EAST LAKE SAMMAMISH MASTER PLAN TRAIL

King County, Washington

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

Submitted pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c), 49 U.S.C. 303, 49 U.S.C. 1651 Sec. 4(f), 16 U.S.C. 470 Sec. 106, and the Washington State Environmental Policy Act RCW 43.21c.

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Abstract

The Federal Highway Administration proposes to develop a pedestrian/equestrian trail along approximately 11 miles of former Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad corridor on the east side of Lake Sammamish. The trail would extend from Gilman Boulevard in the City of Issaquah north to the Bear Creek Trail in the City of Redmond. Portions of the railroad corridor have already been developed into an Interim Use Trail, which has been evaluated in previous environmental documents. This Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) evaluates alternatives for developing the existing Interim Use Trail into a permanent, Master Plan Trail. This document addresses the potential social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with the proposal.

Comments on the Draft EIS were due by December19, 2006, and sent to Gina Auld, King County Facilities Management Division at the address above. This Final EIS includes the comments received on the Draft EIS and responses to those comments (see Chapter 11).



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