



Date: January 5, 2015
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Subject: Eastside Rail Corridor Update
(for information only, no feedback requested)

At the January meeting, the Board will hear a presentation given by King County Parks and the City of Bellevue staff regarding planning for the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC). The ERC is the former Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad track and right-of-way that extends from Snohomish to Renton. In Bellevue, the ERC enters the city at the northern border, adjacent to the South Kirkland Park and Ride. It crosses under I-405 and runs through the city on the east side of I-405 through BelRed, Wilburton and Woodridge. At this point, it crosses back to the west side of I-405 and continues to the south city limit running parallel to the Lake Washington shoreline (see Attachment 1 map).

The ERC through Bellevue is primarily owned by King County, with a segment from approximately SR-520 to NE 6th Street in Sound Transit ownership (see Attachment 2). King County holds a trail easement along the entire corridor (including the segment owned by Sound Transit) and is preparing a trail master plan extending from Woodinville to Renton.

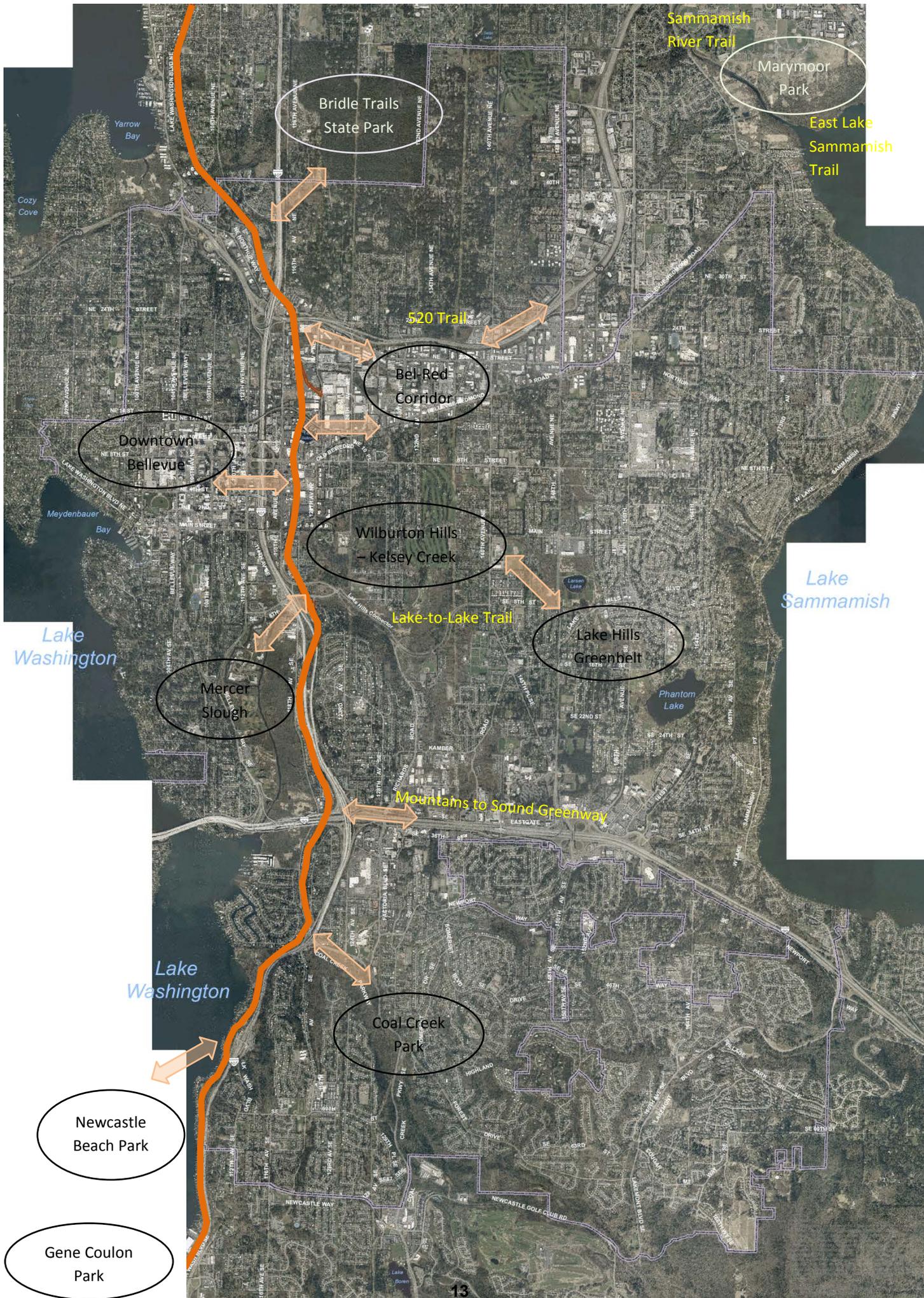
Public events and input opportunities for the trail master plan will begin within the next six months. The presentation to the Board will include context and history of the corridor, an overview of how Bellevue, King County and Sound Transit have been coordinating future planned uses for the ERC and a preview of the upcoming trail master planning process.

More detailed information on the Eastside Rail Corridor planning process is at:
www.kingcounty.gov/recreation/parks/about/capitalimprovements/eastsiderailcorridor.aspx

The Cities of Redmond and Kirkland have planned for and are implementing trail improvements on segments of the ERC that run through their cities. Information on those projects is at:

www.kirklandwa.gov/Residents/Community/Cross_Kirkland_Corridor.htm
www.redmond.gov/cms/one.aspx?objectId=83186

If you have any questions prior to the meeting please contact Camron at cparker@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2032.



Bridle Trails State Park

Marymoor Park

East Lake Sammamish Trail

520 Trail

Bel-Red Corridor

Downtown Bellevue

Wilburton Hills - Kelsey Creek

Lake-to-Lake Trail

Lake Hills Greenbelt

Mercer Slough

Mountains to Sound Greenway

Coal Creek Park

Newcastle Beach Park

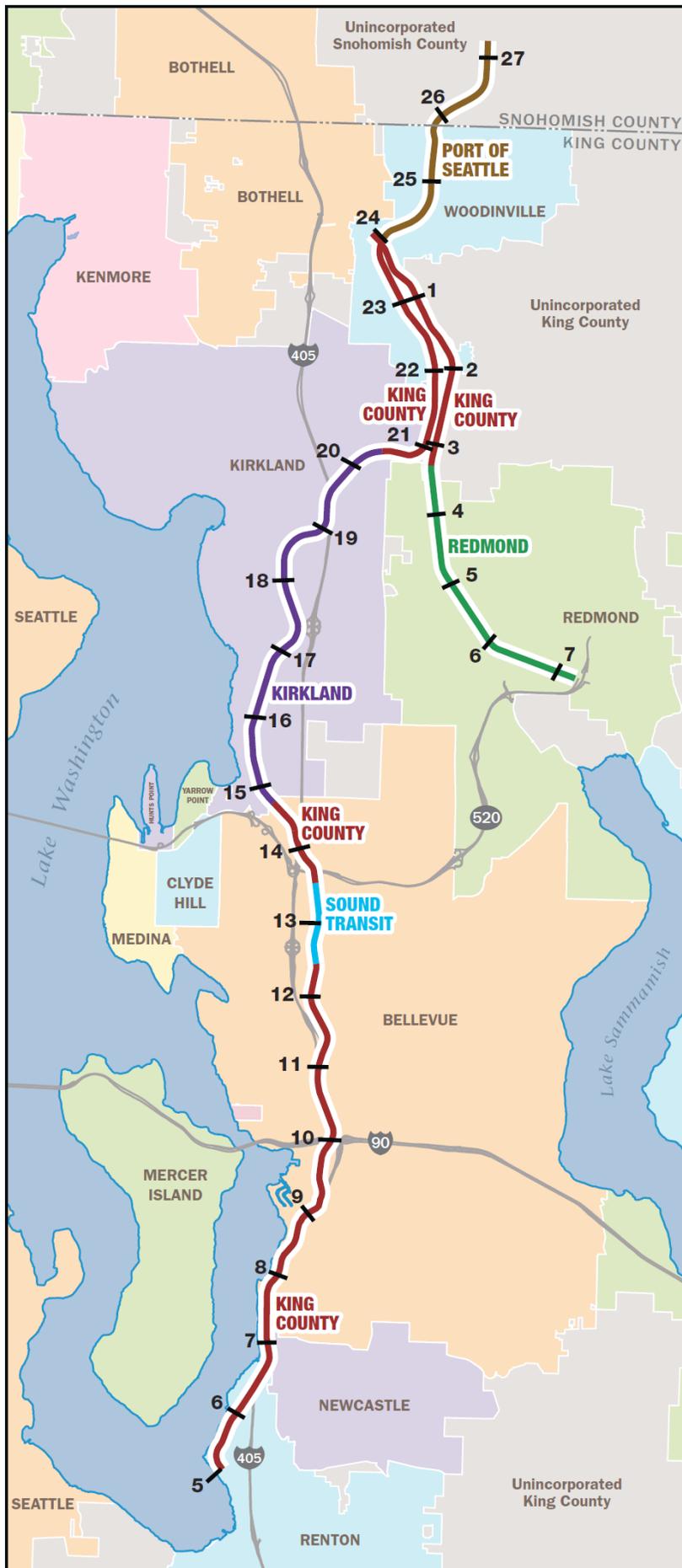
Gene Coulon Park

Lake Washington

Lake Sammamish

Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC) Ownership

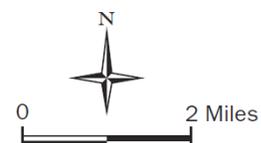
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Legend

Corridor Property Owners

- Port of Seattle
- King County
- Kirkland
- Redmond
- Sound Transit
- Freeway
- Lake
- 1 Mile Marker



Note: Width of trail is exaggerated for information display purposes.

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