following (not in order of priority):
 1. Engage federal and state leaders to support priority projects
 2. Communicate about major capital project progress/milestones
 3. Explore/advance development and implementation of an Eastrail Strategic/Coordinated Communications Plan
 4. Activate open segments
 5. Implement the Trail use Information System Plan
 6. Develop and implement wayfinding measures to support trail use
 7. Advance co-creation efforts to connect to and involve the diverse Eastrail community
 8. Develop and implement an arts coordination strategy
 9. Explore opportunities to coordinate trail/corridor operations and maintenance activities
 10. Coordinate and provide input to the Eastrail fiber optic project
 11. Welcome elected, community, and business leadership to visit key locations in the corridor
 12. Plan/coordinate/implement quarterly RAC meetings

Questions/Comments

- Councilmember Stokes expressed interest in #8 as the Council Liaison with the Bellevue Arts Commission.
- Councilmember Forsythe expressed interest in #8 as well in addition to #6.
- Councilmember Balducci asked which element would be an appropriate place for the RAC to provide input on trail design elements (e.g., lighting design/installation for multi-season trail use).

Federal and State Engagement for Eastrail Trail Support

Katherine Hollis of Eastrail Partners provided updates on federal and state funding opportunities.

Federal Opportunities

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act:
 - Transportation Alternatives Program (largest source of federal funding for bike trails and lanes) was increased by 70%.
 - Federal funding through PSRC (though on a longer timeframe, i.e., 2025 and beyond).
 - RAISE grant program (formerly TIGER and BUILD) was increased by 70%. They are seeing more multi-modal projects funded through RAISE with faster timeframes and higher funding amounts than most opportunities available through PSRC.

State Opportunities

- \$29M in investments for Eastrail in proposed state new revenue transportation package:
 - \$6M to approach acquisition of corridor into Gene Coulon Park in Renton.
 - \$18M for I-90 Steel Bridge and adjacent trail segments in Bellevue. This is one of the last major gaps that remains completely unfunded.
 - \$5M for SR202 expansion and improvement of the SR202 trestle in Woodinville.
- Unclear yet whether this package will be passed during the short session but optimistic.
- Eastrail Partners suggests the following talking points for interactions with state/federal legislators:
 - Eastrail is sustainable transportation infrastructure for our region and will:
 - Improve equity through access to transit options and greenspace
 - Reduce carbon emissions by making walking, biking, and accessing transit easier for everyone
 - Produce positive health outcomes for all populations
 - Boost economic growth by connecting communities to economic centers

Questions/Comments from RAC

- Eastrail also provides joy!
- Entering a PSRC funding round this year (for funding in 2025); staff are working on grant submissions and thinking about future funding opportunities and projects to pursue.
- PSRC funding caps can limit which trails are viable candidates; construction costs have increased but funding caps have remained stagnant. Eastrail Partners or individual RAC jurisdictions may want to submit this issue in the public comment period for the regional transportation plan.

Major Capital Project Look Ahead for 2022

Joe Inslee of King County Parks and principal staff team members shared updates about major capital projects. Slides were included in the meeting packet and interested parties can email

eastrail@kingcounty.gov with any questions about timing updates.

- *Eastlake Sammamish Trail – North Extension*: will connect Eastlake Sammamish with Redmond Central Connector (RCC) and is being constructed in collaboration with Sound Transit through the

downtown Redmond Link Extension (DRLE) project. Final design wrapped up last year and some elements are under construction with opening slated for 2024.

- *RCC Phase III*: 1.6-mile segment that will extend the RCC north to NE 124th as the third and final phase the RCC. Design is starting in 2022 (RFP is out now) with a 2024 target date for construction in coordination with PSE on a transmission line project. Lighting is planned on RCC II and will be included on RCC III.
- *Kirkland-Woodinville connection*: along with RCC III, 2.5-mile segment will connect large existing trail segments between Kirkland and Woodinville. King County project is an interim trail and is a part of four different projects to create this connection. Interim trail is currently in construction with an estimated opening of Q3 2022. It will include a crossing at SR202 that serves trail and connects to wineries, and the Willows Connector with a crossing at 132nd and Slater.
- *Totem Lake Connector*: bike and ped bridge connecting two ends of Cross Kirkland Corridor (CKC) currently severed by one of Kirkland's most complicated intersections. It was slated to be completed in October 2022, but concrete strikes are beginning to impact timeline.
- *Northup Connector*: Eastrail Partners is managing construction and will turn over to King County. Project will include construction of a trail ramp to connect Eastrail to the 520 Trail Corridor at Northup Way. REI and Meta (formerly Facebook) contributed \$1 million each and King County contributed the remaining amount, moving construction up from 2026 to 2023.
- *Eastrail to Spring Boulevard Connector*: new project this year will connect north-south Eastrail to east-west NE 12th St/Spring Blvd path. Still seeking funding but will complete design this year and hope to begin construction in 2023 or 2024. Grade-accessible connection to Spring District was part of negotiations with Sound Transit.
- *NE 8th Street Crossing*: WILL provide critical connection to Wilburton light rail station and include a Japanese American agriculture heritage commemoration installation. King County has awarded the project and will start after strike, construction is estimated in 2022-2023 and should open at the same time as the light rail station.
- *Wilburton Trestle*: in permitting phase and anticipating going to bid for construction in Q3 2022 with opening slated for 2024. Crossing will also have 24-hour lighting.
- *South Bellevue acquisitions*: the section of Eastrail that includes the Wilburton Trestle and 118th Ave SE up to the other side of trestle is currently inaccessible. King County and City of Bellevue have completed two acquisitions that will help gain access to the trail and potentially provide parking from 118th, access to Mercer Slough Nature Park restrooms, and maintenance equipment storage.
- *Lake Lanes I-405 expansion*: WSDOT/King County partnership opened 2.5 miles of paved trail in November 2021. Segment has full six-foot gravel shoulder on one side and solar lights. The second part is the new I-405 crossing which is currently under construction and will be completed in mid-2023 (won't be open to the public until trestle project is finished). Project designers are considering light pollution and impacts to wildlife and neighbors and are using directional lighting to illuminate trail surface and minimize light spillage. Staff will be monitoring how pilot solar lights function after being installed.

RAC Membership and Operations

Deputy Mayor Arnold and Councilmember Balducci shared a proposal to modify language in the original RAC MOU, which was shared with members by email. The MOU currently states that the RAC Chair must

be a King County representative and the Vice Chair must be a representative from an owner jurisdiction; this distinction no longer seems necessary.

Councilmember Stokes moved to change Section 3: RAC Leadership language in the MOU to say: *“The RAC will have two co-chairs; one co-chair will be an elected official from the King County RAC membership and the other co-chair will be an elected official from another Eastrail owner jurisdiction.”* Councilmember Forsythe seconded, and all members were in favor. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion to modify RAC Leadership MOU language was accepted. Staff will share a final version of the updated MOU with membership for signature before the next RAC meeting.

Progress and Success Updates

Sound Transit – last week the Sound Transit Board moved forward on the NE 85th BRT station which is one of four BRT stations that will connect to Eastrail.

Redmond – Redmond Lights, a collaboration between Redmond Parks Dept. and Arts Commission, added light and art installations to a public space along the RCC.

Renton – hoping the \$6M for Coulon Park extension moves forward in the legislature. Renton also has a capital request in the transportation budget to extend across May Creek and connect to a city-owned parcel so that the May Creek Trail can connect to Issaquah Alps.

Bellevue – the Grand Connection initiative which would connect the Meydenbauer Park to Eastrail is helping raise Eastrail’s profile through those conversations. Bellevue’s trail connection to Renton is also very exciting for demonstrating the potential of Eastrail.

King County – Darryl Hunt from King County IT provided fiber project updates. Per guidance from the King County Council, the public owner model has been added back into the solicitation process which will provide broader range of options to understand costs and benefits of each of the models and how the project can proceed. The solicitation is also now a Request for Information (RFI) on all three models (public, private, and public/private) rather than a Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFI was distributed to Eastrail owner parties on Jan. 24 to provide feedback. An RFI analysis report will be submitted to owner parties for a 30-day review, and final report submission will be Aug. 15. Darryl will provide additional updates at the April RAC meeting.

Public comment

- Peter Bartnick asked if Sound Transit had retained rail options for the Eastrail, especially in segments of Kirkland along the CKC that go out to Woodinville and Lake Stevens as those areas are rapidly developing and future rail use could be beneficial. Staff will follow up to provide information.

The meeting recording [is available here](#). Interested parties should send comments to eastrail@kingcounty.gov. Joe Inslee will compile any additional comments received.

Next steps and adjournment

The date of the next RAC meeting has not been set but will occur in April. Staff will send out meeting information soon.

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 pm.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Regarding the Organization of the
Eastrail Regional Advisory Council

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made by and among KING COUNTY, SNOHOMISH COUNTY, THE CITY OF KIRKLAND, THE CITY OF REDMOND, CENTRAL PUGET SOUND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (SOUND TRANSIT), PUGET SOUND ENERGY (PSE), THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE, THE CITY OF RENTON, and THE EASTSIDE GREENWAY ALLIANCE (EGA) (collectively, the “Parties”). This MOU sets forth the Parties’ mutual understanding regarding, and intent to structure the Eastrail Regional Advisory Council (RAC).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, King County, the City of Kirkland, the City of Redmond, City of Woodinville, Snohomish County and Sound Transit are owner jurisdictions of portions of the Eastrail and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Energy, King County and Sound Transit are easement holders of the corridor, and

WHEREAS, the cities of Bellevue and Renton are jurisdictions through which sections of the corridor pass, and

WHEREAS, the Eastside Greenway Alliance has been an active voice for the non-profit and private sector community interested in the potential mobility and recreation options provided by the corridor, and

WHEREAS, the Eastrail Regional Advisory Council (RAC) was established by King County Council ordinance as a collaborative group to carry out a regional planning process to coordinate planning and development activities so as to ensure effective use of the rail banked portion of the Eastrail and the Redmond Spur, and

WHEREAS, development of the Eastrail will enhance the mobility of our region by creating a critical north-south transportation corridor that will allow for multimodal connections, including high-capacity transit and non-motorized trail use. The corridor will help us integrate the pieces of our larger transportation networks. The corridor will enable key utility improvements to help meet the demands of a growing population. The corridor will expand the recreation network, creating equitable access for all residents, and benefiting generations of Puget Sound residents, and,

WHEREAS, the RAC has evolved to include members from non-owner jurisdictions and groups to support the development of the vision of the corridor and surrounding land uses, and

WHEREAS, the owners and easement holders of the Eastrail retain their jurisdictional authority and are implementing and planning projects within and over their individually owned segments of the corridor and this MOU does not affect or limit any owners' or easement holders' property rights within the corridor;

THEREFORE, the Parties above have reached the following understanding:

SECTION 1. Purpose of the Eastrail Regional Advisory Council (RAC):

The purposes of the RAC are consistent with the owner and easement holder uses and plans for the corridor, (1) to set and advance the multiple use vision of the Eastrail, as initially set forth in the RAC's Creating Connections report, which emphasized the transportation mobility, utility, recreational and equity benefits of the corridor and (2) to support the implementation of the Eastrail Regional Trail as identified in the King County Trail Master Plan and in corresponding plans developed by certain RAC member jurisdictions. The RAC will also serve 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 collaborating to develop a brand identity for the corridor, compatible with existing identities in several RAC member jurisdictions.

The RAC will serve as a venue to jointly:

- Coordinate the planning, development, public engagement, and communications and marketing activities to the extent possible to ensure effective use of the railbanked portion of the corridor.
- Coordinate the partner planning process for the trail, high-capacity transit, and utility uses in the Eastrail.
- Coordinate with affected cities around local planning and development.
- Address both near-term and long-term recommendations.
- Recommend any needed changes to the county's countywide planning policies relative to the corridor.
- Coordinate on funding capital projects and potentially operations.
- Develop legislative agendas and lobbying as it pertains to Eastrail projects and issues.
- Weigh in on Sound Transit and Metro Long Range Plans as related to the Eastrail.
- Approve a work plan and corresponding budget that sets out the work for the RAC for the year. Members will assign staff to participate in coordination and collaboration efforts.

SECTION 2a. RAC Membership:

The RAC membership will be driven by the RAC vision. Members will include owner jurisdictions (King County, City of Kirkland, City of Redmond, Sound Transit, City of Woodinville, and Snohomish County) as well as easement holders (PSE, King County and Sound Transit), and cities directly adjacent to the corridor who hold permitting and land use authority, (City of Bellevue and City of Renton), and the Eastside Greenway Alliance. King County will have four representatives, the King County Executive (or his/her designee), and three members from the County Council. The Eastside Greenway Alliance will have one member appointed to serve as representative of the Alliance. All other parties will have one representative from each party as a member of the RAC.

SECTION 2b. New RAC Membership:

The RAC will add or remove members, membership agencies and jurisdictions based on the following processes:

- Consensus agreement of the current RAC membership.
- Signed letter of interest by all parties acknowledging the change to the membership structure.

SECTION 3. RAC Leadership:

The RAC will have two co-Chairs. One co-Chair will be an elected official from the King County RAC membership and the other co-Chair will be an elected official from another Eastrail owner jurisdiction. The co-Chair positions will be selected every two (2) years by the ownership jurisdiction members of the RAC. The RAC will operate under a consensus model and will not take votes approving or disapproving any particular item before the RAC. The RAC may establish subcommittees of members and staff as needed to address special and or specific issues related to the work of the RAC.

SECTION 4. RAC Meetings:

The RAC will meet on a quarterly basis. Meetings will take place in a standing time slot mutually agreed upon by the co-Chairs of the RAC, after consultation with other RAC members. The meeting dates for each year will be set in the fourth meeting of the prior year. The RAC meeting frequency can be adjusted by consensus of the Parties.

SECTION 5. RAC Staffing:

The work of the RAC will be supported by a staff group comprised of senior staff from RAC member organizations and invited technical experts, to undertake work addressing the RAC priorities. The staff group will serve as an information sharing venue for distributing information on completed, current, and anticipated activities that provide tangible outcomes supporting the vision. The staff group will make recommendations on information items that should be placed on the RAC agenda. King County will deploy staff resources specifically to support the RAC operations and actions.

SECTION 6. Property Rights; Jurisdictional Authority.

Nothing herein is intended to limit or affect the Parties' jurisdictional authority over, or their individually-owned property interests in segments of the Eastrail.

SECTION 7. Legal Relations.

This MOU shall not be interpreted or construed to create an association, joint venture, or partnership between the Parties or to impose any partnership obligations or other liability thereon. No party shall have any right, power, or authority to enter into any agreement or undertaking for or on behalf of, to act as, or be an agent or representative of, any other party. This MOU creates no right, privilege, duty, obligation, or cause of action in any person or entity not a party to it. No Party is obligated to participate under this MOU, but to the extent that a Party elects to participate under this MOU then it shall comply with the MOU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this MOU, effective as of the date first written below.

Signatories:

King County

City of Kirkland

City of Redmond

Sound Transit

Puget Sound Energy

Eastside Greenway Alliance

February 22, 2022

City of Bellevue

City of Renton

City of Woodinville

Snohomish County



STATE FUNDING: \$29M FOR EASTRAIL PROJECTS INCLUDED IN STATE TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE!!

- Projects and sponsors
- Timelines for funding

PROJECT FUNDING ASKS - FEDERAL

- City of Woodinville
- City of Redmond

Build a safe, soft-surface interim trail along the entire corridor and open it for use as soon as possible.

Make continuous progress towards widening and paving the entire trail so that people of all ages and abilities can use it.

Develop public gathering places, art, and amenities along the trail to enhance the trail experience and knit the Eastrail into surrounding communities.



Connect



\$29M for Eastrail Projects Secured in State Transportation Package!

- \$5M to expand and improve where the Eastrail passes over SR202 in Woodinville

Project sponsors: Senator Dhingra, Representatives Springer and Goodman

- \$18M for Eastrail project in Bellevue, especially for starting the process of retrofitting the I-90 Steel Bridge

Project sponsors: Senator Kuderer, Representatives Slatter and Walen

- \$6M towards the acquisition process of extending the Eastrail into Gene Coulon Park

Project sponsors: both 41st and 33rd Legislative Districts: Senators Lisa Wellman and Keiser; Representatives Thai, Senn, Orwall, Gregerson



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Priority Requests for Washington State Funding

- A** Connection to Gene Coulon Park and Southport
- B** I-90 Steel Bridge and Connecting Trail Segments
- C** SR202

Anticipated Trail Connections 2020-2026

Years shown reflect assumptions that are current as of October 2021 and are subject to change based on new information

- OPEN
- OPEN BY DEC 2022
- OPEN BY DEC 2024
- OPEN BY DEC 2026
- NOT YET FUNDED





Community Requests:

- City of Woodinville for last costs of the SR202 project
- City of Redmond for Phase III of the Redmond Central Connector



May #, 2022

Senator/Representative
PO Box
Olympia, WA 98504-0403

Dear *Legislator* _____,

On behalf of the Eastrail Regional Advisory Council (RAC), we write to share our heartfelt gratitude for sponsoring the SR202 project/Eastrail projects through Bellevue/Extending Eastrail into Gene Coulon Park in the *Move Ahead Washington* transportation package. The \$29M total Eastrail project funding included in *Move Ahead Washington Forward WA* allows important Eastrail project processes to begin, catalyzing the trail.

Specifically, thank you your leadership in sponsoring the \$##M for the _____ project.

The Eastrail corridor is being developed to achieve the RAC vision for transforming the corridor into a multiple-purpose asset supporting uses including a regional trail, high-capacity transit, and utilities that collectively will benefit and knit together the diverse communities, neighborhoods, employment hubs, and economic growth centers of King and Snohomish Counties.

The state investment you have made possible capitalizes on the robust and growing public-private partnership that supports Eastrail development. State funding expedites projects that increase opportunities for safe active recreation and transportation options. It further enables the engagement and leadership of diverse communities in the development and enjoyment of the corridor, improving equity through access, and making the trail a truly welcoming and well-integrated element of the Eastside's transportation and recreation system.

We extend our thanks for your leadership on your championship of trails as transit infrastructure in this historical package. This funding brings our region closer to achieving the vision for a fully connected Eastrail from Renton to Snohomish, and helps ensure Eastrail becomes the public asset envisioned in the early 2000s when the corridor was saved from abandonment.

Sincerely,

City of Kirkland Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold
Co-Chair, Eastrail Regional Advisory Council

King County Councilmember Sarah Perry
Co-Chair, Eastrail Regional Advisory Council

Eastrail Arts Project

1. Purpose: The project is to develop the “Eastrail Arts Framework”, which defines the scope, objectives, and overall approach for the work to be completed. The Framework is a critical guiding element for initiating, planning, executing, controlling, and monitoring the project. The Framework contents will be finalized by RAC consensus.

2. Project Description:

The Framework would establish:

- the goals and objectives for the coordinated use and integration of art
- anticipated roles for RAC member entities, Eastrail stakeholders, arts practitioners, and the community at large in the implementation of the Framework
- how existing relevant arts plans, and programs will be connected to the Framework
- a coordinated decision process to encourage arts implementation and provide ongoing guidance for the effective integration and use of art as part of Eastrail development
- measures of success, and the plan/program for collecting information necessary to evaluate success
- a two-year (prioritized) plan, to be launched at the time of RAC consensus, including specific actions and assignments to implement art in the Eastrail corridor in alignment with the goals and objectives
- an initial plan for generating the resources needed to achieve the Framework's goals and objectives

3. Draft Framework Mission and Vision:

Mission: A collaborative effort amongst Eastrail stakeholders to create a roadmap for using art & design to inspire, enrich and connect the Eastrail for people throughout the corridor

Vision: A trail connected by a variety of public art, events spaces and places that reflects the values and connected history of our diverse communities along the Eastrail.

Topics to Address through Objectives:

- Public participation
- Interjurisdictional Coordination & Roles
- Integrating the linear nature of the corridor
- Art typology's
- Selection processes
- Funding
- Creating spaces for community activation and artistic pursuits
- Interplay between art/wayfinding
- Equitable representation that reflects community and place.
- Measurements of Success.

4. Issues and Risks:

- Most jurisdictions have existing processes and/or Arts Commissions for how they review, fund, and approve public art. This plan is intended to clarify roles and responsibilities for stakeholders along with opportunities for implementation.
- Redmond’s Central Connector and Kirkland’s Cross Kirkland Corridor already have existing goals and plans for art along their ownership of the Eastrail.

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- Funding, site selection, approvals and maintenance for art will all be challenging pieces that might be beyond the scope of this initial phase (mission/vision/objectives).
 - Major capital projects are underway and/or are planned for the next two years, when the arts Framework will be in its initial phase. This overlapping timing may create challenges for art integration with projects approaching or in active construction.

5. Opportunities:

Synergy exists between the wayfinding work that is just beginning, and the co-creation framework presented to the RAC in 2021. A robust and diverse arts program will create an opportunity to make the trail more inclusive and reflective of the communities it passes through.

6. Project Schedule for Discussion:

- Review and discuss Eastrail Arts framework and draft mission/vision statement on April 29, 2022, RAC Meeting*
- Review updated mission/vision and framework July RAC meeting*
- Bring back refined objectives, draft resources, and draft prioritization at October RAC meeting.*
- Approve framework at January 2023 RAC meeting.*

7. Budget: Staff time from the Eastrail Professional Staff Team. Should the RAC be interested, the project could seek future funding for consultant support.

Goal Statements:

Kirkland: The role of this Art Integration Plan is twofold: to inspire the opportunities for art on the CKC (and beyond) and to provide guidance to the City on how to facilitate and manage art on the corridor.

Redmond: The purpose of this Art Integration Plan is to identify opportunities for creative expression already integrated into the corridor design, as well as identify arts opportunities that can be developed in the future as the Redmond Connector is further realized.

- Make it distinctly Redmond
- Make it great on all days, in all weather
- Inspire a community through artistic activity

Atlanta: This Arts & Culture Strategic Implementation Plan (ACSIP) celebrates and encourages arts and culture along the BeltLine by synthesizing existing plans and programs and providing implementation guidelines and strategies towards expanding the current vision for arts and cultural initiatives along the corridor. The ACSIP was borne out of the desire to support strong, livable communities with increased creative activity, recognizing that the BeltLine offers the unique opportunity to act as a linear gallery that reinforces distinct sense of place and celebrates the surrounding communities and amenities.

Charlotte Rail Trail: The Public Art Master Plan will inspire long-term investment in arts along the Rail Trail by fostering a sustainable model for future arts development. > Public art is one of the many creative programming strategies that will

help transform the Rail Trail into a dynamic, engaging destination in the heart of Charlotte. The Rail Trail Public Art Master Plan provides a roadmap for a long-term integrated public arts strategy for the Rail Trail.

Tacoma Prairie Line Trail: This Public Art Master Plan for the Prairie Line Trail explores art and design themes that can unify the experience of all three segments of the trail as well as opportunities for a range of sites specific art projects along the trail. The goal of the plan is to identify the best ways to use the creativity of artists, and public art funding, to create an exemplary public realm and set a standard for the design of future trails in Tacoma.

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Eastrail Art Collaboration



April 29, 2022



Today's Discussion:

- *Purpose:*
 - *Framework*
- *Prior Discussions*
 - *October 2018*
- *Project Mission/Vision*
- *Timeline*

Proposed Framework

Mission & Vision

Goals & Objectives

Anticipated Roles

Incorporation of Existing Art
Plans/Programs

Coordinated Decision Process

Measures of Success

Two-Year Prioritized plan

Resources needed to achieve the
Frameworks Goals



Mission/Vision

Draft Mission: *A collaborative effort amongst Eastrail Stakeholders to create a roadmap for using art & design to inspire, enrich and connect the Eastrail for people throughout the corridor*

Draft Vision: *A trail connected by a variety of public art, events spaces and places that reflects the values and connected history of our diverse communities along the Eastrail.*



Eastrail Arts Timeline:

- **April:** *Discuss Framework and Mission/Vision*
- **July:** *Review Updated Framework, Mission & Vision*
- **October:** *Review Refined Objectives, Resources Needed and Draft Prioritization*
- **January 2023:** *Approve Final Framework*



RAC Discussion

- What **feedback** do you have on Draft Mission/Vision
- What **concerns** do you have regarding the timeline?
- What's **missing** from the project?
- Are there **other voices** we should hear from in the framework creation?
- **Other Questions?**

Budgeting for Eastrail Collaboration in the 2023-2024 Biennium

For Discussion at the April 29, 2022 RAC Quarterly Meeting

Today's Discussion

- Purpose
- Review of prior collaborative funding efforts by RAC member entities
- Examples of collaborative funding opportunities in 23-24 biennium
- RAC recommendation(s) for 23-24 biennium budget development



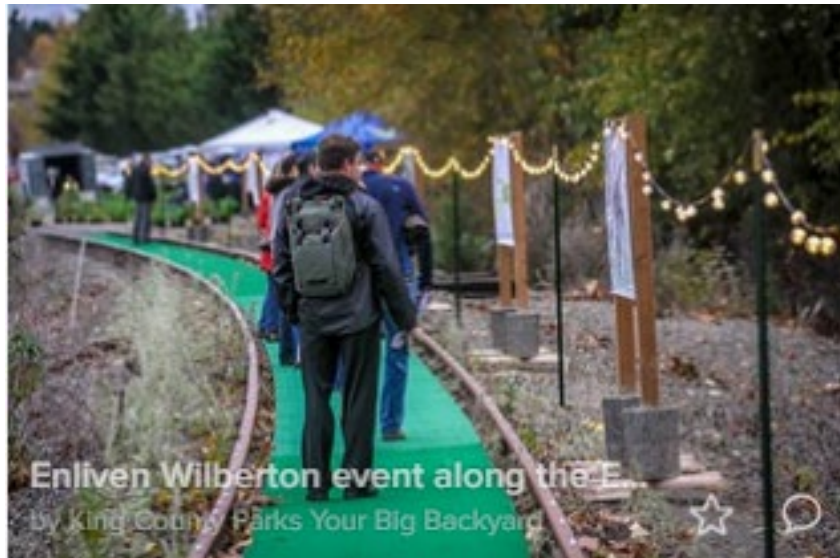
Purpose of Today's Discussion

- Consider the merits of proactive budgeting vs. responding to ad hoc, mid-biennium funding requests
- Look ahead to priorities and anticipated progress in 23-24 and potential opportunities for collaborative funding
- Develop recommendations for budget-making processes



Examples of Prior RAC Collaborative Funding Successes

- 2016 Eastside Rail Corridor Leadership Summit at Meydenbauer Conference Center
- Eastrail brand development project in 2017-2018 (\$75,000)
- Launch funding/service agreement for Eastrail Partners in 2020 (\$100,000)



2016 EASTSIDE RAIL CORRIDOR SUMMIT: REALIZING THE MULTI-USE VISION

January 9, 2016
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue

Join owners and community advocates to identify the opportunities in mobility, land use, recreation and culture that the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC) provides.

Learn about the ERC – what's been done, what's in planning and how you can impact the future of this amazing public asset.

Discover what other national, regional and community leaders have learned in planning and building multi-use corridors.

Share your ideas for how the ERC achieves its potential as a multi-use corridor.

Walk on the corridor and provide your own ideas about how to meet challenges.

For more information, contact:
Deb Eddy at 206-477-1232 or
David St. John at 206-477-4517
www.kingcounty.gov/erc

What we anticipate happening during the 23-24 biennium

- Continued emphasis on fostering equity and access across the Eastrail (co-creation initiatives)
- Significant progress on major capital projects to connect and construct the trail
- Openings and activation of certain trail segments
- Opening/revenue service of several East Link stations and connecting routes along Eastrail (e.g., Wilburton, SE Redmond)
- Realizing and growing the benefits of critical private-public partnerships
- Growing emphasis on connecting at the middle (I-90) and current endpoints (Renton, Woodinville, Snohomish County) of the Eastrail trail
- 10th anniversary of the RAC/collaborative corridor development

Illustrative ideas and anticipated opportunities

Community Co-creation

- Activation events for newly opened and connected trail segments
- Co-creation action seed money (e.g., compensate a CBO for their work on an event and/or other action)

Public Arts

- Development and implementation of the coordinated Eastrail art framework/plan
- Seed funding for development and installation of artwork or funding public arts events

Illustrative ideas and anticipated opportunities

User Education

- Resources for trail ambassadors, recreate responsibly user education
- Fabrication, installation, and maintenance of wayfinding signage

Awareness Building/Communications

- Eastrail celebration conference/workshop, similar in concept to the event held at Meydenbauer in January 2016, e.g...
 - inspiring guest speakers,
 - key policy/program discussions,
 - recognition for contributions/leadership,
 - 10th anniversary of collaboration through the RAC
- Developing and deploying tools for coordinated comms and marketing

RAC Discussion

- **Additional ideas for actions to fund collaboratively?**
- **Prioritization among actions?**
- **Recommendations for current biennial budget processes?**

