

## FY2023-2029 Capital Investment Program

**G-103: Eastrail**

Category: Transportation &amp; Mobility

Status: Ongoing

Department: City Manager

Location: Citywide

**Programmed Expenditures**

<u>Programmed Expenditures</u>	<u>Appropriated To Date</u>	<u>FY 2023 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2024 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2025 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2026 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2027 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2028 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2029 Budget</u>
10,002,600	3,782,600	250,000	250,000	2,860,000	2,860,000	-	-	-

**Description and Scope**

This project provides funding for the Eastrail regional trail extends from Renton in the south to Snohomish County in the north and runs just east of I-405 and downtown Bellevue. The City Council has long expressed support for the development of a high-quality, multi-use trail on this former rail corridor. This project supports continued coordination with King County Parks in developing and advancing design and implementation of a trail that will address the needs and interests of the Bellevue community. Funding is provided for the design and/or implementation of Eastrail crossings and connections at priority locations in Bellevue. The City Council set aside \$2 million 2017-2018 to be used at their discretion to support implementation of key elements of the trail such as the renovation of the iconic 1904 Wilburton Trestle.

**Rationale**

This proposal specifically advances Priority 12 (Great Places Where You Want to Be) in the 2021-2023 City Council Priorities, which concerns development of the Eastrail and identifies the need to "begin to establish community connection points to the Eastrail." Community access to the Eastrail is additionally prioritized by policies and projects in the Comprehensive Plan (Transportation and Parks, Recreation & Open Space); the Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan; the Parks and Open Space System Plan and the City Council's Eastside Rail Corridor Interest Statement (November 21, 2016).

This project assists in the development of high-quality connections to the Eastrail and assures that the city's interests are considered by King County and others in the planning, design, and construction of a regional trail on the Eastside Rail Corridor alignment. The corridor through Bellevue is owned by King County and Sound Transit. This proposal supports Bellevue's work as a partner in Eastrail development, leveraging the more than \$36 million that will be invested in Eastrail projects in Bellevue through the 2020-25 King County Parks, Trails, and Open Space Replacement Levy as well as the \$18 million for Eastrail in Bellevue included in the 2022 Move Ahead Washington transportation funding package and the \$10 million in private sector contributions (from Amazon, Meta/Facebook, REI and Kaiser Permanente). It crosses multiple city streets, passes through commercial areas and neighborhoods, and includes the iconic and historic wooden Wilburton trestle east of I-405, near SE 8th Street.

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**Environmental Impacts**

Project specific environmental review, consistent with state and federal requirements, will be made during the design phase of specific projects.

**Operating Budget Impacts**

Operating costs for this program will be determined on a project specific basis as required.

**Project Map**