



King County

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL MASTER PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Purpose of this Notice: King County announces the availability of the Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Trail Final Master Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This Notice of Availability is issued pursuant to the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), RCW Ch. 43.21C, and WAC 197-11-460(2) and 197-11-502(11).

Location of project: The project is located along approximately 16.7 miles of railbanked corridor on the east side of Lake Washington. The trail would extend from Gene Coulon Park in the City of Renton north to the vicinity of the Sammamish River Trail in the City of Woodinville.

Project Description: King County intends to develop a trail in the approximately 15.6 miles of the ERC under its ownership and the 1.1 miles of ERC owned by Sound Transit in which the County holds a trail easement. The Final EIS presents the Preferred Alternative for the placement of the trail in relation to the potential future use of the corridor for transit, power transmission, or both, in addition to a trail.

Dates: This is the Notice of Availability (NOA) that the Final EIS for the Master Plan is available for public review on July 18, 2016. The Draft EIS for this project was issued for public review on February 29, 2016. Three public meetings were held in Renton, Bellevue, and Woodinville in March 2016. In response to the public comments on the Draft EIS, a Preferred Alternative was identified and minor revisions were made to prepare a Final EIS for the proposed Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Trail Master Plan. The Final EIS is now available. King County will take no action on the proposal for a minimum of 7 days following publication of this notice.

Where Documents are Available: Copies of the Final EIS and Technical Appendices are available for review at:

Bellevue Library – 1111 110th Avenue, Bellevue, WA 98004
Kingsgate Library – 12315 NE 143rd Street, Kirkland, WA 98034
Newcastle Library – 12901 Newcastle Way, Newcastle, WA 98056
Newport Way Library – 14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue, WA 98006
Renton Highlands Library – 2801 NE 10th Street, Renton, WA 98056
Renton Library – 100 Mill Avenue S., Renton, WA 98057
Woodinville Library – 17105 Avondale Road NE, Woodinville, WA 98072

Project documents are available electronically at the project website: www.kingcounty.gov/erc. Hard copies of the documents can be purchased from ARC by contacting Cathy Eck at (206) 622-6000. The reproduction cost for each document is anticipated to be approximately \$100.

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Supplementary Information:

The ERC trail would provide a safe and enjoyable trail experience for people of all ages and abilities, using it for both transportation and recreation. The trail would be built with limited grades and wide, smooth, paved surfaces to accommodate a wide range and high volume of users.

This Final EIS will be used, in conjunction with public and agency comments received during the Draft EIS comment period, to assist King County to decide which alternative to select. The Final EIS outlines each of the alternatives' impacts and benefits to a number of environmental considerations, including: historic and cultural resources, geology and soils, hazardous materials and contamination, consistency with local planning, consistency with potential uses, transportation, parking and access, consistency with stormwater regulations, trails and parks, ecological resources, and surrounding communities.

Further Review under SEPA:

No sooner than 7 days from the date of this Notice of Availability, the County will select a preferred alignment for the ERC trail. At such time the County will publish a Notice of Action under RCW 43.21C.080. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action, or the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Trail Master Plan Project, on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of RCW Chapter 43.21C (SEPA) shall be commenced within 21 days of the last newspaper publication of the Notice of Action.