

Draft Public process interests

As King County and Sound Transit plan a program of regional outreach to decide how best to develop the former BNSF corridor, the City of Kirkland should make its interests known to those who are shaping the process.

Early involvement: City of Kirkland would like to be involved from the very beginning of corridor development. For example, if some early alternatives are proposed for public consideration, Kirkland would like to help develop those alternatives, rather than responding to them.

Partnership: To the extent possible the City of Kirkland would like to be a partner in decision making. We recognize that because we do not own the corridor, final decision making authority will not rest with us in some instances. We believe however that there will be many decisions in which we should have responsibility and influence equal to that of the corridor owners.

Transparency: It is Kirkland's interest that information developed and gained from various sources be regularly shared among partners.

Public involvement: Development of the corridor is of great interest to many people who live and work in Kirkland. Therefore, one of Kirkland's interests is that there are many opportunities and ways for the public to offer their comments throughout a process. Methods should be developed that allow a wide range of people the ability to make comments through a variety of means.

Timely resolution: Thorough analysis and process can take time. However, it is Kirkland's interest that the minimum amount of time necessary for a meaningful process be spent determining a plan for the corridor.

Potential members of a decision making group

Members from Cities through which the corridor passes

Woodinville

Kirkland

Bellevue

Newcastle

Renton

King County

Sound Transit

Puget Sound Energy

Cascade Water Alliance

City of Redmond

Other interested parties as selected by the rest of the members