

RESOLUTION R-5061

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ADOPTING THE CROSS KIRKLAND CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN.

WHEREAS, the concept of a trail and transportation connection through Kirkland along the former Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad was formally identified by the City of Kirkland in the 1977 Land Use Policies Plan; and

WHEREAS, creating a "Cross Kirkland Trail" as part of a shared use transportation facility along the BNSF railroad right-of-way, also called the Eastside Rail Corridor, was identified as the top priority of the City's 2009 Active Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, following the 2009 purchase of the Eastside Rail Corridor by the Port of Seattle which brought the Corridor into public ownership, in 2011 the Kirkland City Council adopted an interest statement for corridor development that promoted a multi-modal trail and transportation facility that should be activated as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the Urban Land Institute identified the purchase and development of the Eastside Rail Corridor in Kirkland as the best action the City could take to spur economic development and revitalization of the Totem Lake Business District, which is Kirkland's designated Urban Center; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2011, the Kirkland City Council, recognizing a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to secure an unparalleled facility for economic development, transportation and recreation, unanimously approved a purchase and sale agreement that acquired 5.7 miles of the Eastside Rail Corridor within the city boundaries from the Port of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2012, the City of Kirkland took ownership of the purchased portion of the Eastside Rail Corridor and renamed the segment the "Cross Kirkland Corridor"; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2012, the residents of Kirkland voted to approve a Kirkland Parks Levy to provide ongoing funding for park maintenance and improvements, including for the Cross Kirkland Corridor; and

WHEREAS, a portion of Kirkland Parks Levy funds have been expended to develop a Master Plan for the Cross Kirkland Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Master Plan is to serve as a visionary document that will guide future design for a regional

active transportation facility for pedestrians and bicycles as well as a regional transit facility along the Corridor; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of people who live, work and play in Kirkland have imparted their vision for the Cross Kirkland Corridor through their comments, participation in numerous community meetings and by joining walking tours of the Cross Kirkland Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland Transportation Commission has, at the direction of the City Council, provided valuable input and overseen development of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan identifies four goals: 1) connect Kirkland; 2) foster a greener Kirkland; 3) shape a place unique to Kirkland; and 4) activate Kirkland and evolve over time; and

WHEREAS, at multiple meetings, including at a Study Session on May 20, 2014, where City staff and project Consultants presented the Plan's final draft, the City Council has made a detailed review of the Plan; and

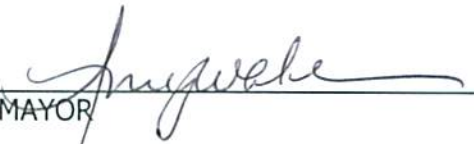
WHEREAS, the Council has determined the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan should be adopted in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Kirkland and also to guide development of a multi-modal facility of unequalled beauty and function for generations to come.

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

Section 1. The Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan is adopted.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 17th day of June, 2014.

Signed in authentication thereof this 17th day of June, 2014.


MAYOR

Attest:


City Clerk