



King County

Facilities  
Management  
Division

Burke Gilman Trail Redevelopment Project  
**SEPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
Public Hearing**

**November 13, 2007, 6-9 p.m.**

Shorecrest High School, Cafeteria  
15343 25th Avenue NE, Shoreline

**MEETING PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow participants to offer oral or written comments on the Draft EIS.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

All comments received prior to **Midnight, December 3, 2007** will be reviewed by the Burke-Gilman Trail Redevelopment Project Team and included in the formal comment record for consideration in the Final EIS.

**TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS:**

- *At the hearing:* Fill out a comment form and place in the Completed Comment Form box.
- *Mail to:* Gina Auld, King County Facilities Management Division, King Street Center, 201 South Jackson Street, #700, Seattle, WA 98104
- *E-mail to:* [fmd.sepacomments@kingcounty.gov](mailto:fmd.sepacomments@kingcounty.gov).

**TO REVIEW THE Draft EIS:**

The Draft EIS is available for review at the following locations:

- Seattle Public Library, Lake City Branch – 12501 28th Ave. N.E.
- Lake Forest Park Public Library – 17171 Bothell Way N.E.
- Kenmore Library – 18138 73rd N.E.
- Bothell Regional Library – 18215 98th Ave. N.E.
- Shoreline Library – 345 N.E. 175<sup>th</sup>
- King County Facilities Management Division, King County Administration Building, Room 320, 500 Fourth Avenue, Seattle

**TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE DEIS:**

- *Printed copies* of the Draft EIS can be purchased from Olympic Reprographics for the cost of reproduction. Cost of the document is anticipated to be \$15-\$20. The document can be obtained by calling (206) 373-7043.
- *CD copies* of the Draft EIS are also available for the reproduction cost of \$1.50 per CD. Contact Cat Hicks, King County Department of Executive Services at (206) 296-1822.
- *A PDF version* of the Draft EIS, along with other project documents and general information are available for download from the project website.

**PROJECT WEBSITE:**

<http://www.metrokc.gov/facilities/burkegilmantrail/>



**PROJECT LOCATION:**

The King County Facilities Management Division proposes to redevelop an approximately two-mile stretch of the Burke-Gilman Trail along the northwest shore of Lake Washington. The trail would be redeveloped from NE 145<sup>th</sup> Street to Log Boom Park within the City of Lake Forest Park.

**PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE PROJECT:**

The project is needed to address safety and ease of use issues along the trail. This need is driven by the following factors: 1) need to address trail surface irregularities; 2) need to meet minimum trail standards; 3) need to create uniformity along the trail; 4) need to accommodate an increasing number of trail users; and 5) need to accommodate the range of users in a safe manner.

**PURPOSE OF THE EIS:**

As the lead agency for the proposed project, King County Facilities Management Division has prepared a Draft EIS to meet the requirements of Washington's State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The purpose of the Draft EIS is to evaluate the potential impacts of the project alternatives that were identified as a result of the initial EIS scoping and alternatives selection process. Public and agency comments received during the Draft EIS comment period will be considered in preparation of the Final EIS.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The proposed project will redevelop an approximately two-mile stretch of the Burke-Gilman Trail, a multi-use trail along the northwest shore of Lake Washington. A multi-use trail is synonymous with a "shared use path or trail" as defined by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). It is also defined as a "multiple-purpose trail" in the *King County Regional Trails Plan* and as a "Class 1 bikeway" in the Washington State Department of Transportation *Facilities for Non-Motorized Transportation*.

This Draft EIS evaluates alternatives for redeveloping the existing trail segment, including two action alternatives and the No Action alternative. Under the Redevelopment Alternative (King County's Preferred Alternative), the trail would be reconstructed and widened, drainage improved, and new trail amenities provided. The Rebuild Alternative includes reconstructing the trail in-kind. Under both the Redevelopment and Rebuild Alternatives, traffic controls and signage would be redesigned and sight distance improved at intersections and driveway crossings, in accordance with current standards and policies. The Draft EIS outlines each of the three proposed project alternatives' impacts and benefits to a number of environmental considerations, including: earth, surface water resources, wetlands, vegetation, wildlife, and fish resources; land use and shorelines; recreation; aesthetics and visual quality; utilities and public services; noise; historic, cultural, and archaeological resources; transportation; and socioeconomic resources.

If you have any questions about this proposal, or about the Draft EIS, please contact Gina Auld, at (206) 263-7281.

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