



## Memorandum

**Date:** 7/7/2026  
**Meeting of:** City Council

**File No.** AM No. 26-107  
**Type:** Consent Item

**TO:** Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney  
**DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):**

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| Parks | Loreen Hamilton | 425-979-8280 |
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**DEPARTMENT STAFF:**

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| Parks | Lindsey Falkenburg | Parks Planning Manager |
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**TITLE:**

Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Eastrail Regional Advisory Council

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

Eastrail is a 42-mile corridor that extends from Snohomish to Renton, passing through Renton, Kirkland, Bellevue, Woodinville, Redmond and King and Snohomish Counties. King County Council originally established the governance structure for the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC) in 2013, the MOU was updated again in 2017 and again in 2022 and this update includes the departure of the Eastrail Greenway Alliance (EGA) from the RAC. The decision for EGA to depart from the RAC was achieved by consensus in October of 2025. Council Member Forsythe acts as the Eastrail RAC co-chair and has confirmed that Redmond agrees with the revision of the RAC membership to reflect EGAs' departure. City Council is requested to approve the Mayor to sign an updated MOU with the Eastrail Regional Advisory Council.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

☐ **Receive Information**      ☐ **Provide Direction**      ☒ **Approve**

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
PARCC Plan, Redmond 2050
- **Required:**  
Per Washington State Law (RCW 39.34.030(1)) all interlocal agreements (MOUs/MOAs) must be approved by City Council
- **Council Request:**  
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**  
N/A

**OUTCOMES:**

The Eastrail RAC provides a forum to maintain a collaborative, regional planning process for the Eastrail that helps to achieve connectivity, multiple use and maximize public benefit. Eastrail Partners builds on that effort by engaging the community and local business in support of completing and activating the Eastrail.

**COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**  
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**  
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**  
N/A

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

**Total Cost:**  
N/A

**Approved in current biennial budget:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

**Budget Offer Number:**  
N/A

**Budget Priority:**  
N/A

**Other budget impacts or additional costs:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

**If yes, explain:**  
N/A

**Funding source(s):**  
N/A

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**  
N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

| Date | Meeting | Requested Action |
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| 5/3/2022  | Business Meeting                                                | Approve           |
| 6/23/2026 | Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability | Provide Direction |

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

| Date | Meeting                    | Requested Action |
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| N/A  | None proposed at this time | N/A              |

**Time Constraints:**

N/A

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

The Eastrail Regional Advisory Council approved via consensus, but if not approved by City Council Redmond would not be a formal signatory of the MOU.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Eastrail RAC MOU 2026 Revised