

# Eastside Rail Corridor Update



## Bellevue City Council

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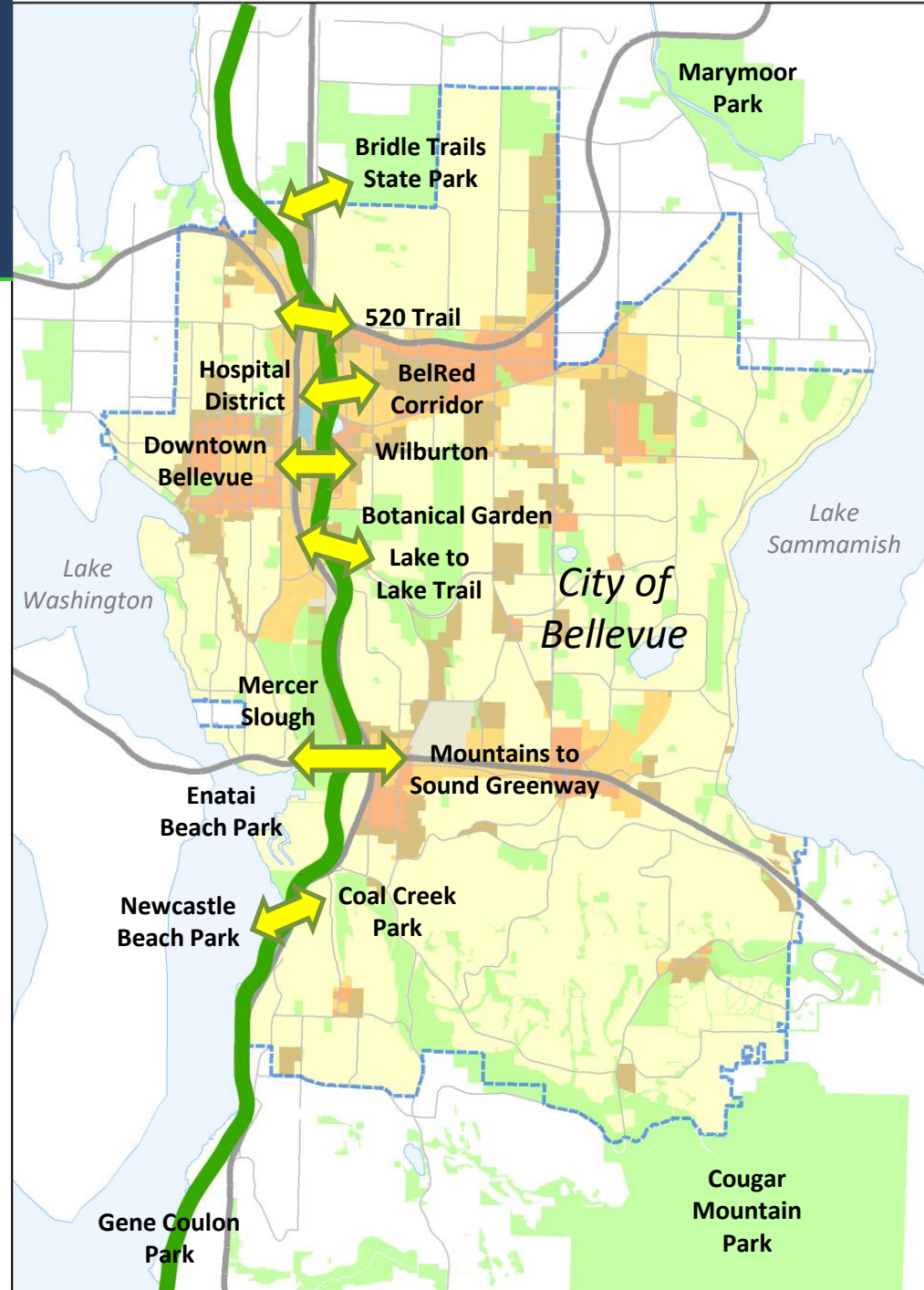
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# Tonight's Presentation

- Trail Project Progress Update
- ERC Regional Advisory Council (RAC)
- Review Updated Interest Statement
- Next steps

# Eastside Rail Corridor Overview

- Extends from City of Snohomish to Renton
- Two owners in Bellevue segment:
  - King County (mostly)
  - Sound Transit (SR 520 to NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street)
- ERC encumbered by easements for
  - Trail (King County)
  - Utility (PSE)
  - Utility (King County sewer)
  - High Capacity Transit (ST)
- Corridor is Rail-Banked (Woodinville-Renton), could revert to freight rail.





# Bellevue Segment: 2017

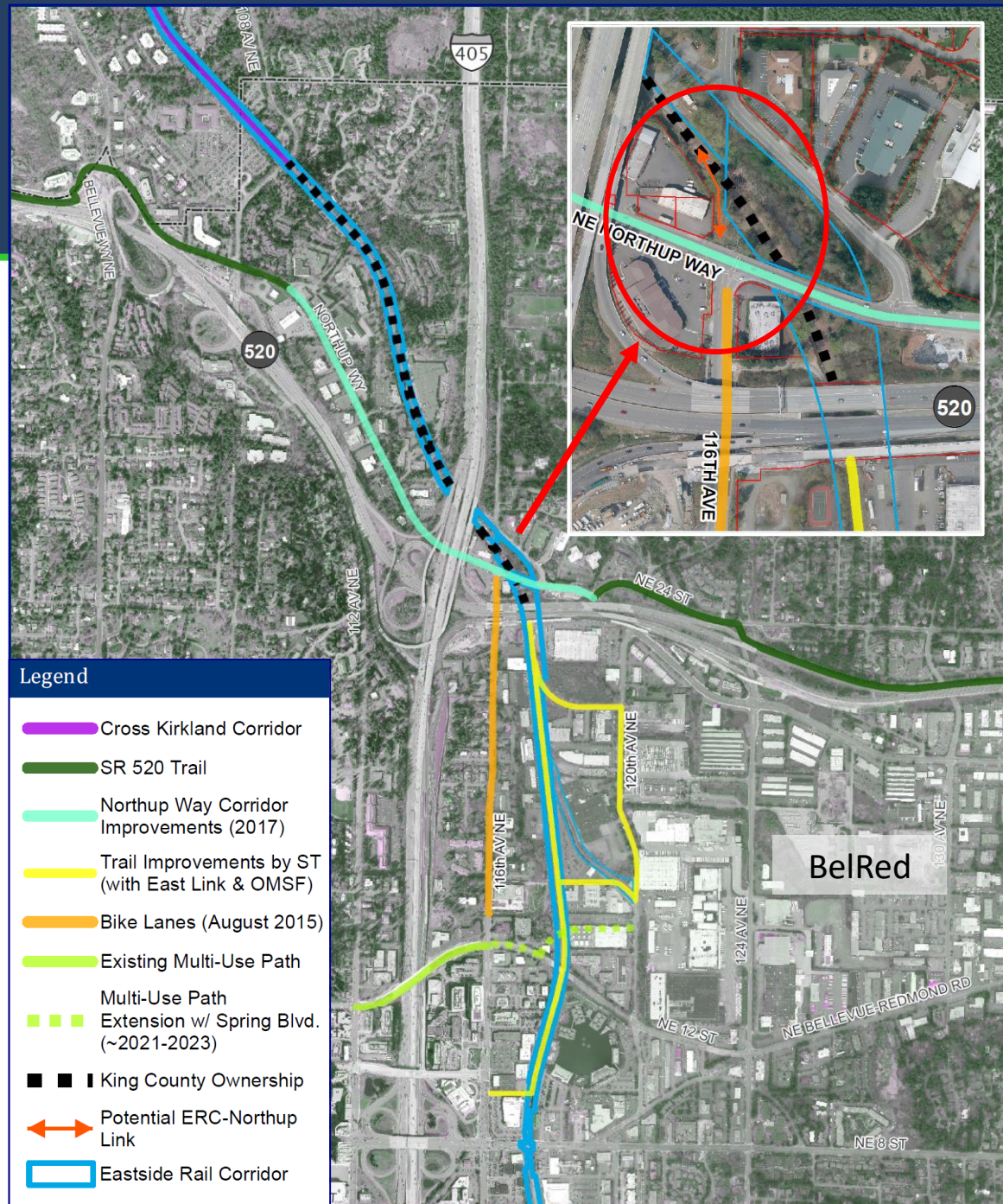
- Rail removal by King County
- First mile interim trail to be constructed by King County (to Cross-Kirkland trail standards, depicted below)





# Bellevue Segment: 2017

- First mile interim trail will include ramp connection from ERC to Northup Way
- May 2017 opening to coincide with Bellevue/ WSDOT project improving Northup Way (as part of the 520 Trail route)
- Fall 2017 completion of 520 bridge trail (on Seattle side)
- ✓ *By Fall 2017 ped/bike link from University District to Redmond and north through Kirkland*

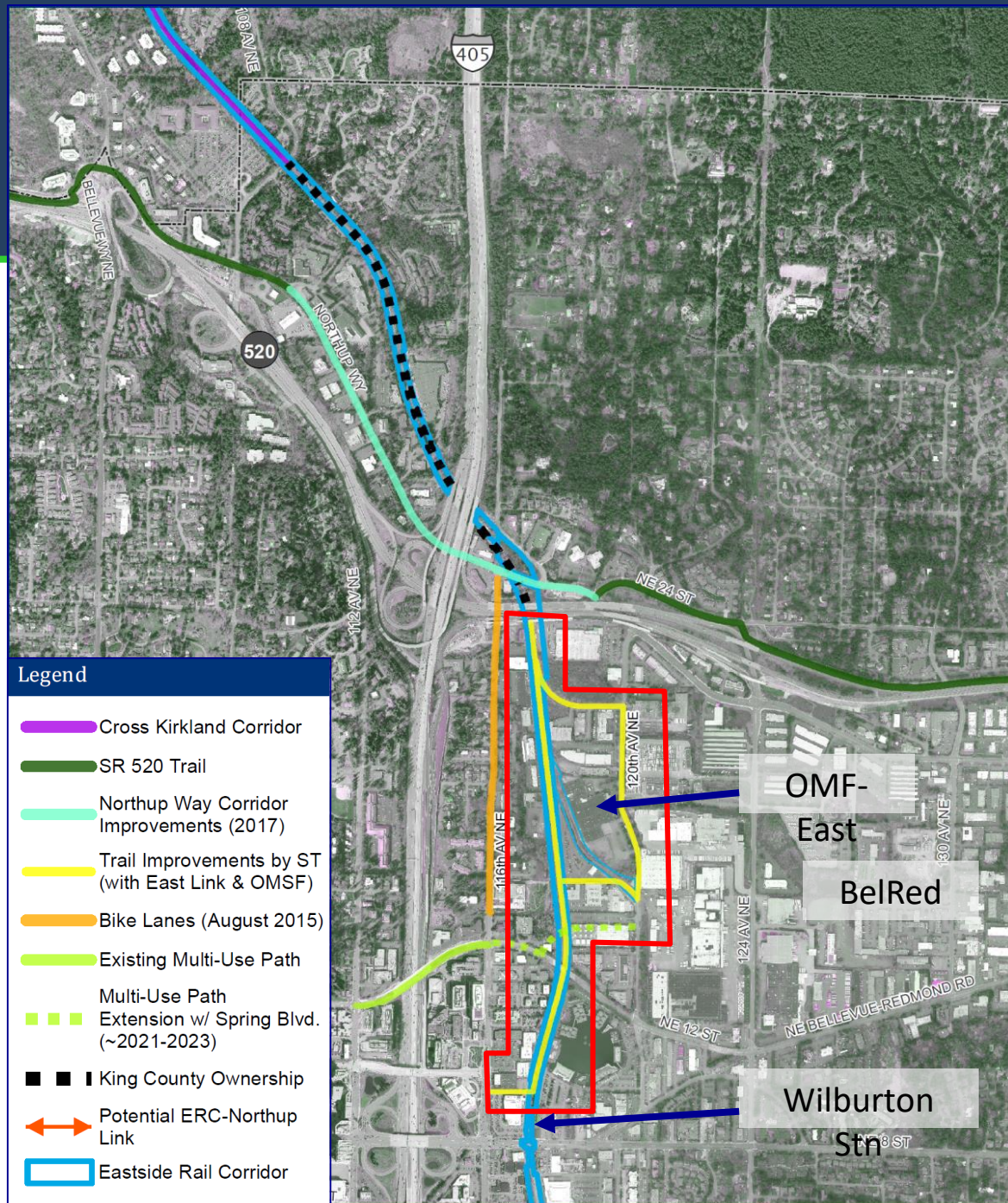




# ERC Trail Links— Sound Transit

MOU with Sound Transit includes:

- Interim Trail on ERC (to Cross-Kirkland trail standards)
- Connections from ERC to 120<sup>th</sup> Ave north and south of OMF-East
- Trail on OMF-East frontage along 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- *Timeline for ERC trail tied to East Link construction*
- *Working with ST to accelerate north end ERC segment and spur to 120<sup>th</sup> Ave NE*





# NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street Overcrossing

*Current activity:* County, Bellevue & ST collaborating on initial design effort

➤ Public/stakeholder outreach early next year

*Next phase:* Final design (2017-2018)

Construction timeline: Goal is to open with East Link, in 2023. Exploring options for funding.



# NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street Overcrossing

## 3 KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

VERTICAL CIRCULATION  
(ELEVATOR & STAIRS)

AESTHETICS

MIXING ZONE

Trail bridge on  
steel truss

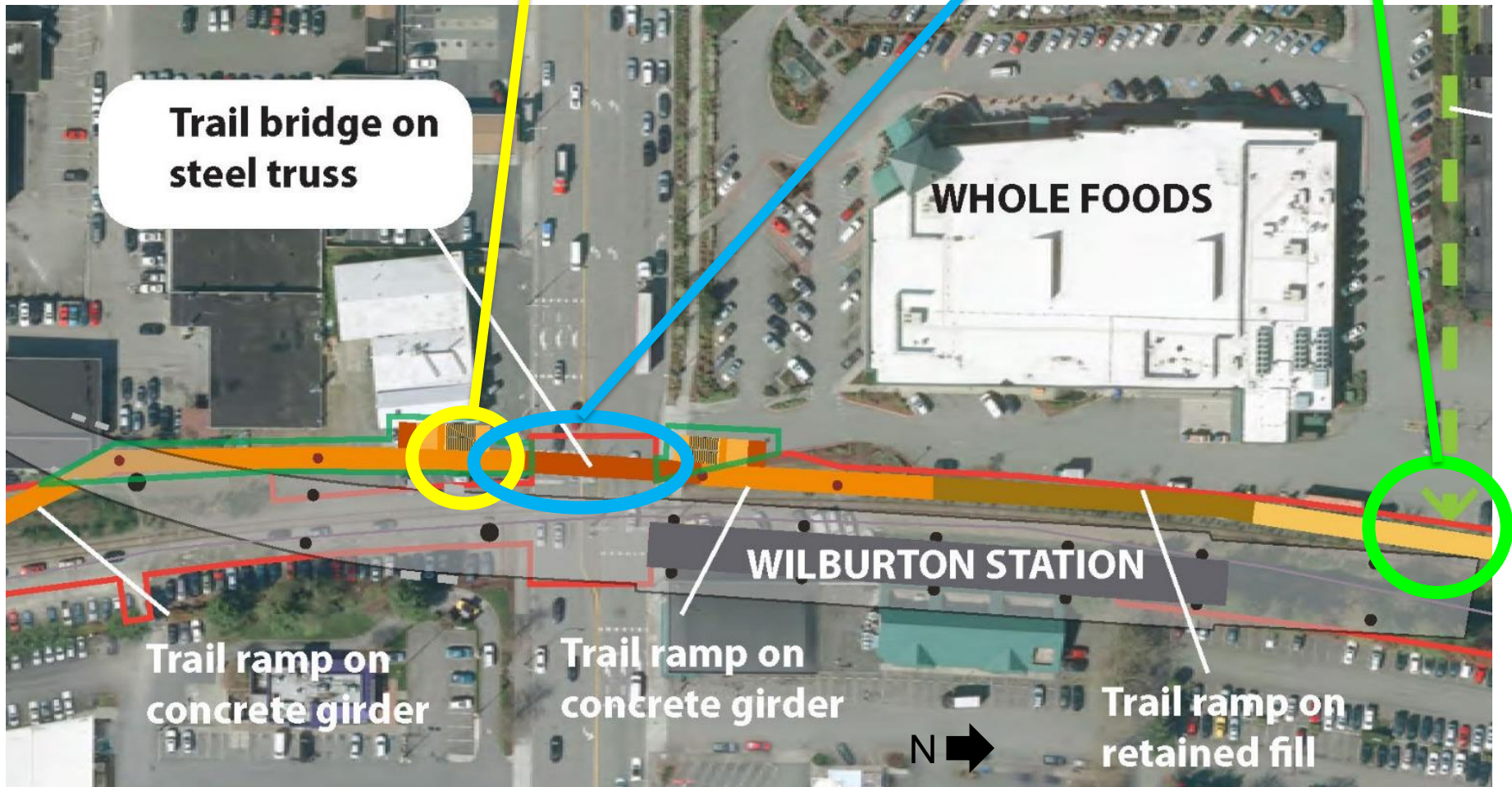
WHOLE FOODS

WILBURTON STATION

Trail ramp on  
concrete girder

Trail ramp on  
concrete girder

Trail ramp on  
retained fill





# ERC and Grand Connection





# Wilburton Trestle Today





# Future Wilburton Trestle Trail



# Future Wilburton Trestle Trail

- Confirmed commitments:
  - \$500,000 from PSRC
  - \$500,000 from GroupHealth
- Additional Funding – contingent upon approvals:
  - \$5 million from the State
  - \$2 million from the County
  - \$2 million from Bellevue





# I-405 Wilburton Gap Crossing





# ERC @ I-90/Mountains to Sound

- King County anticipates starting preliminary design in 2017
- Currently working with Bellevue and Mountains to Sound Greenway to review options for connections.





# I-90 to Renton

- Part or all of ERC from Renton to Coal Creek Parkway to be paved with WSDOT I-405 Renton to Bellevue project.
- Anticipated to occur early in 2019-2023 overall RTB construction phase



# Regional Advisory Council

- RAC in the process of reorganizing
- At September 9 meeting, RAC agreed to:
  - Expand membership to adjacent jurisdictions (including Bellevue)
  - Work to sustain the multiple use vision for the ERC, including supporting coordination on activities between the jurisdictions; and developing an ERC funding strategy
- RAC expected to confirm the reorganization on November 30



# ERC Interest Statement

- Council adopted interest statement in July 2013
- Revised interest statement in packet
- Key points:
  - Implement multiple uses
  - Coordinate with existing and future Bellevue projects, including the Grand Connection, East Link, and various city street crossings
  - Develop a Complementary, Comprehensive and Sustainable Financial Plan
  - Continue to constitute a standing regional governing body, including Bellevue

# Next Steps

- November 1 Trailside Café Event
- Return to Council with an updated Interest Statement in November
- November 30 RAC meeting



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