



Eastrail Regional Advisory Council
Friday October 31, 2025 10:00AM – 12:00PM
Meeting held via Zoom

Agenda

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

- RAC Co-Chair Emeritus/City of Kirkland Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold

10:05 AM – 10:15 AM Public Comment on Items on Today's Agenda – Please note that this time is reserved for comments only. Questions are always welcome at Eastrail@kingcounty.gov.

- RAC Co-Chair Emeritus/City of Kirkland Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold

10:15 AM – 10:20 AM Approval of July 25, 2025 RAC Meeting Summary

- RAC Co-Chair Emeritus/City of Kirkland Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold

10:20 AM – 10:50 AM Report Out and Follow Up Actions from the “Future of Eastrail” Workshop (Information and Discussion Item)

- David St. John, Environmental Affairs Officer, King County DNRP

10:50 AM – 11:00 AM Resolving the Eastside Greenways Alliance's Departure from the RAC (Consensus Item)

- RAC Co-Chair Emeritus/City of Kirkland Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold
- David St. John, Environmental Affairs Officer, King County DNRP

11:00 AM – 11:25 AM Grand Connection Project and Wilburton Area Land Use Policy (Information Item)

- Sarah Langton, Lead Consulting Staff, Langton Public Affairs
- Nathan Torgelson, Director – Office of the Grand Connection, City of Bellevue

11:25 AM – 11:35 AM Update on the Implementation of “Welcome to Eastrail” Guidelines and the Trail Ambassadors Program (Information Item)

- Joe Inslee, Project/Program Manager, King County Parks and Recreation Division
- Katherine Hollis, Executive Director, Eastrail Partners





11:35 AM – 11:45 AM Results of the King County Parks Levy Vote and Next Steps (Information Item)

- Warren Jimenez, Director, King County Parks and Recreation Division

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM Progress and Success Updates (Information Item)

- RAC members
- Katherine Hollis, Executive Director, Eastrail Partners

12:00 PM Adjourn

- RAC Co-Chair Emeritus/City of Kirkland Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold



EASTRAIL REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
July 25, 2025 | 10 AM – 12 PM
Woodinville City Council Chambers
17301 133rd Ave NE, Woodinville, WA

Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Members Present: Jessica Forsythe, Redmond Council Vice President and Co-Chair; Sarah Perry, King County Councilmember; John Taylor, King County Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks Director; Jon Pascal, Kirkland Councilmember (alternate for Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold); Tom Teigen, Snohomish County Director of Conservation and Natural Resources; Michelle Evans, Woodinville Councilmember; Ariel Taylor (alternate for Don Billen, Sound Transit)

Welcome and Introductions

RAC Co-Chair and Council Vice President Jessica Forsythe called the meeting to order at 10:07 am, welcomed all in attendance to the third RAC meeting of 2025, and reviewed the agenda.

Approval of April 24, 2025 RAC meeting summary

Councilmember Sarah Perry moved to approve the April 24 meeting summary and Councilmember Evans seconded. **Members unanimously voted to approve the April 24 meeting summary.**

Good of the Order Updates (Information Item)

Woodinville – broke ground on 133rd roundabout and tunnel project. Community members are currently voting on [tunnel skylight and art installation design](#).

Kirkland – moving forward with 132nd crossing project. There is currently a year-long closure at 85th just outside downtown during bridge and shared use pathway construction from downtown Kirkland to the transit center. They are working to expedite completion and potentially find times to open the trail when contractors aren't present given detour challenges.

Redmond – Eastrail segment will open Sept. 12 at 10 am; an official celebration invitation will go out soon. CM Forsythe provided a brief summary of the 'The Future of Eastrail workshop' that was held on June 13.

Sound Transit – continuing to work on NE 85th transit connection. May 10 celebration event opening the Downtown Redmond Link station which connects to the RCCIII was a success and station is already seeing significant use. Rep. Larsen visited to observe the trail/transit connection. They will break ground on Stride BRT facility in Bothell on Aug. 12.

Eastrail Northern Connections – Woodinville and Snohomish County (Information Item)

Jared Hill of the City of Woodinville, Emily Griffith of Snohomish County, and Curt Warber of King County provided updates on Eastrail northern connections with Snohomish County going through Woodinville. Slides were included in the meeting packet.

- **Snohomish County:** Centennial Trail south extension is the northernmost segment of Eastrail. They are working with multiple jurisdictions to connect to additional trails and trails systems. Corridor is currently closed to the public but they have initial funding for planning and early design and will be working on conceptual design and feasibility study this year and begin public engagement in 2026. Cost estimate in 2023 was \$120M but has likely increased. Snohomish

County does not have a parks levy like King County but has a strong capital program. The County is interested in a levy package and is having ongoing conversations with its jurisdictions.

- **Woodinville:** Eastrail will form the spine of a future linear park from the 133rd roundabout to Sammamish River Trail connection with various amenities along the approximately two miles the City has acquired. Projects include:
 - o Removal of the trestle at 131st, road widening and overpass installation
 - o Path to connect King County's Sammamish River Trail to Eastrail in Woodinville
 - o SR202 expansion between NE 175th St and NE 177th Pl, new pedestrian bridge, and trestle repurposing to replace a culvert on Little Bear Creek. Construction will begin in 2027.
 - o 133rd roundabout and tunnel broke ground this week. Will choose the final skylight design later this summer. ROW acquisition and utilities relocation will be a challenge. Tunnel added \$2.5M to project cost but was the best option for user safety. Safe Streets for All may be a potential federal funding source.
- **King County:** As mentioned by Redmond RCC III will be officially opened on Sept. 12. Eastrail main line, Eastrail spur, Woodinville Eastrail, and Sammamish River Trail all converge in Woodinville. When Woodinville connects their Eastrail segment there will be continuous trail from Bellevue through Woodinville. King County is working through prioritization of development of its trail segments and connections here in partnership with the local jurisdictions to support their goals. Currently determining how to connect Eastrail main line over the Sammamish River to Woodinville Eastrail segment. The northern portions of King County's Eastrail main line and spur are currently closed but rails have been removed, and they are ready for future development.

Site Walk of Woodinville Eastrail Corridor Area (Information Item)

Councilmember Michelle Evans, Mayor Mike Millman, and City Manager Brandon Buchanan from the City of Woodinville led a walking tour of key Woodinville Eastrail sections.

Interested parties should send comments to eastrail@kingcounty.gov. Joe Inslee will compile any additional comments received.

Next Steps and Adjournment

The last RAC meeting of the year is October 31. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am before the walking tour began.



EASTRAIL

Let's Connect

**Report Out and Follow Up Actions from the June 2025 “Future of Eastrail”
Workshop**

Information and Discussion Item

October 31, 2025

Report Out and Follow Up Actions from the “Future of Eastrail” Workshop

Today's Focus:

- Recap the Workshop event
- Review what participants shared with us
- Discuss potential follow-up action items
- Share lessons learned from implementing the Workshop



Report Out and Follow Up Actions from the “Future of Eastrail” Workshop

Workshop Recap:

Putting the Workshop in context:

- Almost a decade since the RAC convened an event to hear from such a large group of partners and stakeholders like this
- Significant progress in completing major actions identified in existing guidance, e.g., the RAC’s Creating Connections report from 2013
- A range of development conditions along the corridor: e.g.,
 - major connections completed but more major connections to finish
 - Master Plan trail open in some places
 - high-capacity transit open and more coming on line
 - recent completion of railbanking on the north end
 - trying to acquire more corridor at the south end
- A new generation of Eastrail stakeholders and advocates, with more seasoned folks continuing to lean in
- Subsequent passage of the new KC Parks Levy with significant Eastrail resources
- Much more work to do to achieve Connect – Construct – Complete!

Report Out and Follow Up Actions from the “Future of Eastrail” Workshop

Workshop Recap:

Objectives:

- **Clarify What is Next:** Align partners and supporters around a shared vision for what’s next and emerge from the convening with clear next steps.
- **Inspire Future Commitment:** Energize existing and new partners and supporters by engaging them in generating creative ideas for funding and partnerships that align with their interests.
- **Bolster Partnerships:** Expand and strengthen the coalition of Eastrail supporters by creating opportunities for leaders from government, community-based organizations, private developers, employers, and others to engage with each other and form new relationships.
- **Celebrate Achievements:** Maintain the commitment of partners and supporters by demonstrating progress on Eastrail, highlighting successes, and acknowledging key contributions.



Report Out and Follow Up Actions from the “Future of Eastrail” Workshop

Workshop Recap:

Participation:

- By invitation, so the invitees and participants arrived with some awareness of Eastrail and the vision for its development
- Approximately 130 people were invited, and approximately 80 people participated
- A mix of “old guard” and newer Eastrail stakeholders and advocates
- Attendance boosted by shifting to half day vs. full day



Report Out and Follow Up Actions from the “Future of Eastrail” Workshop

Workshop Recap:

Agenda:

- **Welcome** from RAC Co-Chairs Balducci and Forsythe:
Co-Chairs reflect on the vision for developing the corridor and provide the charge for the workshop
- **Imagine:**
Participants prepare a postcard describing a positive experience they have on the corridor 10+ years into the future
- **Envision:**
Five breakout groups develop forward-looking themes and actions around five topic areas:
 - Funding Eastrail Development
 - Partnerships for Eastrail Development
 - Strengthening and Sustaining Collaboration
 - Activating Eastrail
 - One Corridor, Many Ways to Move
- **Recognize and Commit:**
Participants identify what they will do to help create the desired future of Eastrail

Report Out and Follow Up Actions from the “Future of Eastrail” Workshop

What Participants Shared:

Roles envisioned for Eastrail in the community – the Top 3:

1. Community and social cohesion

Nearly half of participants’ visions for the future (46%) included images of connection to family, friends, and community. The future of Eastrail brings people together.

2. An interconnected Eastside

Many visions for the future of Eastrail (43%) included connections to places – whether home, businesses, work, or neighboring communities.

3. Supporting local business

Many people (41%) imagined that the future of Eastrail would provide opportunities to stop for food, drinks, and shopping.



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What Participants Shared:

Roles envisioned for Eastrail in the community (continued):

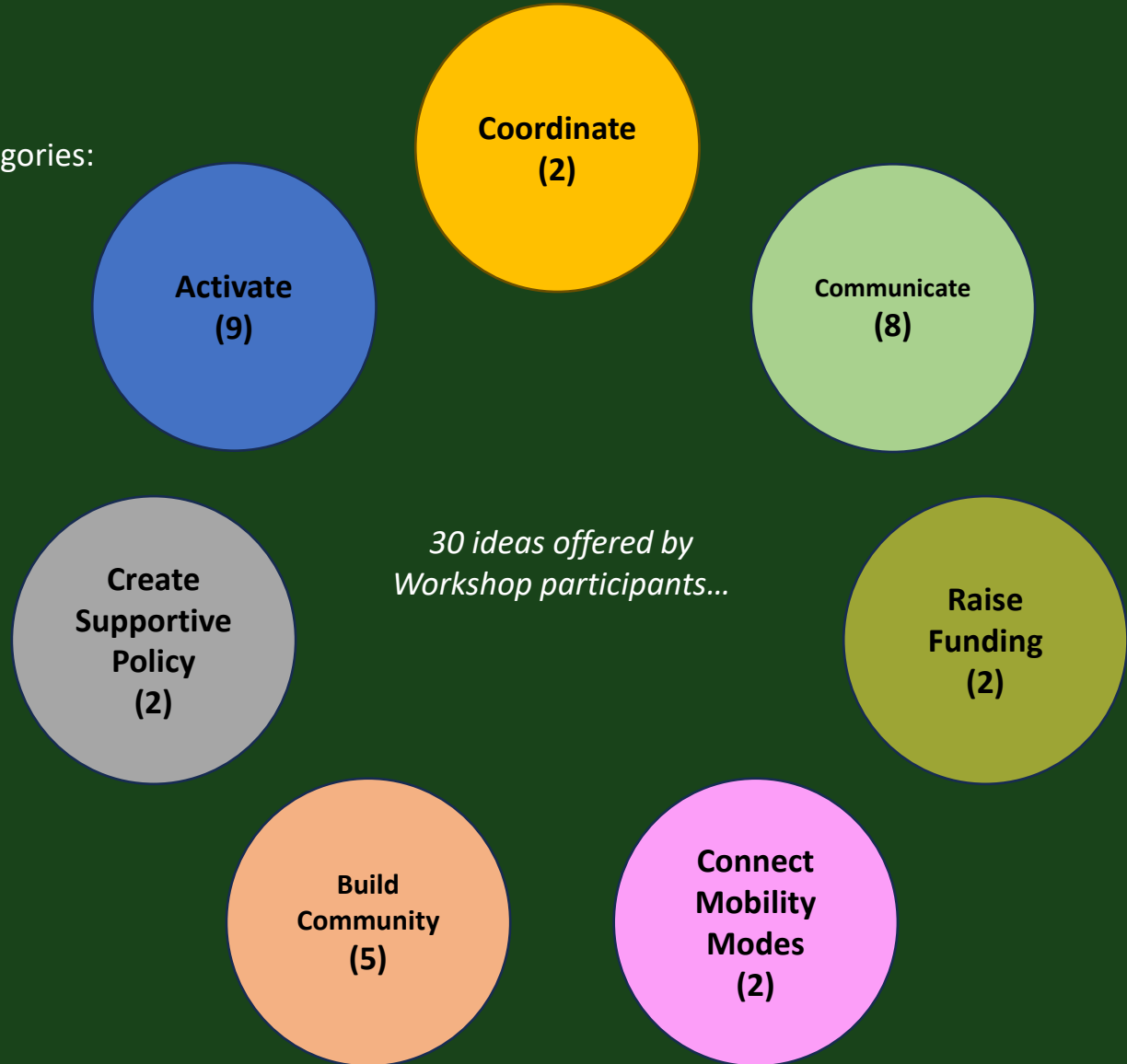
- Lively culture and arts
- Opportunities to recreate and play
- Scenic views and photo ops
- Connections to transit and micro-mobility
- Features for youth and families
- A car-free future
- Access to nature and rural land
- Safety
- Informational and historical features



Report Out and Follow Up Actions from the “Future of Eastrail” Workshop

What Participants Shared:

Action idea themes or categories:



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What Participants Shared:

Ideas for focus and action:

- 30 individual ideas for focus and action
- We’ve heard a portion of these ideas before, with varying levels of action taken, and others are new
- Some are large magnitude ideas, focusing on e.g., refreshing/updating the vision for the corridor and enacting new funding approaches
- Some emphasize more discrete direct action e.g., implementing specific activation actions



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What Participants Shared:

Illustrative ideas:

- Directly and purposely involve community youth in our work (#s 5, 9, 12)
- Explore, develop, and implement new public and private funding strategies and mechanisms (#s 29, 30)
- Refresh and update the vision and development plan for the corridor (#s 10, 20)
- Install amenities that support a positive trail user experience (#s 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 23, 26)
- Implement an “Adopt-a-Trail” program (# 11)
- Incentivize/implement Trail Oriented Development (#s 25, 27, 28)

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Guiding Questions for RAC Discussion:

1. Do any of the large magnitude ideas rise to the level of prompting course corrections in our work?
2. Are there any ideas compelling enough for the RAC as a whole to build them into its 2026 Work Plan? If so, where would the resources come from to implement them?
3. Are there any ideas compelling enough to an individual RAC entity to advance on their own or lead with others?
4. Are there any ideas that add value to our work but clearly would be best implemented by a non-RAC entity? If so, how would that work be best resourced?
5. Do RAC members need more time to consider their options?



Report Out and Follow Up Actions from the “Future of Eastrail” Workshop



Questions and Discussion



Report Out and Follow Up Actions from the “Future of Eastrail” Workshop

A Few Lessons Learned:

- Cost-sharing for events like this is complicated, even with a long lead time and early consensus on agenda and objectives
- Scheduling the event for desired participation and attendance needs a longer window, perhaps a year ahead
- Important to sustain a focus on capturing and honoring the input from Eastrail supporters
- The Eastrail community appreciates the opportunity to get together!



End

Future of Eastrail Workshop

Summary

Last updated: Thursday, July 10

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- Clarify What is Next
- Inspire Future Commitment
- Bolster Partnerships
- Celebrate Achievements

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Charrettes discussed the following topics and themes.

Topic	Discussion themes
Funding Eastrail Development	Creative government funding Direct private investment from corporations and individual donors Tourism Activation and enthusiasm
Partnerships for Eastrail Development	Private partnerships Cultural resources Policy Trail connections
Strengthening and sustaining collaboration	Shared vision Community engagement Public-private partnerships Public ownership and art Communication and capacity

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Activating Eastrail	Markers and signage Culture and interactive art Trail amenities Events and parades Lighting Vendors
One Corridor, Many Ways to Move	Micro-mobility Safety Activation Policy Trail features Transit

Participants reflected on their vision for the future of Eastrail and how they will contribute. Themes from this visioning activity included:

- Supporting partnerships and collaboration to fund further development (34%)
- Advocate or provide bold leadership to support policy change (23%)
- Use the trail and share the vision and excitement with others (21%)
- Volunteer to participate in future community engagement activities (17%)

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OVERVIEW

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Objectives

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An abbreviated agenda for the event is outlined below:

- **Arrive:** Check-in and networking
- **Welcome:** Speeches from Eastrail leadership
- **Imagine:** Activity to visualize the Eastrail of tomorrow
- **Envision:** Charrettes to develop bold ideas
- **Connect and reflect:** Break for rest, reflection, and connection
- **Envision (continued):** Presentation of charrette outcomes
- **Recognize and commit:** Activity to create a personal call to action
- **Adjourn:** Event conclusion



City of Bellevue participant, Camron Parker, sharing his perspective about the future of Eastrail

OUTCOMES

Approximately 70 participants attended the event, including the following elected officials and community leaders:

- King County Councilmember and RAC Co-Chair Claudia Balducci / Office of Claudia Balducci (delivered opening remarks)
- Woodinville City Councilmember Michelle Evans
- Redmond City Council Vice President and RAC Co-Chair Jessica Forsythe
- Renton City Councilmember Ryan McIrvine
- Kirkland City Councilmember Jon Pascal
- King County Council Vice Chair Sarah Perry's office (Alison Smith)
- Bellevue City Councilmember Claire Sumadiwirya

Representatives from Snohomish County also attended the event. Participants also reflected a broad cross-section of the community, including a federally-recognized tribe, private businesses, non-governmental organizations, community groups, transportation advocacy groups, and youth. For a full list of attendees, view [Appendix A: Attendance](#).

Outcomes from each workshop activity are detailed in the sections below.

Visions for the Future of Eastrail

At the beginning of the event, the moderator asked participants to imagine the future of Eastrail. Participants reflected on the following questions as they wrote their vision on a blank postcard template.

- What does Eastrail look like?
- How did I get to the trail, what am I doing on the trail, and where am I going?
- Who am I with and who do I see?
- What destinations, attractions, or activities do I love on Eastrail?
- How is it changing lives and our sense of community?
- What moments or experiences make me love it the most?

This activity resulted in the following themes. A full list of responses is available in [Appendix B: Postcard Transcriptions](#).

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL COHESION

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AN INTERCONNECTED EASTSIDE

Many visions for the future of Eastrail (43%) included connections to places – whether home, businesses, work, or neighboring communities.

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS

Many people (41%) imagined that the future of Eastrail would provide opportunities to stop for food, drinks, and shopping.

LIVELY CULTURE AND ARTS

In addition to local businesses, the future Eastrail corridor would provide opportunities to view cultural events, arts, and music, according to some participants (25%).

OPPORTUNITIES TO RECREATE AND PLAY

Some participants (19%) painted a vision of long bike rides, runs, or walks on the trail, with the infrastructure supporting a healthier lifestyle for eastside communities overall.

“Urban infrastructure in the past has been used to divide people, but Eastrail intentionally builds bridges for a connected future.”

“The trail is always filled with people these days and adds a lot of ease and joy to life.”

SCENIC VIEWS AND PHOTO OPS

Some participants (19%) described places to pause for views and photos along the trail.

CONNECTIONS TO TRANSIT AND MICRO-MOBILITY

Additionally, some participants (17%) described a future Eastrail corridor that is connected to frequent transit and micro-mobility.

FEATURES FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Some participants (17%) visualized Eastrail as a place where several generations could gather, recreate, and play together.

A CAR-FREE FUTURE

Some participants (17%) emphasized that the future of Eastrail would provide an alternative mode of transportation for people who currently choose to drive.

“We've actually moved away from a car-centric community! We are healthier and happier!”

ACCESS TO NATURE AND RURAL LAND

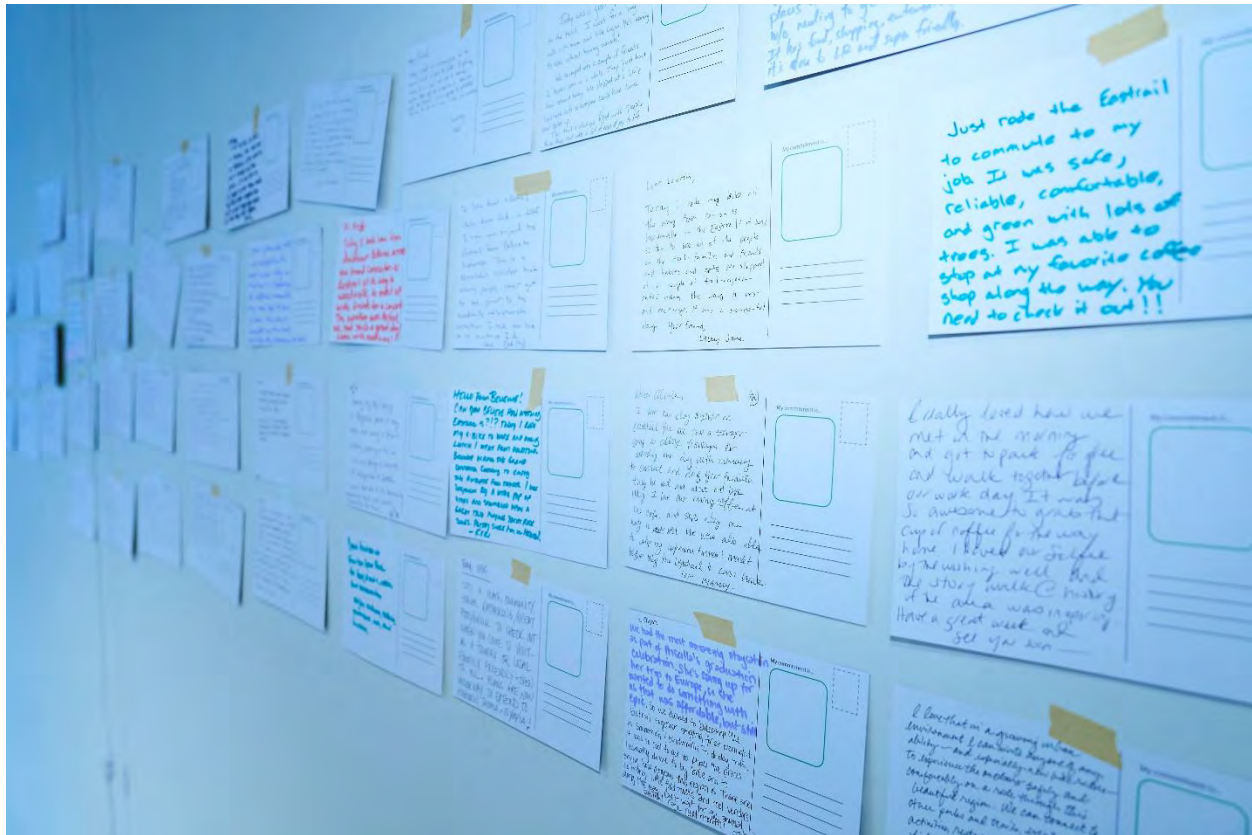
Some participants (16%) are eager for the future of Eastrail to connect them to green space, nature, and rural landscapes.

SAFETY

Some participants (14%) described the visions above with a focus on safety for all users.

INFORMATIONAL AND HISTORICAL FEATURES

Finally, some participants (13%) imagined that the Eastrail corridor would include informational and historical features that helped users connect to the land and legacy of the region.



Wall of postcard visions for the future of Eastrail

Charrette Brainstorming and Presentation

The event planning team planned a charrette activity to generate bold, innovative ideas that support and accelerate Eastrail development. Participants reflected on the questions below in small groups, each with a facilitator and notetaker. Each group had 55 minutes to brainstorm ideas, refine their top concepts, and work with a visual designer to create supporting graphics. After a short break, participants were given another 15 minutes to develop a pitch of their ideas for a presentation.

The summaries below include key findings from each charrette group. Full notes from charrette discussions can be found in [Appendix C: Detailed Notes from Charrette Activity](#).



Steve Kramer (KG Properties) and Jason Rich (King County Parks) brainstorm and visualize bold ideas for Eastrail

GROUP 1: FUNDING EASTRAIL DEVELOPMENT

We have made progress in advancing Eastrail, thanks to funding and resources from valuable private and public partners. That said, several key segments of Eastrail remain unfunded, representing substantial gaps that cannot be bridged through small-scale contributions alone. Realizing the full vision for Eastrail will require bold, coordinated funding solutions.

This charrette group was asked the following questions:

- How can we secure funding to complete the unfunded sections of Eastrail, given state and federal funding constraints and challenges associated with implementing new taxes or local improvement districts?
- What are some successful funding models from other communities that we can learn from?

The discussion generated the following themes:

- **Creative government funding:** Ideas included Tax Increment Financing at the state level, Safe Routes to School, lottery ticket sales, Regional Transit Authority Tax, Transportation Benefit District tax, and public-private conservancy funding.
- **Direct private investment from corporations and individual donors:** Specific examples included a membership model for trail-user contributions, community crowdfunding (e.g.,

“buy-a-foot”), carbon credits, branding to incentive partnerships, and mile programs for trail maintenance and development.

- **Tourism:** Tourism bureaus could support funding by promoting destinations and agricultural attractions in Snohomish County.
- **Activation and enthusiasm:** Activation and enthusiasm around community health could promote funding from e-commerce, educational institutions, arts, and global exchange. Activation could include events like an annual bike-a-thon, festivals, races, and concerts. A portion of the proceeds or fees from these events could support funding for future development.

GROUP 2: PARTNERSHIPS FOR EASTRAIL DEVELOPMENT

Partnerships between government and private developers are essential to building out the vision for Eastrail.

This charrette group was asked the following questions:

- What are some bold ideas for partnerships to accelerate trail-oriented development, and where on Eastrail would they be most effective?
- What policy changes (e.g., zoning or land use) would help make these partnerships possible?

The discussion generated the following themes:

- **Streamlined permitting and approvals:** Predictable permitting and policies that allow private businesses to benefit from trail-oriented development may incentivize public-private partnerships to fund Eastrail development.
- **Cultural resources:** Facilitated government-to-government conversations; investments in indigenous gathering spaces, plants, and placenames; and stewardship agreements may support the protection of cultural resources and meaningful partnerships with tribal nations.
- **Policy:** Zoning and land use code changes would allow for partnerships between local governments, businesses, and housing developers to deliver on trail-oriented development.
- **Trail connections:** Expanding the vision for the trail to include greater connections within communities and beyond the eastside region to inspire partnerships with new jurisdictions and businesses.



Charrette facilitator, Michael Ingram (City of Bellevue), presenting partnerships ideas for Eastrail

GROUP 3: STRENGTHENING AND SUSTAINING COLLABORATION

Implementing the vision for Eastrail requires collaboration between owners, the cities through which Eastrail passes, private developers and property owners, adjacent neighborhoods, community members, and many others.

This charrette group was asked the following questions:

- What conditions are needed for effective collaboration to develop Eastrail?
- What obstacles make collaboration difficult, and how can we overcome them?
- As we look to the future of Eastrail, what role should the Regional Advisory Council and Eastrail Partners play in supporting effective collaboration?

The discussion generated the following themes:

- **Shared vision:** Creating a shared vision and clarity around responsibilities will support a feeling of ownership among stakeholders, supporting sustained collaboration.
- **Community engagement:** Investing in equitable community engagement, listening to opposition and concern, and planning events to inspire the community will build trust and momentum for strong collaboration with the public and local leaders.

- **Public-private partnerships:** Partnerships with private businesses to improve connections, housing opportunities, and amenities may bolster collaboration with businesses and communities that live, work, and play along the trail.
- **Public ownership and art:** Ideas like adopt-a-park and public art corridors could further bolster a feeling of ownership within the community, sustaining collaboration for funding, operations, and maintenance.
- **Communication and capacity:** Collaboration would be supported by easy to access information about the status and goals of Eastrail development; transparency around funding partners; clear roles and responsibilities; and capacity within leadership.



Michael Shiosaki (City of Bellevue) shares Ideas to strengthen collaboration for the funding, operation, and governance of Eastrail

GROUP 4: ACTIVATING EASTRAIL

The future of Eastrail envisions a trail that is vibrant and welcoming. We need to consider how we will draw people and activity to Eastrail.

This charrette group was asked the following questions:

- What are some bold ideas for activating Eastrail and where specifically would these ideas be most effective along the corridor?

- How do we incentivize private developers to create activated and vibrant spaces along the trail?
- What should public agencies do to keep these spaces safe, welcoming, and economically beneficial to all community members?

The discussion generated the following themes:

- **Markers and signage:** Clear wayfinding can highlight the character of the trail and support connections to attractions.
- **Culture and interactive art:** A trail detailed with multilingual and multicultural, interactive, and accessible art will be inviting for all users.
- **Trail amenities:** Trash cans and bathrooms, charging stations, refreshment stands, and busking stations can support activation along the corridor.
- **Events and parades:** Events in all seasons and places for play will support ongoing use and a sense of community along the trail.
 - One participant imagined an annual event called “Miles of Me” that would foster a sense of belonging for youth. Participants would ride a number of miles based on their age or height, and place markers to connect them to their milestone on the trail.
- **Lighting:** Trail electrification would support 24-hour safety, vendor infrastructure needs, and activation for multiple use cases.
- **Vendors:** Space and amenities for food trucks and pop-up vendors would help bring community members together along the trail.



Doc Wilson, founder of Peace Peloton, presents his idea for youth engagement on Eastrail

GROUP 5: ONE CORRIDOR, MANY WAYS TO MOVE

Eastrail is a multi-modal corridor, which means it is designed to accommodate a variety of different transportation uses, including walking, rolling, and transit.

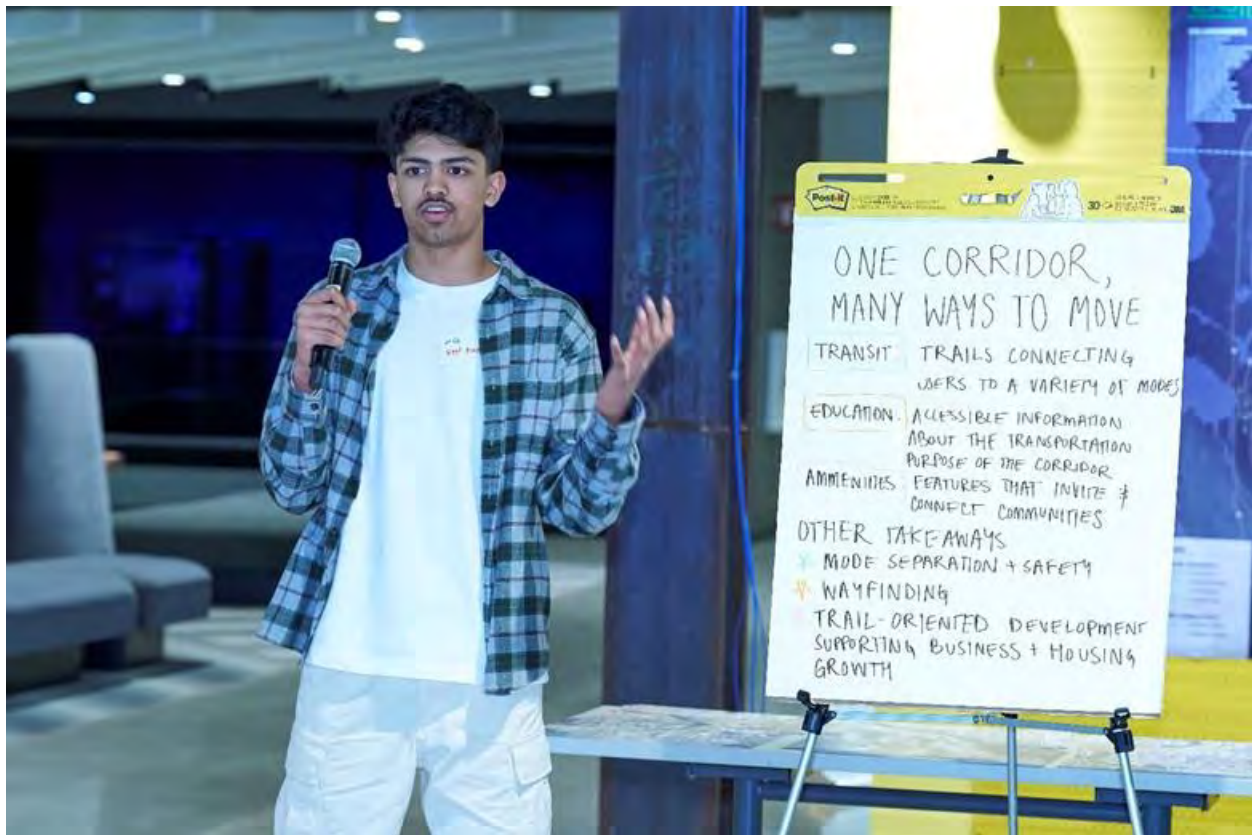
This charrette group was asked the following questions:

- How can we make the most of Eastrail as a mobility corridor, helping people move around the Eastside and the region—whether on the trail, by transit, or through connections to other transportation options?
- What have we learned from communities about their mobility needs, and how can we help address those needs with Eastrail?
- How should we improve connections between the trail and transit, and where along Eastrail should we focus our efforts?

The discussion generated the following themes:

- **Micro-mobility:** Seamless regional micro-mobility, including parking and wayfinding, will help community members make the most of the corridor.
- **Safety:** Mode separation, safe routes to school, and improved street crossings and connections will improve feelings of safety along the trail.

- **Activation:** Events and amenities that engage youth and educate community members about opportunities on the corridor will promote access for all users.
- **Policy:** Policies that support separation from streets, amenities, and affordable housing will enable users to connect to the trail with greater ease and comfort.
- **Trail features:** Grassy recreational areas, bike lockers, access to discounted new mobility devices, trash cans, charging stations, bathrooms, and water fountains will support use across modes.
- **Transit:** Clear, well-timed, accessible, and safe connections to a variety of modes will support the mobility needs of trail users.



Neel Borate, City of Kirkland Youth Ambassador, presents ideas for an interconnected Eastrail

Commitments to the Future of Eastrail

At the end of the event, the moderator asked participants to reflect on their vision for the future of Eastrail and how they will contribute. Responses included the

following themes. A full list of responses is available in [Appendix B: Postcard Transcriptions](#).

“I will work to make sure Eastrail is more than just Eastrail; It’s connected to the neighborhoods, city, and region for all modes and for all ages and abilities.”

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APPENDIX A: ATTENDANCE

Charrette group	Name	Organization
Activating Eastrail	Adam Dibba	Africans on the Eastside
Activating Eastrail	Audrey Fan	One Redmond
Activating Eastrail	Blake Trask	King County Council
Activating Eastrail	Camron Parker	City of Bellevue
Activating Eastrail	Carmon Dalziel	Kirkland Community Foundation
Activating Eastrail	Councilmember Claire Sumadiwiry	City of Bellevue
Activating Eastrail	Doc Wilson	Peace Peloton
Activating Eastrail	Jesse Giordano	HDR
Activating Eastrail	Keri Pravitz	Amazon
Activating Eastrail	Kimberly Dietz	City of Redmond
Activating Eastrail	Lacey Jane Wolfe	City of Bellevue
Activating Eastrail	Megan Adams	Visit Bellevue
Activating Eastrail	Miye Moriguchi	Uwajimaya
Activating Eastrail	Patrick Bannon	Bellevue Downtown Association
Activating Eastrail	Sandy Vo	BelRed Arts
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APPENDIX B: POSTCARD TRANSCRIPTIONS

Vision	Commitment
I just experienced community events that included food vendors and beverages. Live music was performed along the way as I made a leisurely walk in Redmond. It was great b/c I was able to pick up a birthday present from a couple retail vendors along the way. Cameron Z	When opportunities arise --> incorporate ways to include Eastrail - specifically partnerships, wayfinding, collaboration. If no opportunities - make them!
I just took in the incredible views from the Trestle as we rode into Bellevue from Renton - what an amazing experience. Now heading to that new coffee place in Wilburton just off Eastrail! Wow!	Sharing the vision and potential with others who may not be informed. Help create excitement about the vision for Eastrail.
Dear Olivia, I love our day together on Eastrail. You are now a teenager going to college. Thank you for spending the day with mommy to connect and doing your favorite thing be out and about and bike writing. I love our morning coffee at the café, and shops along the way to rest. We were also able to stop by the impromptu farmers market before taking the light rail to come home. Love, mommy.	Promote and utilize the trail this summer and promote in my company.
When you come to visit we will have to bike the trail! We can hit up a few spots along the way with the littles. There are great playgrounds, eats, and hopefully a rest stop will have a market or live music. B, C, Obi + I have lived on this trail all summer and love sharing it with all who come to visit!	Supporting design for future segments and participating in community engagement.
The year is 2035... Eastrail is FULLY paved 42-mile community connector where I see folks from all backgrounds, community, exercising, and connecting. I especially love all the different types of mobility devices you can see on Eastrail for all abilities! Jessica	Serving on the Eastrail RAC and continuing to push for BOLD innovative leadership and completion of the fully paved trail!
Dear friend, Today, I went on a morning run on the Eastrail and it felt so good! I get my vitamin D in and was able to meet new people AND get my exercise in. Have you tried the Eastrail? It's a great experience! I'd love to go on a run with you sometime! Sincerely, Ned	Educating people about this wonderful trail and how using it can make them feel happy, become social, and be more sustainable. Social media, city, school, and events.

Vision	Commitment
2035 - Dear Alumni Ambassador, 1. 50% increase in Bike to School youth commuters at school all along Eastrail including a built-out set of bike path spurs connecting schools, neighborhoods, and the trail. 2. A beloved annual rhythm of Youth Leadership rides connecting middle and high school student leaders, ASB, Green Team, NHS, with city and community transportation planners and policy makers. "Town Hall on Biker" to celebrate what's working and advance what's needed.	Build the living textbook for aligning classroom rigor with community relevance.
Hello! I just rode the Eastrail - you have to add this to your list of things to do! *Beautiful native landscape, floral and trees - you can take photos or selfie. *Easy stops along the way to grab food or meet friends. *It's great for dogs so you can bring your dog! They even have poop bags along the way. *The signage is easy to direct you to places. *There are fun photo ops along the way. *There are many Bike Rental stores along the trail so you can explore the entire trail.	Continue to amplify the initiatives among the Redmond community.
I love that the Eastrail is more than just a trail. It's a way to get around, it's a place to socialize, a place to take in our beautiful region. It's a place to be healthy. It's a place to connect to communities, the outdoors, and one another. - Joe Impecoven	
OMG I just biked Eastrail for the first time in years! I loved how many moments on the trail captured unique views and perspectives I hadn't seen before... high up crossing I-90; looking down into the Mercer Slough from the Wilburton Trestle; a tangle of roads and cars above NE 8th and in Kirkland. Wow!	
2035- I love that I'm able to commute to work without dealing with the isolation, traffic, and frustration of driving!!! Instead of feeling drained from being in my car I am rejuvenated both mentally and physically because of the safe and convenient Eastrail trail! - Rhys	I helped design Eastrail!

Vision	Commitment
2035... With the Eastrail finished and public transportation in full-use, people are traveling less and less by car. Renton is a bike and pedestrian friendly city, and tourism has reached new heights as people are traveling from Bellevue and beyond to experience Lake WA and the hub that now is the Southport. Tourism sees a huge increase as visitors continue to want experiences that are outside of the big city. The efforts of the project completed and the partner marketing campaign has brought rejuvenated traffic to Eastside cities. Headline - "Eastrail sees millions of visitors every year!"	Leading and fostering a sense of collaboration - Got funding to continue programs - Activate public spaces
Welcoming + connected communities thriving and enjoying the full trail in diverse ways --> recreation, transportation, engagement, community development. It's an economic driver offering a FREE mode to visit Renton and beyond!	I advocated for its critical importance to the Renton community. I supported King County's efforts to partner with Renton.
In 2035 I look forward to using Eastrail as an alternative to driving to get where I need to go on the east side. I'd love to run a marathon that begins in Renton and ends in Woodinville via 26.2 miles on Eastrail.	To utilize my political power to build a coalition of support to provide and seek out funding to make the vision a reality.
2035: Eastrail is a way easier way to get from place to place or city to city. There are easy ways to access the trail from residential areas, so individuals and families use it often as a replacement for driving. In addition, with expanded light-rail access, you can use the trail to start your journey into downtown Seattle as well.	Tell friends and family and use it myself!
Eastrail excites me: It's safe- no fear of vehicle accidents. It's beautiful. Lots of fun places to stop on your journey.	

Vision	Commitment
I really loved how we met in the morning and got to park for free and walk together before our workday. It was so awesome to grab a cup of coffee for the way home. I loved our selfie by the wishing well and the story walk at history of the AUA was inspiring. Have a great week and see you soon.	
Just rode the Eastrail to commute to my job. It was safe, reliable, comfortable, and green with lots of trees. I was able to stop at my favorite coffee shop along the way. You need to check it out!!	
Today was a great April afternoon on the trail. I went for a long walk with Mom and little Logan. He's learning to ride without training wheels! We bumped into a couple of friends I hadn't seen in a while. They just had their second baby. We stopped at a little trail side cafe so everyone could have lunch and catch up. The trail is always filled with people these days and adds a lot of ease and joy to life.	
Hello from Bellevue! Can you BELIEVE how amazing Eastrail is?!? Today I rode my E-bike to work and during lunch I went from downtown Bellevue across the Grand Connector Crossing to enjoy the awesome food trucks. I was surprised by a little pop-up store and stumbled upon a great trio playing yacht rock songs. Pretty sure I'm in heaven! - Keri	
Hi Fred- Today I took lime from downtown Bellevue across the Grand Connection to Eastrail all the way to Woodinville to meet up with friends for a concert! The weather was perfect, we had such a great day! Come with next time!	

Vision	Commitment
Today I left my house in Bothell, rode to work and after work rode to a concert, met friends for a glass of wine, stopped for groceries, and got home without touching a car or fighting traffic on my bike! We've actually moved away from a car-centric community! We are healthier and happier!	
What I love about Eastrail. *Views from Wilburton Bridge. *Connections: MTSG Trail (Great American Rail Trail), Grand Connection. *Google Campus crossing. *Lake Washington views. *Woodinville Gateway Bridge. *Gene Coulon Park Connection.	
It's a very safe experience to walk/bike with my family. Along the way, there are beautiful views, ways of seeing the surroundings that you can't see any other way and really fun things to do along the way: shops, food, entertainment, and more!	
Words cannot express how I feel today to be included having great conversations and connections. African or the Eastside is a small grassroot organization but we are also mightier. WE LOVE CULTURE.	To continue to work with Eastrail.
I woke up in the morning, got coffee and headed to Renton to start my ride. I headed north, enjoying my ride on paved and gravel sections with a view of Lake Washington. I stopped at Snohomish Pie Company for lunch and delicious dessert before heading to the barn just north of Arlington. -Ari	
Dear Friend, It's a place to go to, not just walk or bike through. A place where everyone feels welcomed as a gathering place that's built for everyone. Arts and culture. Retail and F&B. Music. -Nate C	

Vision	Commitment
When I think about Eastrail, I think about how this project is setting a different type of legacy than ones we've seen before. One that is centered around building community, connections and vibrancy. Urban infrastructure in the past has been used to divide people, but Eastrail intentionally builds bridges for a connected future. It will draw in all 5 senses, and will pave a path for more positively impactful projects. Sandy Vo	
Today I had a fun visit to Renton where I rode my bike down to Coulon Park for a picnic lunch with a few friends, and then rode on the new trail - beautiful! - out the Cedar River Trail to see salmon showing up to spawn in the river.	
Yo Barack! I hope Michelle and the kids are doing well. 2035 is proving to be an amazing year - democracy has been restored and Eastrail has been completed! You'd love this trail. It's over 40 miles of seamless pedestrian/micromobility connectivity to public spaces, communities are alive. People are able to come together in ways that have been limited previously by car-centric design. Anyways, I'm out of space - Check yah later. Sincerely, Matt Jack	Being AWESOME
Dear Renee - I can't wait to share this amazing trail experience with you when you visit WA. We could easily spend several days exploring it and the communities along it. Outstanding public art, incredible food and a way to explore this region out of traffic!	Realizing public art on or near Eastrail with our county partners.
Come find me at Fenton Spur Park for food, drinks, music, and community. Enjoy walking, talking, pickleball, art, and history.	I helped get the CKC paved.

Vision	Commitment
Hello friend, I went on the best bike ride today on Eastrail! I thought I would only bike in Bellevue, but I biked all the way to Woodinville!! Best part of the trip was every few miles there was art, historical signs and clearly marked openings to each town. I got lunch, wine, and a present for you! Megan	Connect partners with opportunities. Help fund activations. Promote programs. Support bike program. Bring visitors to trail.
Dear friend (in 2035!), have you heard about this Regional Trail called the Eastrail?! It is this magical corridor all along the Eastside that paves its way safely to all the places that you need to go, all without needing to get into a car. It has food, shopping, entertainment. It's close to LR and super friendly.	Continued support of innovative contracting, funding, permitting, and implementing strategies.
Today, I rode my bike to work in Bellevue, then rode over to Wilburton after work to meet friends and have dinner. It was late so I jumped on the train with my bike that dropped me off a mile from my house for the easy ride home. Steve	Help activate the trail through development and recruiting businesses to locate on the trail and develop housing on the trail.
The Eastrail is such a wonderful connection space for outdoor events! The flat trail makes it easy and fun to go along and experience the variety of multicultural activities taking place today. Live music, food and craft vendors, educational signage, and more are highlighted, and everything is surrounded by native plants! I hope you get to visit soon so we can go together!	To continue advocating for collaborative partnerships between CBOS and cities for policy and systems change for equitable access to the trail and surrounding areas.
Eastrail is my favorite way to get around the Eastside. I can use it to get to work, shopping, entertainment, and transit, with an easy bike ride. I see lots of other people on the trail, nearly all clearly enjoying themselves. And the apartments, offices and shops along the trail all have interesting design and "people places" facing the trail. -Mike Ingraham	Generate enthusiasm for completing trail and connections to the trail. Facilitate charting a concept for improvements within corridor in Bellevue.
2035 What do I love about Eastrail? I got out of my car and rode my bike to the coffee shop to meet a friend! I enjoyed being outside and getting exercise. I imagined what it was like during my ancestors' time to be more connected with our land.	Partnerships. Collaboration awareness of space and place and recognizing land use in the past and future!

Vision	Commitment
This trail is the perfect blend of open space, with lots of interesting art, public gardens, businesses, and community spaces along the way. You can get there so easily from the Easton West on the accelerated Light Rail lines and Bellevue made safe, connected passage into the rest of the city on safe, protected bike infrastructure running East and West from Wilburton! Colin	Push harder for multicultural and multilingual activation and investment on corridor
Michele, Do you remember in 2025 when we sat at the Eastrail meeting in Bellevue. Did you think this would actually become a reality? It was amazing to ride our bikes down the hill from the West Ride, stop for a coffee at Mercury's then ride along the Eastrail to Kirkland. But really, we just couldn't wait to turn around, get back to Woodinville, grab a glass of rose at the winery on the trail, then see what was happening at the pop-up shops nearby. Let's do it again next weekend and play some pickleball... then more rosé! Kimberly	Continuing conversations with biz to get involved with E.P. Bringing Eastrail to the forefront of developers' minds so they consider T.O.D.
When you visit the area, it is important that you ride on the Eastrail trail. It is an outstanding journey through various communities and makes connections to multiple event space locations. No matter what day you ride it, there is always something to enjoy. A farmers' market, store, festival, or just a coffee shop will be found along your ride. Keith	Bringing people to the trail and sharing connections with my community members.
Dear Kimberly - Today I was on Eastrail in Woodinville and I can't help reflecting on the impact it has had on our community. I browsed and bought so many unique gifts from our local creative community in affordable commercial spaces around the trail. This creative district is always interesting and vibrant, with something new and interesting. I love seeing our Miyawaki pocket forests healing and rehabilitating the land. It's amazing to see how the trail has gotten people out of their cars and into community. Michelle Evans	Finding opportunities for economic, development, arts, culture and play to make Eastrail a vibrant community.

Vision	Commitment
Ordie, I wanted to THANK YOU for introducing me to the love of cycling! 30 years ago, we did our first century using the centennial trail as our launching point, and then we cycled on the roads to get to other trails in King County. Remember those days? Fun times, but also scary, with the traffic. Today I can do a century all on one trail, starting in Arlington all into King County, the Eastrail. It rocks! Thanks again. SAFE riding and may the wind always be at your back. Rich	I loved building community partnerships that were a key role in funding and lobbying local gov/fed/state gov for the funds to build this trail.
Years from now, what will delight me the most when riding on Eastrail is to experience the different communities along and feel the sense of place - from urban to greenbelts and farmlands. And stop along businesses on the trail!	
I love... being able to travel by bike and meet people at the giant salmon art-piece and then go have a drink, dinner, and way out along the trail... then go back home, which is also near Eastrail!	Worked to implement code that makes it happen
Mom. We had the most amazing staycation as part of Priscilla's graduation celebration. She's saving up for her trip to Europe, so she wanted to do something with us that was affordable, but still epic. So, we decided to bike camp the Eastrail together, stopping for an overnight in Snohomish and Woodinville to do day trips. It was so cool to get to know the places I usually drive to by bike and enjoy how gorgeous this region is. There are so many little food trucks and cool vendors along the way. Can't wait for the annual Eastrail race next month! Anicia	
Eastrail is a green pathway through a dense urban community.	To advocate to get the I-90 bridge built
Taking my dog and family to Marymoor park on my bike and seeing a concert before jumping on the 2 line and taking it across the 1-90 bridge back to Seattle. I would also like to see community organized races and events activating the trail.	Opening up all these Light Rail lines to connect these communities together

Vision	Commitment
In 2034, I imagine biking on Eastrail with my partner, enjoying the natural beauty of our region. I imagine using Eastrail to get to brunch, shopping, or recreation. As a Seattle resident, I hope that Eastrail will be accessible to me via light rail, and the 1-line and 2-line link up!	I used my communications background to advocate for Eastrail construction and continued use.
Dear Tyler, Today I rode the Lake Washington Loop! 50 miles of fun. It's my favorite bike ride in the area. By far, my favorite part is on the Eastrail trail. I feel my nerves calm as soon as I get on that amazing piece of infrastructure. No fighting with cars, lots of trees, glorious flat riding. I love taking the train from Seattle over the I-90 bridge. Remember when we used to ride over the bridge? Hated it. Now its transit to trail. Let's do a ride together soon. Katy	Making sure Eastrail connects to transit stops with good sidewalks and protected bike lanes and safe crossings.
Yo! Wow! I'm so glad I live next to Eastrail! It's done so much to get people walking and cycling around our community, due in no small part to the way we've made it simple to use and reach important destinations. I really enjoyed being able to hop on and off my bike to stop by all the stores I needed to visit, AND I met three new people that I've been riding by for a long time! We've really been able to use Eastrail to make the most of our region's transit investments. I'm looking forward to teaching my grandchildren to bike on the Eastrail. Woohoo! -Kurt	I never stopped advocating for mobility, safety, and freedom in any of my various capacities. I never gave up.

Vision	Commitment
Hi friend, Because housing costs have come exorbitantly down, I can afford to live in Bellevue again and enjoy Eastrail! It's such a great public amenity, in this, the year of our lord 2035. I particularly love how easy it was to access with the great network of protected, on-street bike lanes that Bellevue rapidly constructed to keep everybody safe. I love the views from the Trestle, I love watching the construction of the Grand Connection bridge and I love how easy it is to get around the day-to-day businesses I need to frequent without a car. The diversity of businesses, people, and housing types around the trail make it my favorite place on the Eastside! -Chris	I will work to make sure Eastrail is more than just Eastrail; it's connected to the neighborhoods, city, and region for all mode and for all age and ability.
To Julia, Ansel, and Bodic! Hello from Dad, in 2025. I hope you enjoyed the Eastrail from Bellevue to Snohomish. This is a beautiful corridor that many people never get to see, prior to the Woodinville --> Snohomish connection. I hope you love it as much as I do. Love - Dad (Bug)	To stay committed to the Eastrail Board until the trail connects to downtown Snohomish.
Never in my life, I thought I was able to ride a bike with my kids and elderly parents due to a close-to-death bike accident. Thank you for making this happy for others like me. Claire Sumadiwiry	Stay engaged and be open minded during the process and rally the whole community for it.
Dear Lauren, Today I rode my bike all the way from Renton to Woodinville on the Eastrail! It was so fun to see all of the people on the trail - family and friends and babies and pets. We stopped at a couple of trail adjacent cafes along the way to rest and recharge. It was a wonderful day. Your friend, Lacey Jane	Participate in PST and support RAC meetings and future events.
Hey future friend, Thanks for teleporting over to the house las week. Next month, let's go back and try out that next leg of the Eastrail that links up to the new Vancouver to Vancouver trail!	Facilitating communications on E projects and keeping E a priority for funding and implementation.
2035. Eastrail will be a true alternative to driving a personal vehicle. The trail will reduce our VMT's and be a safe experience for all levels of riders.	To continue keeping Eastrail a priority and pursue funding opportunities.

Vision	Commitment
2035: You can experience a variety of amazing scenery from countryside to dense urban landscapes. Taking in the incredible views all while being outside and away from any screen!	Continue to serve on the PTRC for Redmond and dedicate myself to advocating Eastrail as an initiative for growth on the Eastside.
I love that I can take a ride with my parents and my kids - three generations within my family - and bike safely from the city where I grew up to surrounding communities that as a kid I had to get driven to or take a lengthy bus ride to. Eastrail has truly transformed the Eastside for all ages.	I contributed to trail development and O&M standards for all jurisdictions to follow.
Eastrail is fully supported with numerous projects that make it peaceful, relaxing, and safe. You can use it to go to practically anywhere, as it connects to Metro. Just think; 42 miles of trail to connect places like Redmond to Snohomish. Why bother using cars now? It's about the journey, not the destination, and Eastrail offers an exciting, reliable, and pleasant journey.	Use the Eastrail at least once in the next 2 months. I've contributed to Eastrail by coming here because of my interest for a peaceful mode of transportation.
Dear Gillian, I just rode on Eastrail with my kids and partner and it was such a magical experience. The ride had a diversity of manners and experiences along the way that truly added to the character of the adventure. There were moments marked by art, furniture, framing of views, etc. that highlighted special parts of the complete trail without competing with the journey, just supporting and amplifying it. We should ride it again next weekend! -Selina	To support the realization of public art experience along the entire Eastrail corridor.
Hello Christian - I am writing to share an incredibly amazing cycling experience I had while riding through Kirkland. I took a quick detour to Island Soul, a restaurant I've been wanting to try for a while and the food was - DOPE!! I'm glad the trail was so close to retail, with easy access on and off the trail - Doc	Partner on more events.
Eastrail is a great way to experience the eastside communities in a safe, fun, and engaging way! Everyone is welcome on this inclusive trail.	Continue to work on cross-jurisdictional commitments and collaboration, and public-private partnerships.

APPENDIX C: DETAILED NOTES FROM CHARRETTE ACTIVITY

Funding Eastrail Development

IDEA GENERATION

- Creative government funding
 - Unlock full power of Tax Increment Financing at state level
 - “Safe routes to school” funding with focus on trail connections to schools
 - Funding from lottery ticket sales (trail in Colorado)
 - Applying private funding to enhanced commute reduction requirements for employers
 - Regional Transit Authority (RTA) or Transportation Benefit District (TBD) type taxes
 - Corporate support
 - Both fiscal and advocacy – city, county, state, and federal
 - Temporary BED tax
 - Public-private conservancy partnerships
 - Formal partnerships
 - Leverage private donations, corporate grants, volunteer labor
 - Cap improvements without tax revenue
- Direct private investment
 - Build membership model for public/trail user contributions
 - Gets small donors, monthly donors, planned estate gifts (might be good for ongoing activation)
 - Melinda French and Mackenzie Scott
 - Carbon credits
 - Allow more partnerships branded to get private dollars
 - Adopt a mile program for businesses or individuals
 - Companies could do volunteer days for their employees to support upkeep
 - TOD developers funding the sections
- Tourism
 - Tourism Bureaus to promote (like NY’s Empire State Trail) destinations along the way, “wineries, farms, attractions”
 - Agritourism partnership
- Activation and enthusiasm
 - Biz project with edible and native plants and small homestead garden, all towards good health and wellbeing and neighborhood food security, education
 - That project can bring funds from different sectors and globally
 - Funding sources

- E-commerce products via planting products
 - Education
 - MNSD GS
 - Arts
 - Tourism/global exchange
- Competition with another trail project to reach fundraising goal, getting cities and towns to get in on the competition
- Drive usership
- Innovation
 - Modern hydrogen – “buy a foot” to pave the trail – other community crowdfunding opportunities
 - Partner on trail construction with WSU or other universities
- Events
 - Annual events: bike-a-thon, community funded and sponsorship
 - Special events and program revenue
 - Host high-profile events (festivals, races, concerts) that generate permit fees, sponsorships, concessions and gets everyone involved
 - Build EP’s capacity partner with established orgs on events (e.g., bike ride with Cascade bike with profit there)
 - Annual festival or race that can fundraise for the trail

PRESENTATION

Pitch to Mackenzie Scott and Melinda French Gates on building on Elliot Bay Trail Investment

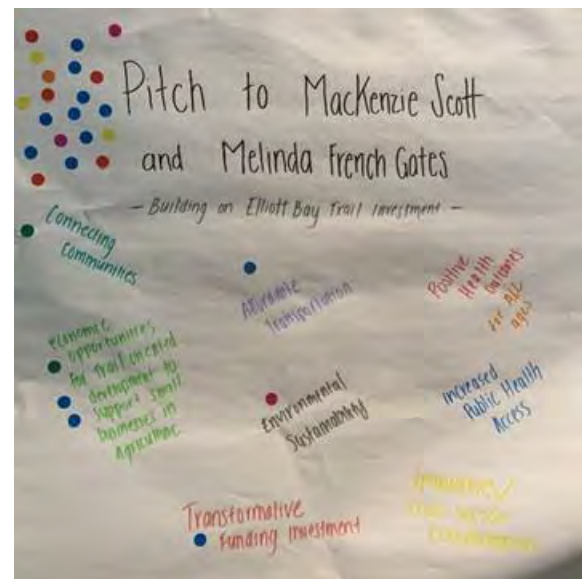
- Connecting communities
- Economic opportunities for trail-oriented development to support small businesses in agriculture
- Affordable transportation
- Environmental sustainability
- Transformative funding investment
- Positive health outcomes for all ages
- Increased public health access
- Industries/cross-sector collaboration



Photo from the annual Atlanta Beltline Lantern Parade



AI-generated image of a woman and kids on a trail with murals on either side



Presentation notes with stickers representing support from workshop participants

Partnerships for Eastrail Development

IDEA GENERATION

- Private partners
 - Public-private partnerships
 - Incentivize partners by creating predictable, consistent agreements and permitting (boilerplate, templates, etc.)
 - Develop local policies that encourage and allow private businesses to use the trail for operations where space exists

- Cultural resources
 - For government-to-government conversations regarding land use cultural resources
 - Indigenous gathering spaces with our placenames, structures, and indigenous plants
 - Meaningful engagement with indigenous tribes
 - Protection of natural resources and precontact artifacts
 - Zoning overlay to partner with the Duwamish Tribe that would allow them to steward land along the trail in each city
 - Zoning and land use code amendments that are updated in collaboration with CBOs led by and serving BIPOC and immigrant communities
 - Partnerships with local schools to learn about non-car transportation and native plants
- Policy
 - Rezone within ¼ mile of the trail for trail-oriented development (townhouse to midrise) and pair with government investments in mobility grid
 - Reevaluate and ease public policies and protocols to be more attractive for corporate sponsors to contribute to the development of the trail (i.e., branding opportunities)
 - Corporate investment fund for affordable housing (30-60) specifically within ¼ mile of trail
 - Focus on areas that bridge to existing activity centers
 - E.g., South of 85th St to DT Kirkland
 - For government owned/significant properties do a big international competition for redevelopment
 - Local government could create funds to support the creation of interim connections between Eastrail and existing adjacent development - for example, connection to Uwajimaya
 - Allow other amenities in ROW
- Trail Connections
 - Extend link to Auburn, Tacoma, and Olympia – adherence and compliance with formal rules of engagement/protocols by state and US government
 - Trail connections that make it easier to walk/ride safer into community spaces and businesses
- Misc.
 - Tourism focus gets more traffic (bike tours, collab with local businesses)

PRESENTATION

Goal – Making corridor a great and inviting place!!!

- Land use code now!! Incentivizes connection and co-use, engagement with trail
- Invest in enhancement to corridor – make it a great place
- Activate corridor with cultural and arts programming, recreation, access, transportation

- Partnerships – corporate, small business, developer, residents, tribes, schools, community-based organizations



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Strengthening and Sustaining Collaboration

IDEA GENERATION

- Shared vision
 - Ongoing celebrations of progress
 - Conditions: common vision purpose
 - Ensuring shared vision and clarity on responsibilities
 - “Can-do” attitude
 - Truly a shared vision and goals, desired outcomes
 - Openness to change
- Community engagement
 - Big vision shared with the community
 - Identification of stakeholder needs and worries
 - Shared toolbox for community engagement so there is equitable engagement of communities along the trail
 - Bring potential opposition to the table

- Events – trail races, parades, celebration
- RAC should be the partner to the community once the trail is complete
- Collaboration needs... sustainable future
 - O&M
 - Staffing
- RAC-Eastrail support – outreach, clearly layout timeline and support needed, develop a streamline easy, open process to participate
- Public/private
 - Corporate campus development like google in Kirkland (regional economic model)
 - Impact fee credits/funding partnership with private development
 - Lease/easements that preserve the corridor width and purpose but also development
 - Development agreement with private developers for developing trail improvements and amenities on the corridor
 - ID opportunities for more trail connections through private and public properties
- Funding
 - Barries – money for fully paved
 - Fix gas tax and preserve local funding for transportation
 - Collaborate – partner with small businesses to fund creative ways to activate the trail
 - 42 miles of art
 - Some sort of live data dashboard includes:
 - Progress/milestone
 - Funding
 - Ridership/traffic
 - Effective communication between partners, streamlined avenues of communication and dedicated points of contact
 - Move art everywhere
 - Adopt-A-Park model, particularly for O&M
 - Private partnership model – building trail, trail-oriented development, O&M
 - Sustainable way to fund Eastrail Partners/other centralized capacity
- Misc. - obstacles
 - Need consistent baseline knowledge among jurisdictions to foster excitement
 - Difficulties: workload
 - Obstacle - differing senses of urgency and abilities to capitalize on opportunities
 - Not knowing who to talk to or partner with
 - Poor communication and task delegation
 - Physical space
 - Time and resources to get group together and have group willing to participate

PRESENTATION

Strengthening and sustaining collaboration of funding, operation, and governance

- Governance (ILA)
 - To uphold the shared vision
 - Develop a shared tool kit
 - Establish long term commitment
- Tools/resources
 - Trail standards/guidelines
 - O&M standards
 - Community outreach
- Public/private partnerships
 - Trail oriented development
 - Adopt-a-park



*Presentation notes with stickers
representing support from workshop
participants*

Activating Eastrail

IDEA GENERATION

- Markers and signage
 - Clear wayfinding to attractions
 - Markers along trail highlighting character of spaces
 - Trail ambassadors to help support and guide
- Culture and interactive art
 - Showcasing more accessible arts for the public
 - Movable art, participatory art
 - Allow users to personalize parts of the trail
- Trail amenities
 - Trash cans and bathrooms
 - Cell phone charging stations
 - Refreshment stands
 - Busker live stations
- Bike/helmet/accessibility
 - Accessible on/off areas
 - Bike rental and loan options
- Events and parades
 - Pickleball
 - Themed rides
 - Events in winter
- Lighting

- Colorful lights and well-lit at night
- 24-hour lights, create safe walking spaces
- Safety buttons
- Vendors
 - Food trucks
 - Space for pop-up vendors
 - Electrical outlets to support vendors
 - Encourage local businesses to have pop-ups
- Affordable housing and affordable commercial spaces

PRESENTATION

Activating Eastrail

- Wayfinding as art
 - Unique wayfinding signage
 - Incorporates art and interactive technology
 - Inviting people to communities and attractions and businesses
 - Multilingual and multicultural
- Trail electrifying
 - Creating 24 hours of safety
 - Support vendor infrastructure needs
 - Activates the trail for multiple use cases
- Growth journey - “miles of me”
 - Interactive match-my-miles growth journey
 - Fosters sense of belonging to the trail
 - Grassroots way to grow community



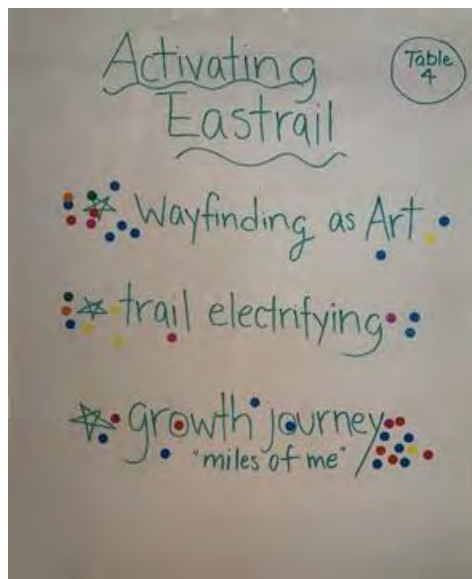
AI-generated image showing trail electrification



AI-generated image showing young people engaging with the future trail



AI-generated image showing wayfinding as art



Presentation notes with stickers representing support from workshop participants

One Corridor, Many Modes

IDEA GENERATION

- Micro-mobility
 - Seamless regional shared micromobility

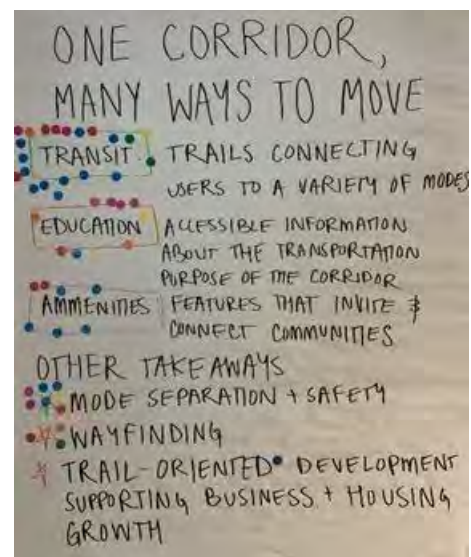
- Comprehensive micromobility parking network and wayfinding
 - Promote 3rd way
 - Cross-jurisdictional alignment that we need a dedicated route for micromobility
 - Public space integration
 - Modes thrive when connecting people to places
 - This needs to be emphasized to justify meaningful trips
 - Mobility connectors are only as good as they are connected
 - We need to make sure the trail is connected beyond just the immediate surrounding area with a safe, protected bike network that's accessible to all ages and abilities
- Safety
 - 50% increase in youth biking to school with a beautiful spider web of safe routes to school
 - Separate walk and bike
 - Safe connections to schools!
 - Safe/easy connections and access to the trail from nearby roads
 - Improve street crossings to prioritize pedestrian safety over cars
 - Never having to cross a street or deal with cars
- Activation
 - Make sure that everyone knows about Eastrail
 - Advertise for health and social benefits
 - Education and encouragement
 - Annual carbon commute count for all schools every fall, followed by youth-led and curriculum aligned impact campaigns
 - Highlighting destinations from S to North
 - Beloved tradition for an annual rhythm of international generational town hall on bike
 - Youth leaders ride with adult leaders to discuss mobility
 - Pilot programs to try things (pop-up community spaces, food stands, etc.)
 - Trail/transit connection education in schools – make it part of local curriculum
- Policy
 - Avoiding being next to streets
 - Make the trail pet-friendly
 - Incentivize affordable housing along corridor
 - Creating sustainable city plans and school district plans to advocate for this
 - State's new shared streets policy used by jurisdictions along corridor
- Trail features
 - Having grassy recreation areas along trail
 - Wayfinding signage is consistent in color coding, size, multiple languages

- Wayfinding – let people know what they can get to and how long it will take by foot/bike
- Bike locker access for safe storage
- Access to free or discounted bikes
- Multiple trash cans
- Having E-Bike charging stations
- Bathrooms
- Water fountain access on trail
- Seamless 520 trail connectivity
- Bike lockers and all transit connections to facilitate commute via bikes with security for e-bikes, etc.
- Talk about sustainable benefits of the ways and transportation in advertising
- Locked bike share with ORCA
- Create meaningful east-west connections for the trail
- Pave the trail
- Transit
 - Linking Eastrail up with train and bus stations and routes
 - Connectivity between Eastrail and Seattle
 - More bike space on ST trains
 - Extra bike train car
 - Fully protected bike lanes in Renton to connect stride BRT
 - Make as many connections as possible from trail to train/bus stations ADA compliant
 - Aligning with bus schedules

PRESENTATION

One Corridor, many ways to move

- Transit: Trails connecting users to a variety of modes
- Education: accessible information about the transportation purpose of the corridor
- Amenities: Features that invite and connect communities
- Other takeaways
 - Mode separation and safety
 - Wayfinding
 - Trail-oriented development supporting business and housing growth



Presentation notes with stickers representing support from workshop participants



AI-generated image showing a trail connected to transit



AI-generated image showing safe connections along the trail



AI-generated image showing a trail separated from traffic



AI-generated image of affordable housing adjacent to the trail



AI-generated image of trail amenities, including trash cans along the trail



Let's Connect

Resolving Eastside Greenway Alliance's Departure from the RAC

Consensus Item

October 31, 2025

Resolving Eastside Greenway Alliance's Departure from the RAC

Today's Focus:

- Review options considered for addressing EGA's departure
- Review mechanics of changing RAC membership
- Reach RAC consensus decision on how to proceed
- Identify next steps



Resolving Eastside Greenway Alliance's Departure from the RAC

Options Discussed for Addressing EGA's Departure:

1. Keep the seat on the RAC for the role EGA was performing, and immediately identify and secure a new entity(ies) to take that seat
2. Keep the seat on the RAC, but leave it unfilled while RAC works through a timely process to identify a new entity(ies) to take that seat
3. Eliminate the RAC seat and reduce the number of RAC member entities
 - AND Over the longer term, decide on how to sustain a community voice in future RAC meetings



Resolving Eastside Greenway Alliance's Departure from the RAC

Anticipated Steps for Revising RAC Membership to Formalize EGA's Departure:

1. Letter from EGA to RAC Co-Chairs indicating its intention to leave the RAC (received October 17, 2025)
2. RAC consensus agreement on confirming EGA's departure and the resulting modification of RAC membership
3. Letter of Interest among RAC member entities affirming the membership revision

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.

4. Revision and execution of the MOU to show the new membership

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.

5. King County Council Motion approving the MOU (for KC) and formalizing the new RAC membership
6. RAC member resolution publicly acknowledging the contributions of EGA to progress on Eastrail priorities and thanking EGA and its member entities for these contributions

RAC Consensus Decision

- *Is there consensus among RAC members agreeing to revise the membership of the RAC to reflect EGA's departure?*

Questions, Discussion and Decision

END

Reference slides
follow

RAC Membership Revision – Eastside Greenway Alliance

Current Circumstances of Eastside Greenway Alliance:

- EGA has been a valuable member of the RAC since 2017
 - Provided a supportive voice from the stakeholder community on the RAC
 - Coordinated the engagement of several non-governmental entities that support Eastrail
 - Lead and supported implementation of actions to address high priorities
- The formation and effectiveness of Eastrail Partners has added a new avenue for community engagement
- EGA member entities remain supportive of Eastrail but have decided to disband their group

RAC Membership Revision – Eastside Greenway Alliance

Priorities for the Eastside Greenway Alliance:

- 1. Rebrand the Eastside Rail Corridor** as a way to communicate the vision to the public
 - Eastrail rebranding completed in 2019
- 2. Secure funding for trail**
 - funding for the Wilburton Trestle (including \$3m State; \$500k Group Health; \$1m from Bellevue)
 - advocacy for strong investment (\$50m) via the 2019 to 2025 KC Parks levy
- 3. Government partners identify a long-term plan to complete the trail by forming a **Blue Ribbon Funding Commission**.**
 - The Funding Commission recommended the formation of a friends of group, which set the stage for Eastrail Partners

SUCCESS!

RAC Membership Revision – Eastside Greenway Alliance

Eastside Greenway Alliance Members:

- Cascade Bicycle Club
- Transportation Choices Coalition
- Futurewise
- Forterra
- Mountains to Sound Greenway
- Move Redmond
- Trust for Public Land
- Washington Trails Association





Welcome to the Eastrail Community Guidelines

Eastrail Regional Advisory Council
October 31, 2025

2025 Scope of Work

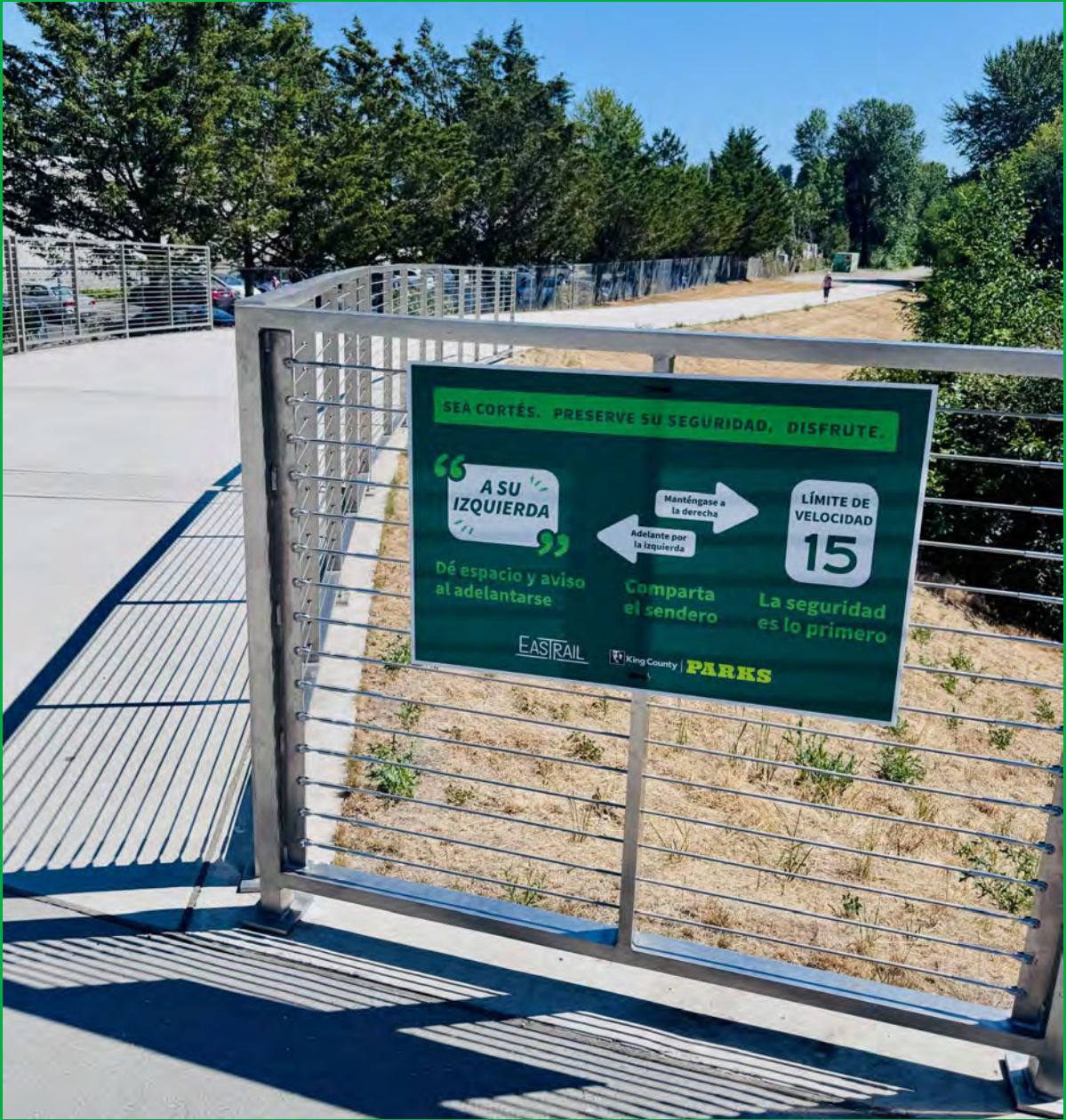
1) Build upon existing materials to develop a suite of Eastrail etiquette messaging and graphics

2) Light implementation of Eastrail Welcoming Ambassador program (*Eastrail Partners*)



Etiquette messaging





Eastrail Ambassadors Program

Goals

- Bring community awareness of welcoming, safe Eastrail use through positive messaging and encouragement
- Help trail users understand the overall Eastrail effort
- Engage trail volunteers and understand how they might be useful in future ambassador programs.
- Goal is information and welcoming, no enforcement or directly addressing behavior.

Eastrail Ambassador Outreach

- For summer 2025, we proposed selecting 2 days in each open area of the three owners' trail segments

King County Parks – two outreach days, one by the Virginia Mason Athletic Center in Renton, one in Woodinville by 145th.

Kirkland – two outreach days at Feriton Spur Park, one outreach day at Totem Lake

Redmond – with RCCIII not formally opened until September, we did not partner on outreach beyond community bike ride as part of opening celebration



Next Step - Lessons Learned

Welcoming signage/messaging campaign

- Develop array of sign sizes
- Batch order for all jurisdictions
- Strong opportunity for broad partnership social media campaign
- Strong need for formal, shared wayfinding along all sections of Eastrail

Trail Ambassadors

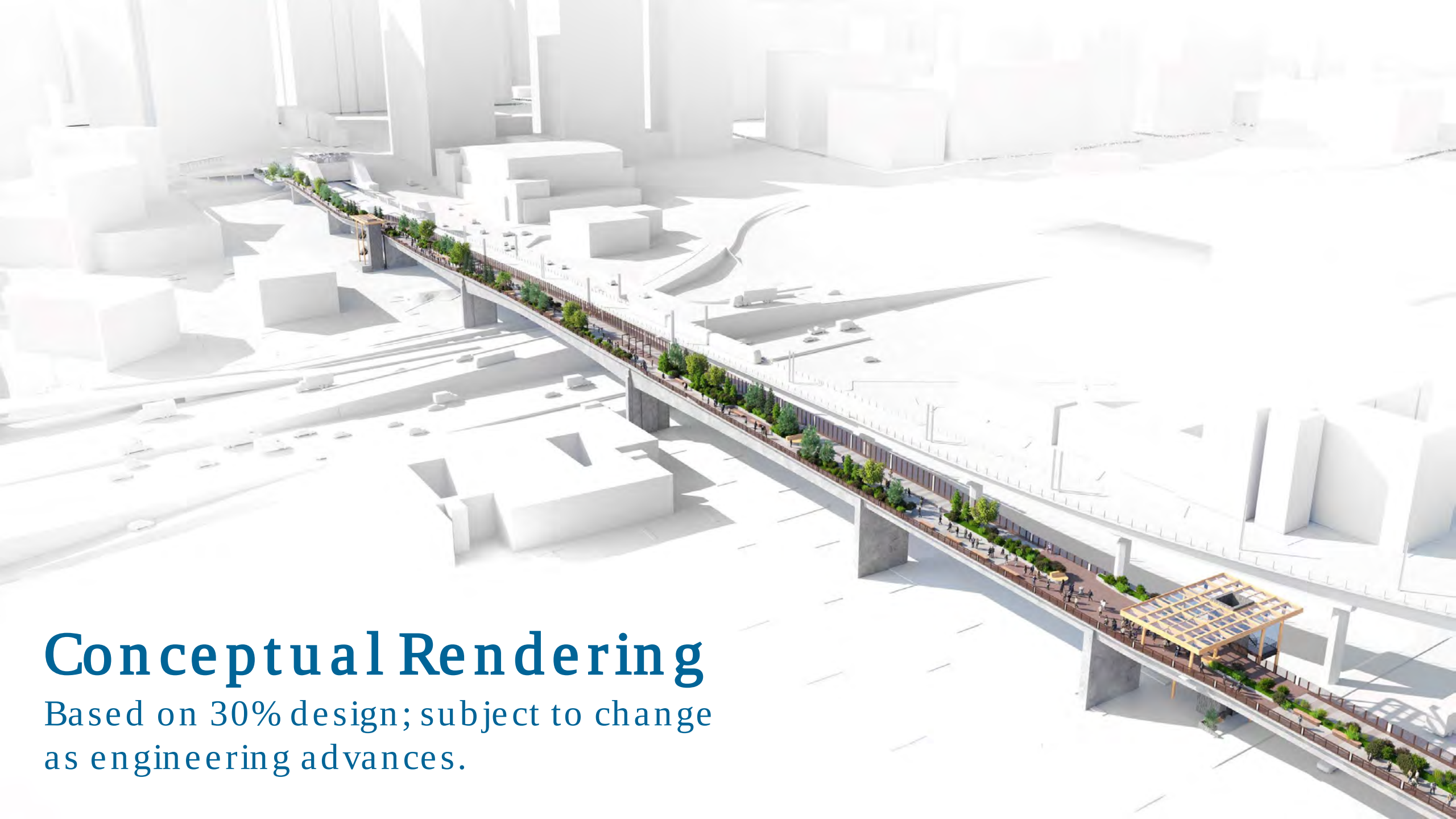
- 110+ conversations with trail users over 5 outreach events
- Primary themes included:
 - User behavior concerns (15% of all conversations)
 - Project update questions
 - KCP Levy questions
- Going forward:
 - What are we collectively trying to solve with trail outreach?
 - What model of outreach would be most impactful?



Grand Connection Crossing

Eastrail RAC | October 31, 2025

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Conceptual Rendering

Based on 30% design; subject to change as engineering advances.

There is a substantial regional economic and real estate benefit to the Crossing.



Construction (one-time)

Job-years	10,410
Employee compensation	\$1 billion
Economic output	\$2.7 billion
State tax revenue	\$52 million

Ongoing (annual)

Jobs	4,295
Employee compensation	\$418 million
Economic output	\$1.1 billion
State tax revenue	\$7 million

Investments in other cities have had a significant economic benefit.



Klyde Warren Park
1.3M annual visitors
\$3B in total economic impact



Rose Kennedy Greenway
1.4M annual visitors
30% higher Class A office rents



The High Line
8M annual visitors
\$1.3B in new AV between '07 and '17

Enhancing active transportation enhances the region's ability to attract talent.

63%

of millennials prefer to live in car-optional communities

61%

of tech workers are millennials or Gen Z

5%

of Bellevue workers walk or bike to work
(11% in Seattle)



Bike, pedestrian, and park investments boost retail sales and tourism metrics.



Greater visitation

- Investing 10% more in parks is associated with a 2.3% increase in leisure visits and a 1.3% increase in tourism employment.



Increased sales

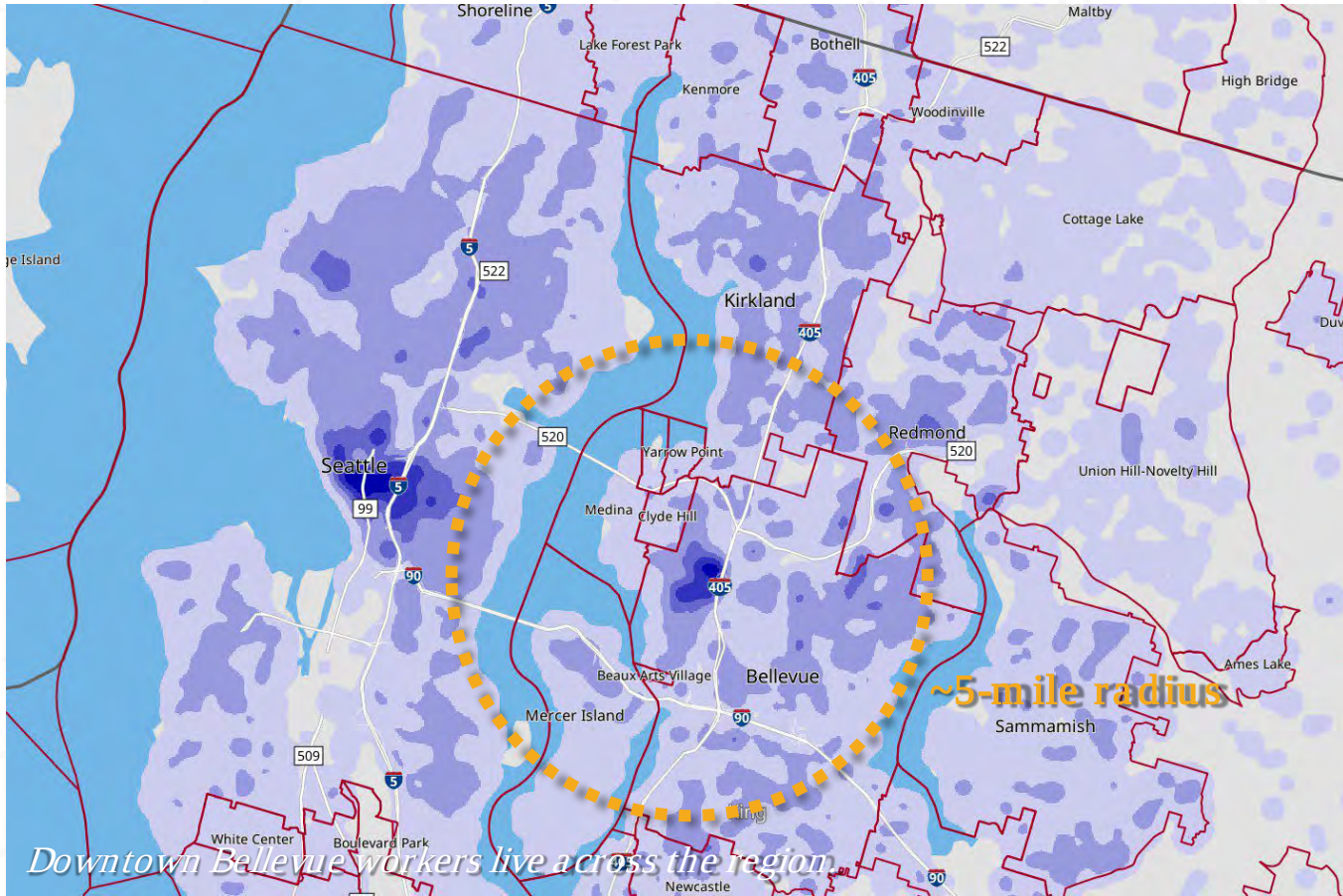
- Shoppers report a willingness to stay longer and pay 9-12% more when buying goods in an area with more open space and tree coverage.



Extended staying time

- Street improvements have been shown to more than triple the amount of people staying in those spaces, such as at cafes or at park seating.

An investment in the Grand Connection Crossing is an investment in the region.



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10%

Bellevue's share of the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue gross regional product (2024)

38%

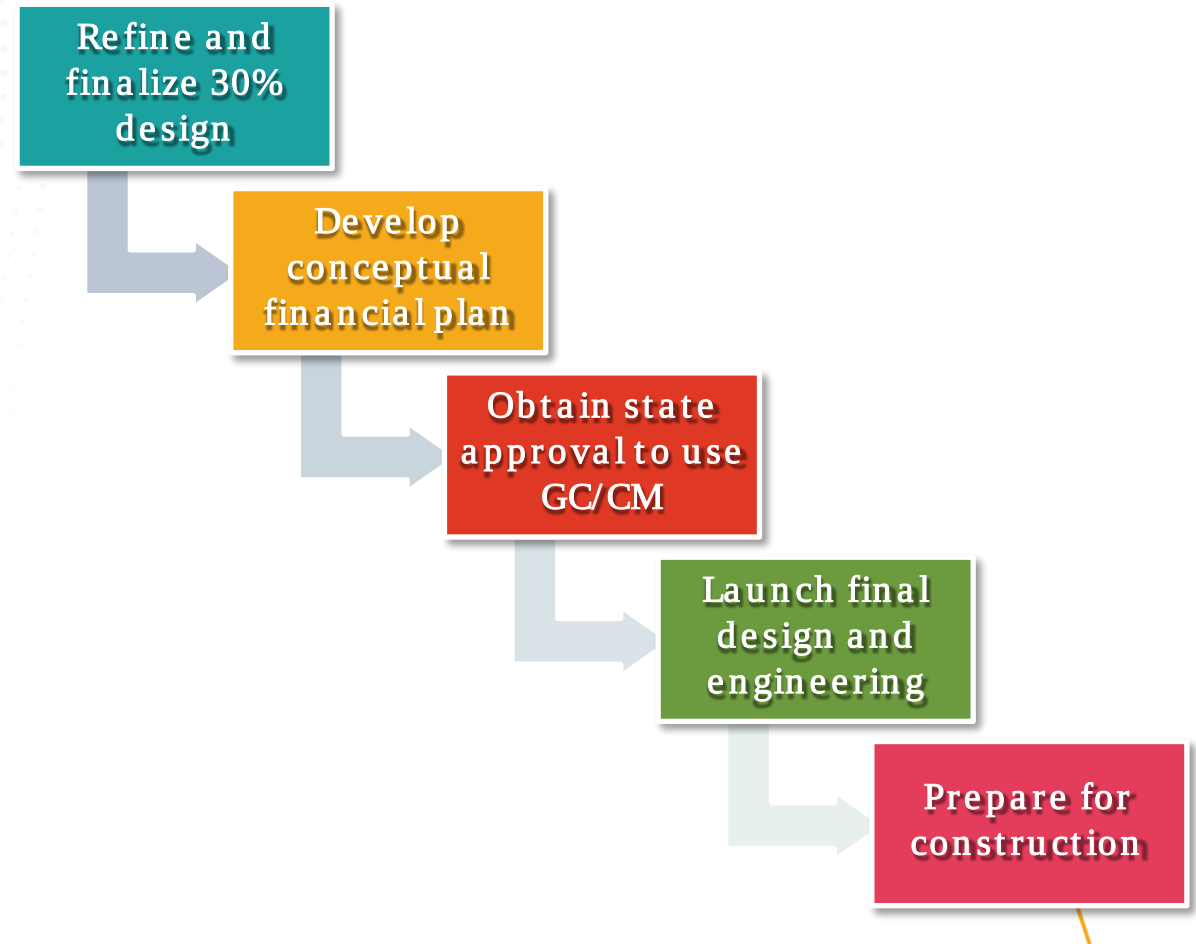
share of new housing units on the Eastside to be built in Bellevue by 2044

4X

Employment growth rate in downtown Bellevue relative to Puget Sound region

We are advancing toward GC/CM delivery with completion by the end of the decade.

- **Summer:** GC/CM owner advisor selection and onboarding
- **September:** Finalize revised 30% design
- **September:** CPARB approval!
- **Winter 2026:** Release RFQ/RFP for general contractor
- **Q2 2027:** Earliest possible start of construction



Bellevue's Growth Corridor





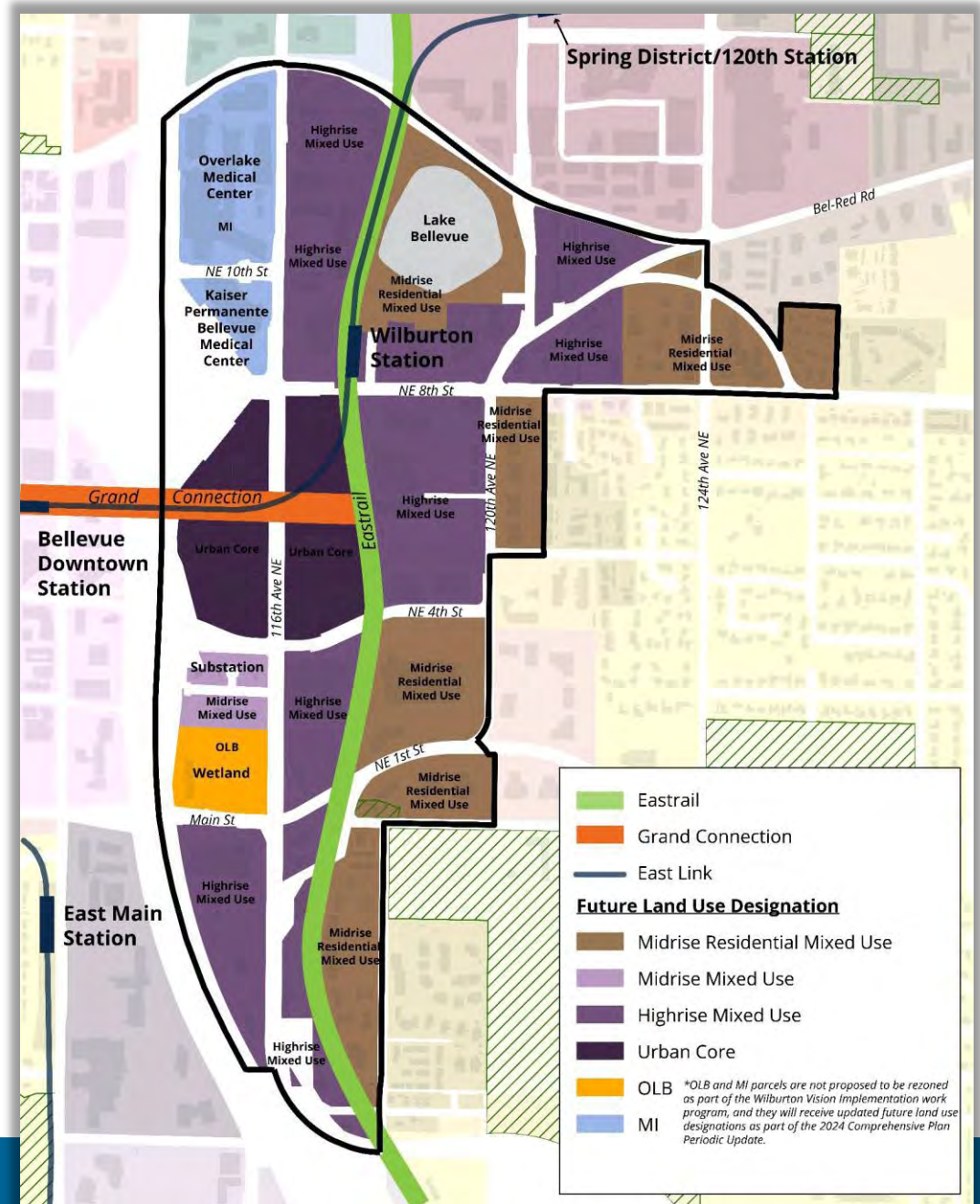
Wilburton

“Bellevue’s next urban mixed-use community that enhances livability, promotes healthy living, supports economic vitality, and serves the needs of a diverse and growing population.”



Wilburton Changes

- New Land Use Districts
 - Urban Core
 - Mixed-Use Highrise
 - Mixed-Use Midrise
 - Mixed-Use Residential Midrise
- Building Design
 - Height/FAR vary by district
 - Building scale tapers in TOD
 - Additional flexibility for Mass Timber & Life Science
- Site Design
 - Integrating block size
 - Site access
 - Eastrail connections & improvements





WILBURTON

VISION IMPLEMENTATION



Wilburton Sustainable District Concept

The GCX and Eastrail will accelerate redevelopment in Wilburton.



Bellevue 600

Wilburton

Grand Connection Crossing

City Hall

This rendering is purely conceptual, meant to show possible future development patterns surrounding the Grand Connection Crossing.

Friends Grand C

THE GRAND CONNECTION CROSSING PROJECT

The Crossing is a dedicated bike/
pedestrian bridge and linear park
that will stretch from Downtown
Bellevue, across I-405 to Eastrail
and the Wilburton community.



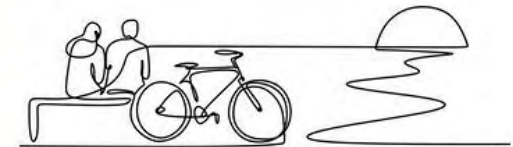
SIGN UP TO SUPPORT THE GRAND CONNECTION CROSSING

Take Action. Get Involved.
Support the Grand
Connection.



GRAND CONNECTION CROSSING NEWS

Stay connected! Get the latest
news on Grand Connection
Crossing events and updates!





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An aerial photograph of a lush green forested valley. A river flows through the lower right portion of the image. In the background, a large, rugged mountain range is visible under a clear blue sky.

2026-2031 King County Parks Levy Eastrail Regional Advisory Council

Oct. 31, 2025

**King County Parks & Recreation Division
Department of Natural Resources & Parks**



King County

PARKS

Your Big Backyard

The approved Parks levy is designed to:

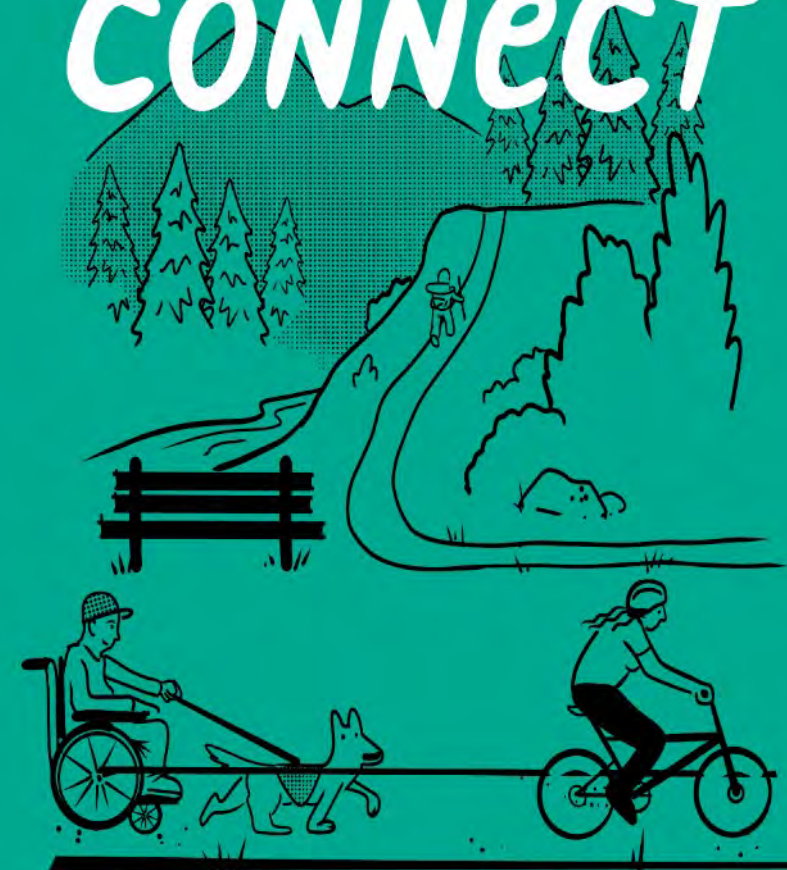
MAINTAIN



ENHANCE



GROW + CONNECT



King County Parks Levy Ballot Results

Levy Period	Year Approved	Total Amount	Levy Rate <i>(per 1,000 AV)</i>	Voter Approval
2004-2007	2003	\$47.5M	4.9 cents	57%
2008-2013	2007	\$217M	10 cents total: 5 cents (Operating) 5 cents (Capital)	63% (Operating) 59% (Capital)
2014-2019	2013	\$396M	18.77 cents	>70%
2020-2025	2019	\$810M	18.32 cents	70%
2026-2031	2025*	\$1.45B	23.29 cents	73%

* King County voter turnout: 33.85%

Parks Levy Rate and Investments

Levy renewal rate

23.29¢ for every \$1,000 of assessed value

What a homeowner will pay

For a median-valued home (\$844,000):



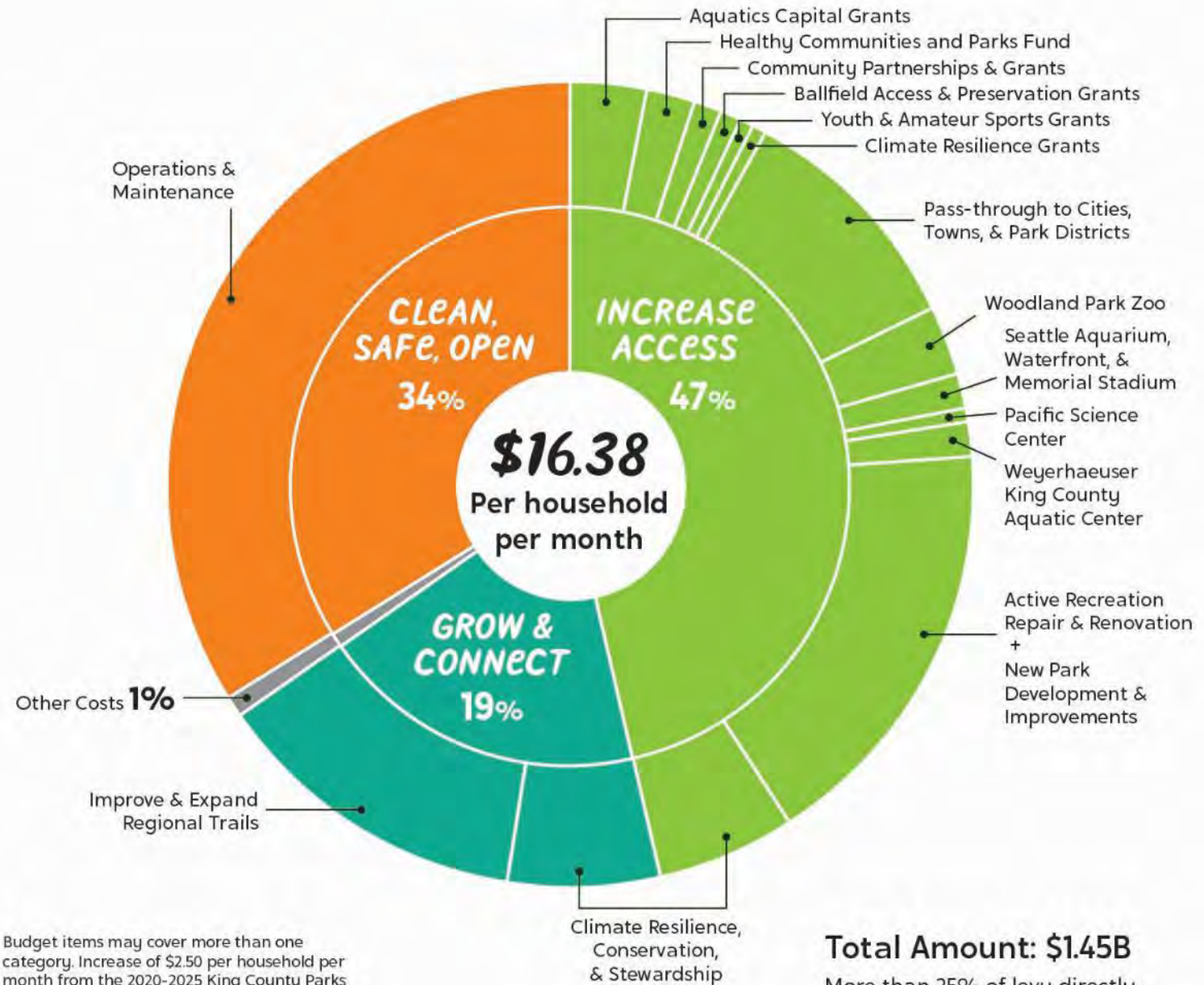
54¢ per day

8¢ more than the current levy



\$16.38 per month

\$2.50 more than current levy



Budget items may cover more than one category. Increase of \$2.50 per household per month from the 2020-2025 King County Parks Levy. Household calculation based on median home value of \$844,000. Budget approved by King County Council on April 15, 2025.

Total Amount: \$1.45B

More than 25% of levy directly allocated to cities, towns, park districts, and partners.



King County Parks Levy Allocation Plan

- Aquatic Facilities
- Ballfields and Sport Courts
- Grants and Community Partnerships
- King County Cities, Towns, and Park Districts
- King County Operations and Maintenance
- Climate Resilience, Conservation, and Stewardship
- ***Regional and Other Public Trails System***
- New Park Development and Improvements
- Active Recreation (and Other) Repair and Renovation



Regional and Other Public Trails System (\$182M)

- **Eastrail**
- Georgetown to South Park Connection
- Green River Trail Extension – North
- Interurban Trail South
- Interurban Trail North
- Kent Regional Trails and Connections
- Kirkland Green Loop
- Lake to Sound Trail
- Maple Valley SR-169 Pedestrian Bridge
- Snoqualmie Valley Trail
- Soos Creek Trail

*And additional project planning to maintain future momentum...
(e.g., Preston-Snoqualmie Trail, Cedar River Trail)*



Eastrail (\$65M)

- **Complete major projects in process:** Wilburton Trestle and I-90 Crossing Segment
- **Focus on Renton:** Connect along Gene Coulon Park and design from Gene Coulon to the VMAC
- **A Trail for a Changing Neighborhood:** Complete the trail in Central Wilburton
- **More choices between Woodinville and Kirkland:** Interim trail development along the mainline



2026-2031 LEVY SEGMENTS

- 1 WILBURTON
TRESTLE
- 2 I-90 STEEL BRIDGE
- 3 COULON CONNECTOR
- 4 CENTRAL
WILBURTON
- 5 KIRKLAND-145TH
MAIN LINE
- 6 LAKE LANES
RENTON



EASTRAIL LOOKAHEAD



Eastrail Levy by the Numbers

- **Construct 3.5 miles of paved trail**
- **Major maintenance for the I-90 Steel Bridge and conversion to trail Use**
- **Construct 1-mile interim trail**
- **Design and permit 1.7 miles of trail for construction in 2032**
- **Continuous, paved trail from Gene Coulon Park to NE 8th in Bellevue by 2034**



Keys to Success

- In addition to levy funding, partner funding has been critical to King County's work on the Eastrail.
- Partnership funding will likely be necessary to complete the levy projects at the standard we would all prefer.
- We appreciate the support provided to the Eastrail so far, and will continue to work closely with jurisdictions, non-profit partners, agencies, and private sector partners to deliver great projects!



King County

PARKS

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