

G-103 Eastrail

Category: **Economic Development**
 Department: **City Manager's Office**

Status: **Ongoing**
 Location: **Eastside Rail Corridor (City Limits)**

Programmed Expenditures

<u>Programmed Expenditures</u>	<u>Appropriated To Date</u>	<u>FY 2021 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2022 Budget</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>
2,500,000	2,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Description and Scope

The Eastrail is governed through the Eastrail Regional Advisory Council (ERAC) which consists of both owners and non-owners, including a Bellevue City Council representative. This project continues to support the city's coordination efforts with the ERAC and King County Parks in developing and advancing design options for a regional trail that will meet the needs and interests of the Bellevue community. Eastrail projects in Bellevue include NE 8th Overcrossing, I-405 Renton to Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes, the iconic 1904 Wilburton Trestle, and connections to Bellevue neighborhoods and corridors. The project will provide design and/or implementation at key crossings and connections in Bellevue, coordination with multiple agencies with ownership or other secured interest in using the corridor, and inform future implementation funding needs.

Rationale

This proposal specifically advances Priority 16 (Great Places Where You Want to Be) in the City Council Vision Priorities 2018-2020, which concerns the development of a trail along the Eastside Rail Corridor (or "ERC," now branded as the "Eastrail") and identifies the need to "begin to establish community connection points to the ERC." 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; and the Parks and Open Space System Plan.

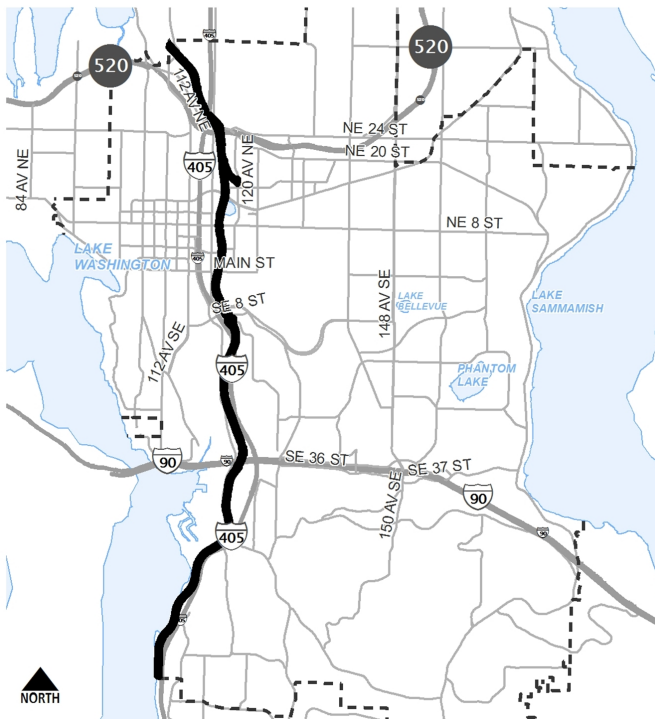
This project assists in the development of high-quality connections to the Eastrail and assures that the city's interests are considered by King County and others in the planning, design, and construction of a regional trail on the Eastside Rail Corridor alignment. The corridor through Bellevue is owned by King County and Sound Transit, however the city participates with corridor owners in the ERAC. This proposal supports Bellevue's work as a partner in Eastrail development, leveraging the more than \$32 million that will be invested in Eastrail projects in Bellevue through the 2020-25 King County Parks, Trails, and Open Space Replacement Levy. It crosses multiple city streets, passes through both commercial areas and neighborhoods, and includes the iconic and historic wooden Wilburton trestle east of I-405, near SE 8th Street.

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

This program will have no impact on operating expenditures.

Project Map**Schedule of Activities**

<u>Project Activities</u>	<u>From - To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Project Costs	Ongoing	2,500,000

Total Budgetary Cost Estimate: 2,500,000

Means of Financing

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Taxes & LTGO Bond Proceeds	2,500,000

Total Programmed Funding: 2,500,000
Future Funding Requirements: 0

Comments