

Closing the EASTRAIL Gap

King County is applying for a \$25 million 2024 Federal RAISE Grant to close the final gap in the 26-mile, southern segment of the Eastrail. When complete, it will provide safe travel between transit, jobs, and recreation in the fast-growing, regional economic centers of Renton, Bellevue, and beyond.

The project reconnects communities north and south of the I-90 highway by retrofitting the existing steel bridge spanning sixteen lanes of traffic, building 1.7 miles of new paved trail, and creating a safe connection to the Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor. Closing the Eastrail gap provides access to 16 miles of non-motorized trails north through Bellevue, and 5 miles south to Renton and completes a critical link in Puget Sound's regional trail network.

The Eastrail is a partnership success story. Jurisdictions, non-profits, corporations, transit agencies, and utilities within King County have invested \$265M over the last 15 years to acquire the former rail corridor and construct existing trail segments. The estimated cost to close the Eastrail gap is \$49M (2029 dollars).





SAFETY

The I-90 segment will shift non-motorized modes off the road, reducing the likelihood of serious and fatal collisions with motorized vehicles.

44%
fewer deaths
in separated
bike facilities

Bellevue has
Vision
ZERO
Goal by 2030

4,700
cars per day
at 118th Ave SE
bypass

PARTNERSHIP + COLLABORATION

Eastrail demonstrates exemplary regional collaboration to bring the future vision of the Eastside to life.

Regional advisory council

6 cities **2** counties

1 non profit **1** transit agency

1 utility

21 Eastrail
miles
completed by 2028

Utilize King County's
apprenticeship and
priority work programs.

MOBILITY + CONNECTIVITY

The I-90 segment creates new connections between Bellevue and Renton and the greater Eastside by removing physical barriers to connectivity and creates an critical link in the regional trail network.

34%
of all trips will
be bike or walk
by 2050

8 miles
long
average
bike
commute

5 BRT
stops
6 Lightrail
stations
within **1** mile

QUALITY OF LIFE

Closing the Eastrail gap, provides access to essential destinations close to where residents live, work and play.

2,298,636
people will live within
8 miles in 2050*

Closing the gap will allow access to...

25 miles
existing separated trail

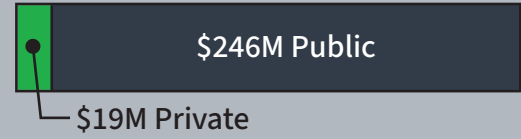
100 miles
Mountain to Sound Greenway corridor

* Vision 2050 Puget Sound Regional Council

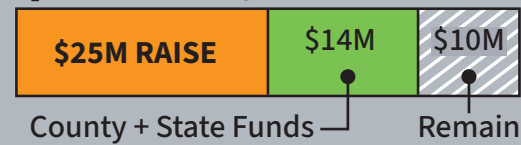
EASTRAIL

FUNDING

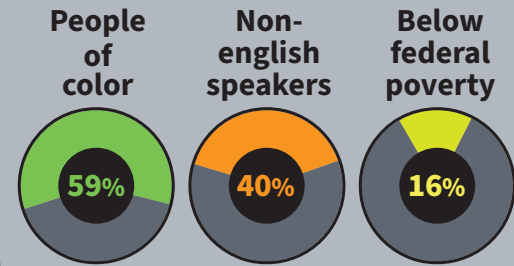
\$265M Eastrail investment
in King County



\$49M I-90 segment
project cost

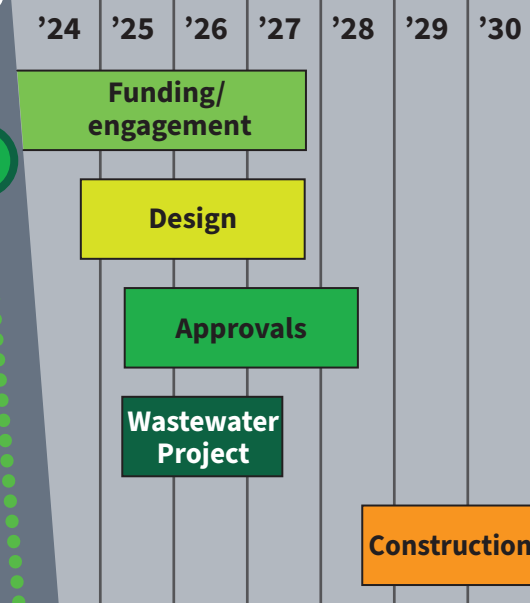


DEMOGRAPHICS



data: 2021 ACS Survey averages
of the cities of Bellevue and Renton

SCHEDULE



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