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DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF EIS

Description of proposal: Adoption of an Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Trail Master Plan, supporting development of a public trail for non-motorized transportation and recreational uses. The trail would be planned to accommodate multiple types of users with varying skill levels, including pedestrians, runners, recreational and commuter bicyclists, in-line skaters, and wheelchair travelers. The trail would provide access to and between adjacent or nearby communities, and employment or retail centers in Renton, Newcastle, Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, Woodinville, and unincorporated King County, and would connect to other existing and planned local and regional trails for non-motorized transportation and recreation. The Trail Master Plan will be developed within the context of King County's multi-use vision for the corridor, which includes potential shared use of the corridor for trail, transit, and utilities, subject to the potential reactivation of interstate freight service.

Additional information on the proposal can be reviewed at the King County Parks and Recreation Division, 201 S. Jackson Street, Suite 700, Seattle WA 98104 and on the internet at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/erc>

Proponent: King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks

Location of proposal: The trail would primarily follow railbanked railroad corridor formerly owned by the BNSF Railway Company and located on the east side of Lake Washington between Renton and Woodinville and between Redmond and Woodinville. Portions of the railbanked corridor controlled by the cities of Kirkland and Redmond are not included in this proposal.

Lead agency: King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Parks and Recreation Division.

EIS Required: The lead agency has determined this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c) and will be prepared. The EIS document will be integrated with the Trail Master Plan document.

King County has identified the following areas for discussion in the EIS: Earth (topography, erosion), Water (wetlands, drainage), Vegetation management, Animals (threatened and endangered species), Environmental health (contamination), Land and shoreline use, Recreation, Historic and cultural preservation (eligible resources), Transportation (improvements, non-motorized), Utilities.

Scoping: Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required.

Public Scoping Meetings: Public meetings on the SEPA EIS and Trail Master Plan will be held:

- Woodinville: Thursday, June 18, 6 – 8 p.m., Carol Edwards Center 17401 133rd Ave. NE, Woodinville WA
- Renton: Tuesday June 23, 6 – 8 p.m., Talbot Hill Elementary, 2300 Talbot Hill Rd S., Renton WA
- Bellevue: Thursday June 25, 6 – 8 p.m., Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue WA

Comment deadline: The deadline for submitting comments is 4:30 p.m. on July 17, 2015. Comments can be submitted at the meetings or via email to ERCtrail@kingcounty.gov.

Responsible official: Kevin Brown

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Date: 6/2/15 **Signature** Kevin R. Brown