

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Regarding the Ongoing Partnership between the Eastrail Regional Advisory Council
and Eastrail Partners

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made by and among KING COUNTY, SNOHOMISH COUNTY, THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, THE CITY OF KIRKLAND, THE CITY OF REDMOND, THE CITY OF RENTON, THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE, A CENTRAL PUGET SOUND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY, PUGET SOUND ENERGY, THE EASTSIDE GREENWAY ALLIANCE, and EASTRAIL PARTNERS (collectively, the “Parties”). This MOU sets forth the Parties’ mutual understanding regarding the ongoing collaboration between the Eastrail Regional Advisory Council and Eastrail Partners.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, King County, Snohomish County, the City of Bellevue, the City of Kirkland, the City of Redmond, the City of Renton, the City of Woodinville, a Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit), Puget Sound Energy, and the Eastside Greenway Alliance are the members of the Eastrail Regional Advisory Council (RAC); and

WHEREAS, Eastrail Partners (EP) was formed at the recommendation of the Eastside Rail Corridor Funding Commission and with the support/endorsement of the RAC members to play a unique and valuable role in the development of the Eastrail corridor by fostering, increasing, and sustaining private sector, governmental, and community support for actions to implement the RAC vision for the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the RAC members and EP are working closely together to develop a 42-mile multiple-use corridor in east King and Snohomish counties, with connected and coincident segments commonly referred to as the Eastrail, Centennial Trail South, Cross Kirkland Corridor, and Redmond Central Connector and with its northern terminus located in the City of Snohomish, WA and its southern terminus located in the Cities of Renton, WA and Redmond, WA, respectively; and

WHEREAS, EP, since beginning operations in early 2020, has been an integral and effective contributor to the advancement of the work to develop the corridor, including the successful delivery of outcomes identified in the 2020 service agreement between the RAC and EP and cost shared by RAC members; and

WHEREAS, EP will continue to focus its resources and efforts on high priority actions contributing to the development of the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the RAC and EP seek to ensure ongoing close alignment and coordination in their respective actions contributing to the development of the corridor.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties have reached the following understanding:

Section 1: Ongoing Collaboration

EP will continue to help shape the agenda of and participate in the quarterly RAC meetings and the regular meetings of the RAC Principals Staff Team, as means to ensure ongoing alignment of efforts

supporting high priorities. Additional contact between RAC members or staff and EP board members or staff is strongly encouraged as needed to support effective collaboration.

Section 2: Priorities for Action between EP and the RAC

The subject partnership between EP and the RAC will primarily focus on the work areas noted below.

Additional areas of focus can be added as capacity allows to address new opportunities to advance the development of the Eastrail corridor.

- EP will continue to play a unifying role as primary point of contact on coordinated approaches for state and federal governmental engagement and funding opportunities, as a complement to and in association with legislative agenda actions by individual RAC member entities.
- The RAC will partner with EP to bring the RAC's support, and/or that of specific RAC members, to advocacy opportunities.
- EP will build and maintain relationships with Eastside-focused businesses, including possible facilitation of capital project delivery.
- EP, the RAC, and the Principals Staff Team will partner to continue developing and implementing a communications framework for shared work to ensure:
 - work plan goals are achieved,
 - good internal communications between staff, RAC members and EP, including communicating proactively with EP on project funding and status, and
 - good external communications on project status, trail closures and openings, and funding.
- EP, the RAC, and the Principals Staff Team will collaborate on the development, implementation, and/or support of community-activation events.
- By mutual agreement, the Parties can explore possible future EP service agreements.

Section 3: Term of this MOU

This MOU will be in effect for two years from the approval of the parties, as determined by the last date of signature among the Parties. This agreement can be amended by the mutual agreement of the Parties. This MOU can be renewed by the mutual agreement of the Parties. Any Party may terminate its participation in this MOU by providing written notice of termination and the effective date thereof to each Party.

Section 4: 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

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

CITY OF BELLEVUE

By: _____
Name:
Title:
Date:

CITY OF KIRKLAND

By: _____
Name:
Title:
Date:

CITY OF REDMOND

By: _____
Name:
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Date:

CITY OF RENTON

By: _____
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CITY OF WOODINVILLE

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KING COUNTY

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY

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PUGET SOUND ENERGY

By: _____
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SOUND TRANSIT

By: _____
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EASTSIDE GREENWAY ALLIANCE

By: _____
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EASTRAIL PARTNERS

By: _____
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