

RESOLUTION R-5020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE EASTSIDE RAIL CORRIDOR TO ESTABLISH COLLABORATIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS AND CONTINUE PLANNING EFFORTS WITH THE OWNERS OF THE EASTSIDE RAIL CORRIDOR.

WHEREAS, the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC) Regional Advisory Council (RAC) was established by the King County Council in 2012 following the County's purchase of the remainder of ERC not already purchased from the Port of Seattle by Redmond, Sound Transit and Kirkland; and

WHEREAS, the RAC is composed of executive-level representatives from the five owners: King County, Sound Transit, Redmond, Kirkland and Puget Sound Energy; and

WHEREAS, the RAC was created to establish a framework for a collaborative, regional planning process for the ERC, with the goal of accommodating multiple uses in the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the RAC met regularly during 2013 and developed a report summarizing recommendations for the first phase of the planning effort entitled *Creating Connections: Recommendations on the Eastside Rail Corridor from the Regional Advisory Council*; and

WHEREAS, City staff has reviewed the report and recommends continued participation in the RAC with additional recommended principles to guide the City's participation;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City acknowledges receipt of the RAC report *Creating Connections: Recommendations on the Eastside Rail Corridor from the Regional Advisory Council* and expresses its appreciation to all members of the RAC for developing a collaborative and inspiring multi-modal vision for the Eastside Rail Corridor.

Section 2. The City should continue to participate in the Regional Advisory Council for the Eastside Rail Corridor to enhance collaborative working relationships and continue planning efforts with the other owners of the Eastside Rail Corridor.

Section 3. The City's continued participation in the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) for the Eastside Rail Corridor should be guided by the following principles:

- a. Kirkland should continue to participate on the RAC with a focus on developing state and federal agendas supportive of corridor development and building a coalition of support.
- b. Kirkland should support expansion of the membership of the RAC.
- c. Kirkland should support that the RAC remain advisory and a collaborative group in making future recommendations.
- d. Kirkland should work with other members of the RAC on developing funding proposals to fully implement the corridor multi-modal vision.
- e. Kirkland should provide staff to the technical team of the RAC to continue to work through plan and project implementation issues in accordance with the rights and responsibilities of each of the owners.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 19th day of November, 2013.

Signed in authentication thereof this 19th day of November, 2013.


MAYOR

Attest:


City Clerk