

#### Bellevue City Council Update February 22, 2021

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## Eastrail update February 2021

- Eastrail Partners- collaboration to build the Eastrail faster and better
- Northup Way connector partnership
- Current and upcoming projects





#### **Role of Eastrail Partners**



- We bring together the diverse communities, governments, private sectors and nonprofits of Lake Washington's Eastside to make the vision for a completed Eastrail a reality and improve equity through access.
- Building partnerships to unify and catalyze the Eastrail effort.
- Creating exemplarity public-private partnerships to further the Eastrail effort.

## Examples of 2020 Collaborative Successes

- Legislative Priorities
  - –Identified opportunities in federal and state budget processes for possible funding
  - -Worked with RAC entities to identify priorities for the corridor
  - August 2020 "Experience the Eastrail" Event
  - -Support letter to federal delegation from Eastside-focused corporations and nonprofits

-Approach for current session in Olympia

- Northup Way Project: Public-private Investment
  - -\$1million each from REI Co-op and Facebook for direct investment in the trail
  - -Eastrail Partners worked with donors to highlight Eastrail investment needs in the Bellevue area and learned of donors' priorities
  - \$2.5million Northup Way Connector identified

-King County Council Chair Balducci



- One of our roles as an organization is to facilitate this kind of investment.
- Currently in process with King County on agreement to how we will get this project done.

# **Project updates**

- I-90 south trails
- NE 8<sup>th</sup> Overcrossing
- I-405 crossing and Wilburton Trestle



## **WSDOT** Partnership





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- Paved Trail from Renton to Coal Creek Parkway opens May 1
- Active construction ongoing
- New I-405 crossing begins construction 2021, open 2023







- Bid April 2021
- Design 100% Complete
- Finishing final acquisitions and permitting
- Open to public before Sound Transit passenger service begins











- Japanese American Agricultural Heritage commemoration included in contract
- Cladding with night lighting
- Interior lighting for extended use







- 90% design complete in April
- Design and permitting ongoing, anticipate going to bid end of 2021
- Opening in 2023



#### **Viewpoint Railing 1**

70" SEGMENT (square post)









- Viewpoints and interpretive signing
- Night lighting
- Distinctive railing, benches, signage
- Historic railroad character
- Meet shared expectations for an exceptional new landmark and destination on the trail

