

PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

NARRATIVE PROJECT INFORMATION - October 2011

Due to Peter Heffernan (peter.heffernan@kingcounty.gov) no later than close of business Wednesday October 12.

Project Sponsor: *King County Parks/King County Road Services*

Project Name: *East Lake Sammamish Trail (“South Sammamish A & B” Segments)*

Project Location: *City of Sammamish, Inglewood Hill Road – SE 43rd Street*

What type of project is it: Support Centers ____ Corridors Serving Centers **x**

Plan Consistency:

- Transportation 2040 project number: **4038**
- Is the project consistent with the Transportation 2040: Yes **x** No ____

Project Description - No more than two full page - (see evaluation criteria for information to include):

- Briefly describe the project
King County continues to develop the 11-mile master planned East Lake Sammamish Trail (ELST), a missing link in a 44-mile seamless, non-motorized transportation/recreation corridor that includes the Burke Gilman Trail, the Sammamish River Trail, the Marymoor Connector Trail and the Issaquah Preston Trail. Preliminary design of the master planned corridor was completed in early 2009. Construction is scheduled to be done in phases; the Redmond segment began in May 2011 and the Issaquah segment will begin in the spring of 2012.

The project proposes to develop a 4.8-mile-long paved and soft-surface regional trail and related improvements within the City of Sammamish as the fifth and sixth phases of the master planned trail.

The project will include:

- Construction of a 12-foot-wide paved regional trail with soft-surface (gravel) shoulders;
- Related earthwork;
- Drainage improvements related to the trail;

- Retaining walls and other site improvements;
- Landscaping and fencing; and
- Access and traffic control (bollards, striping, signage, etc.)

The project is a component of the 11-mile-long master planned East Lake Sammamish Trail linking downtown Issaquah (south) with the Redmond Urban Growth Center (north). The Master Planned ELST will be the “full” buildout of the trail and will replace the existing soft-surface “Interim” ELST along a similar alignment.

- **What is the intended outcome & benefit**

The ELST will provide a paved multi-use trail for bicyclists, pedestrians, and others between cities within the Urban Growth Area – Issaquah, Sammamish, and Redmond (regional urban center). The trail will provide an off-road facility and route as a nonmotorized alternative to surrounding congested arterials. As a result, the project will promote nonmotorized access to employment, retail, and recreation centers as well as provide regional link to Redmond, Sammamish, and Issaquah and other regional growth centers as an important component of the Regional Trails System.

The “South Sammamish A and B” segments of the ELST will provide many direct local benefits, including providing access to the City of Sammamish's future Sammamish Landing Park, King County's Marymoor Park, and the City of Redmond's downtown area, Redmond Town Center, and a future phase of the Evans Creek Trail system. The “South Sammamish A and B” segments will provide a contiguous connection to Issaquah segment which is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2012 as well as to the North Sammamish A and B segments which link to the Redmond Urban Center.

Development of the Master Planned ELST will support access to multiple centers including direct access to the regional Redmond Urban Center and access to Seattle via the Sammamish River Trail and Burke Gilman Trail. At full buildout, the project's larger value will be as a strategic center of regional connectivity, an 11-mile component of a 44-mile, paved, urban, non-motorized corridor that links the cities of Redmond, Sammamish and Issaquah to Seattle (through Woodinville, Bothell, Kenmore and Lake Forest Park).

Additionally, loss of the ELST corridor is possible without project funding. The existing “Interim” gravel, soft-surface ELST is conditioned upon the development of the Master Planned Trail. A condition of the EIS process approved and overseen by WSDOT for the Interim trail is that the Master Planned Trail would be developed to replace it by 2015 or the corridor would revert back to non-trail use. It is generally understood that most of the Master Planned Trail must be completed and mitigation measures implemented by this date or the corridor will be lost to regional trail use. King County is committed to the ongoing development of the new, paved facility in order to meet this commitment and has allocated 100 percent county funding to construct the Redmond segment; secured \$1.5 million in state and federal grant funding to support the Issaquah segment; and secured an additional \$1.5 million federal grant to support the “North Sammamish A” segment. Development must

proceed steadily to meet this deadline, however, and additional grant funds are needed to supplement county funding.

Project Status & Timeline

Where is the project at in development?

30% design completed

The combined NEPA/SEPA Final EIS for the project was issued on May 28, 2010. No public comments were received during the 30-day period that followed.

What is the timeline for this project from start to completion?

(Please identify the major phases)

Design plans are at 30%;

100% design plans could be completed in the spring/summer of 2013

Construction could begin in the fall of 2013 and completion in late spring 2014.

Additional Comments

Project is the “South Sammamish A and B” segments of the master planned East Lake Sammamish Trail from Redmond to Issaquah

