

Eastside Transportation Partnership Agreement

Parties to Agreement

City of Bellevue
City of Bothell
City of Issaquah
City of Kenmore
City of Kirkland
City of Mercer Island
City of Newcastle
City of Redmond
City of Renton
City of Sammamish
City of Woodinville
King County
Small Cities
 Town of Beaux Arts Village
 City of Clyde Hill
 Town of Hunts Point
 City of Medina
 Town of Yarrow Point
Snoqualmie Valley Cities
 City of Carnation
 City of Duvall
 City of North Bend
 City of Snoqualmie

Transmitted to parties for approval and signature October 12, 2021.

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and among the CITY OF BELLEVUE, hereafter known as “Bellevue”; the CITY OF BOTHELL, hereafter known as “Bothell”; the CITY OF ISSAQUAH, hereafter known as “Issaquah”; the CITY OF KENMORE, hereafter known as “Kenmore”; the CITY OF KIRKLAND, hereafter known as “Kirkland”; THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, hereafter known as “Mercer Island”; the CITY OF NEWCASTLE, hereafter known as “Newcastle”; the CITY OF REDMOND, hereafter known as “Redmond”; the CITY OF RENTON, hereafter known as “Renton”; the CITY OF SAMMAMISH, hereafter known as “Sammamish”; the CITY OF WOODINVILLE, hereafter known as “Woodinville”; KING COUNTY, a legal subdivision of the State of Washington, hereafter called “King County”; the TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE, hereafter known as “Beaux Arts”; the CITY OF CLYDE HILL, hereafter known as “Clyde Hill”; the TOWN OF HUNTS POINT, hereafter known as “Hunts Point”; the CITY OF MEDINA, hereafter known as “Medina”; the TOWN OF YARROW POINT, hereafter known as “Yarrow Point”; the CITY OF CARNATION, hereafter known as “Carnation”; the CITY OF DUVAL, hereafter known as “Duvall”; the CITY OF NORTH BEND, hereafter known as “North Bend”; the CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, hereafter known as “Snoqualmie”; as members of the Eastside Transportation Partnership;

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement recognize that multi-jurisdictional transportation planning and coordinated transportation plans benefit their residents; and

WHEREAS, the Eastside Transportation Partnership has served as the central forum for information sharing, consensus building, and coordination to develop recommendations for transportation policies, projects, and programs for the area East of Lake Washington in King County.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1.0 Purpose of this Agreement

The purpose of this Agreement is to recognize the Eastside Transportation Partnership as the transportation board for the area East of Lake Washington in King County to share information, build consensus, and provide advice on plans, programs, policies, and priorities for countywide, regional, state, and federal transportation decisions.

2.0 Members and Voting

Members shall have full voting rights, limited voting rights or shall be non-voting members, as follows:

2.1 Members with Full Voting Rights: Only jurisdictions which are signatories to this agreement shall have full voting rights on all the following issues before the Eastside Transportation Partnership, unless otherwise noted, including:

1. Administrative issues, such as additional members and use of dues.
2. Recommendations to Sound Transit on policies and capital and service plans and implementation.
3. Recommendations to King County on Metro Transit planning, development and implementation of products and services.
4. Identification of projects for the regional competition, if prescribed by the process approved by the King County caucus of the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board.
5. Recommendations to WSDOT on policies, programs, and projects.
6. Recommendations to the PSRC on plans, policies, programs, and projects such as the Regional Transportation Plan updates and regional funding policies, strategies, or programs.
7. Input to the State Legislature and committees and commissions established by the Legislature on transportation policy, budget and priorities and legislative proposals and studies.
8. Recommendations to the federal delegation on federal legislation including reauthorization and funding priorities and other transportation-related programs.

2.2 Members with Limited Voting Rights: The Eastside Transportation Partnership may add members with limited voting rights on the issues such as those listed below by unanimous vote of the parties to the agreement at a regular meeting.

1. Recommendations to WSDOT on policies, programs, and projects.
2. Recommendations to the PSRC on plans, policies, programs, and projects, such as the Regional Transportation Plan updates and regional funding policies, strategies, or programs.
3. Input to the State Legislature and committees and commissions established by the Legislature on transportation policy, budget and priorities and legislative proposals and studies.
4. Recommendations to the federal delegation on federal legislation including reauthorization and funding priorities and other transportation-related programs.

2.2.a Such members and voting rights, if any, shall be included in operating procedures to be adopted by the Eastside Transportation Partnership.

2.3 Non-Voting Members: The Eastside Transportation Partnership may add non-voting members by unanimous vote of the parties to the agreement at a regular meeting. The Eastside Transportation Partnership may remove non-voting members by a unanimous vote of the parties to the agreement at a regular meeting.

2.3.a Such members shall be included in operating procedures to be adopted by the Eastside Transportation Partnership.

3.0 Representation and Conduct

3.1 Representation of city and county members shall be as follows

Full Voting Members	Number of Representatives
Bellevue	2
Bothell	2
Issaquah	2
Kenmore	2
Kirkland	2
Mercer Island	2
Newcastle	2
Redmond	2
Renton	2
Sammamish	2
Woodinville	2
Small Cities Coalition Beaux Arts Clyde Hill Hunts Point Medina Yarrow Point	2 (shared)
Snoqualmie Valley Cities Carnation Duvall North Bend Snoqualmie	2 (shared)
King County	3
Limited Voting Members	Number of Representatives
Snohomish County	1

3.2 Elected officials shall be appointed to the Eastside Transportation Partnership by their cities and counties for a one-year term. King County representation shall be a maximum of two Councilmembers and the King County Executive.

3.3 Each city or county participating member may appoint an alternate for a one-year term. Designated alternates may vote in place of designated voting representatives in the absence of the designated representative.

4.0 Operating Procedures

4.1 The Eastside Transportation Partnership shall adopt operating procedures to specify limited voting members and non-voting members, if any, dues for limited and non-voting members, if any, and operational issues such as election of officers, formation of subcommittees and rules of order. A chair(s) and vice-chair(s) shall be elected per the operating procedures and shall be responsible for setting meeting agendas, running meetings and any other activities identified in the operating procedures

5.0 Lead Agency

5.1 King County will be the Lead Agency for receipt and disbursement of funds collected through annual dues, and general administrative and program support for the Eastside Transportation Partnership. King County assumes wage and benefit costs of its staff performing Lead Agency responsibilities to the extent that King County appropriates such funds. The Lead Agency shall, in its sole discretion, determine the level of staffing available based upon funding.

5.2 Lead Agency responsibilities may be limited to: maintaining Eastside Transportation Partnership membership rosters and distribution lists; arranging for Partnership meetings, including scheduling, agendas, and rooms; collecting, administering, and disbursing Partnership dues; providing Partnership meeting support to the chair(s) and vice chair(s); attending Partnership meetings; and preparing Partnership meeting summaries.

6.0 Financing and Cost Sharing Guidelines

6.1 **Yearly Dues:** The Eastside Transportation Partnership members shall pay a minimum \$100 per full voting representative in annual dues to remain in good standing. The Lead Agency will bill annually at the end of each year, and dues are to be paid within ninety days after receipt of the invoice. Members not in good standing shall lose voting rights until the required dues are paid. Additional dues above \$100, and any dues required by limited or non-voting members, will be determined by the Eastside Transportation Partnership, and included in the operating procedures. Revenue from dues shall be used for special events, public education, or other expenses authorized by the Eastside Transportation Partnership. The designated Lead Agency shall not be required to pay yearly dues.

6.2 **Annual Review of Financing:** The Eastside Transportation Partnership shall determine by June 30 of each year whether additional annual dues above \$100 per voting representative will be required of the Eastside Transportation Partnership member jurisdictions for the following year. Additionally, King County will provide the Eastside Transportation Partnership a status update on funds collected and funds remaining by June 30 of each year.

6.3 **Additional financial contributions:** If additional financial contributions beyond an increase in dues are determined to be necessary, costs shall be shared among all voting members, with an option for King County to recuse itself from further financial obligations. Recused members may not vote on determining the additional financial contribution or uses for the additional funds.

6.4 **Modification to Agreement Required:** If additional funds are determined to be necessary, a modification to this agreement specifying cost-sharing, purpose, scope of work, administration, collection and disbursement of funds and other details is required in order to obligate a member jurisdiction to funding participation.

7.0 Withdrawal of a Party from this Agreement

Each party, for its convenience and without cause or for any reason whatsoever, may withdraw from participation in this Agreement by providing written notice, sent certified mail, return receipt required, to the chair(s) of the Eastside Transportation Partnership at least thirty (30) days in advance of the effective date of the withdrawal. A withdrawing party shall not be entitled to a refund of any payments to Eastside Transportation Partnership and shall pay any dues required to be paid under this Agreement for costs which had been obligated prior to the effective date of the withdrawal. All obligations other than dues cease upon withdrawal.

Each party's funding to perform its obligations under the Agreement, beyond the current appropriation year, is conditional upon appropriation by the party's governing body. Should such an appropriation not be approved for a future year, a party may exercise its right to withdraw from the Agreement.

8.0 Duration

This Agreement shall take effect upon being duly adopted by the governing bodies of all parties and executed by the authorized representatives of all parties. This Agreement shall remain in effect until December 31, 2023, unless terminated earlier in accordance with Section 9.0. This Agreement shall be automatically extended upon the same terms or conditions for another term commencing January 1, 2024 and ending no later than December 31, 2025.

9.0 Termination

All parties to this Agreement must agree to terminate this Agreement in order for such termination to be effective. If all parties desire to terminate this Agreement, they shall execute a Statement of Termination. Upon termination, no party shall be required to make any additional contributions. Any remaining funds shall be refunded to the parties to this Agreement according to Section 11.0.

10.0 Real and Personal Property

The acquisition of real property is not anticipated under this Agreement. Any personal property acquired pursuant to this Agreement shall be held by the Lead Agency. In the event this Agreement expires or is terminated in accordance with Section 8.0 or 9.0, any personal property other than cash shall remain with the Lead Agency.

11.0 Return of Funds

At such time as this Agreement expires without being terminated or revised, or is terminated in accordance with Section 9.0, any unexpended and uncommitted funds shall be distributed proportionately to those parties to this Agreement at the time of termination based on each party's percentage share of the total balance at the time of termination.

12.0 Filing

This Agreement shall be filed with the King County Department of Records and Elections.

13.0 Legal Relations

13.1 The parties shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

13.2 This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and gives no right to any other party. No joint venture or partnership is formed as a result of this Agreement. No employees or agents of one party or any of its contractors or subcontractors shall be deemed, or represent themselves to be, employees of any other party.

13.3 Each party shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other parties and their respective officials, employees, principals and agents from all claims, demands, suits, actions, and liability of any kind whatsoever which arise out of, are connected with, or are incident to any negligent acts of the first party, its contractor, and/or employees, agents, and representatives in performing the first party's obligations under this Agreement. The parties agree that their obligations under this paragraph extend to claims made against one party by another party's own employees. For this purpose, the parties, by mutual negotiation, hereby waive any immunity that, as respects the other parties only, would otherwise be available against such claims under the industrial insurance provisions of RCW Title 51. In the event any party incurs attorney's fees, costs or other legal expenses to enforce the provisions of this section, against another party, all such fees, costs and expenses shall be recoverable by the prevailing party.

13.4 The provisions of this section shall survive and remain applicable to each of the parties notwithstanding any termination or expiration of this Agreement and notwithstanding a party's withdrawal from this Agreement.

14.0 Entirety and Modifications

14.1 This Agreement merges and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations and agreements between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

14.2 This Agreement may be modified only by written instrument signed by all the parties hereto.

15.0 Counterparts

The signature pages of this Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be signed and delivered by its duly authorized officer or representative as of the date set forth below its signature. For purposes of this Agreement, a duly authorized electronic signature constitutes an original signature.

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