



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 5946
October 19, 2021
Consent Agenda**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE: RECOMMENDED ACTION:	AB 5946: 2022-2025 Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) Interlocal Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
	Authorize the City Manager to execute the ETP 2022-2025 Interlocal Agreement.	

DEPARTMENT:	Public Works
STAFF:	Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations
COUNCIL LIAISON:	Benson Wong Jake Jacobson
EXHIBITS:	1. Eastside Transportation Partnership (2022-2025 Interlocal Agreement) 2. Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) Operating Procedures
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to authorize the City Manager to execute the 2022-2025 Eastside Transportation Partnership Interlocal Agreement.

BACKGROUND

The Eastside Transportation Partnership (“ETP”) has been in existence since 1987 and serves as the “transportation board for the area East of Lake Washington in King County to share information, build consensus, and provide advice on plans, programs, policies and priorities for countywide, regional, state, and federal transportation decisions.” The membership is comprised of elected officials from cities and towns throughout the greater eastside. Mercer Island has been represented on the ETP since June of 1992.

To achieve its mission, the ETP adopted the following goals on January 26, 1996:

1. Develop and adopt a package of transportation priorities based on adopted land use plans that improves overall mobility for people, freight and goods, and addressing peak hour congestion on the Eastside.
2. Jointly implement adopted priorities through leadership, education, and advocacy within communities, cities and the region.
3. Adopt and implement a strategy for increasing funding for transportation improvements and programs.

In recent years, the ETP has focused its efforts on regional coordination and advocacy.

The ETP operates under the authority of an Interlocal Agreement (“Agreement”) between member jurisdictions. There have been successive agreements since 1987; the most recent of which was for four

years, expiring December 2021 (see [AB 5356](#)). The new Agreement is being put forward to member agencies for their approval in advance of the expiration date.

THE 2022-2025 AGREEMENT

The 2022-2025 Agreement is a renewal with substantive changes from the previous 2018-2021 Agreement (see Exhibit 1) including:

1. Section 3.1 Snohomish County added as a member with limited voting rights and 1 representative. (ETP voted to include Snohomish County in August 2021).
2. Section 6.2 regarding Annual Review of Financing added the following language: “Additionally, King County will provide the SeaShore Transportation Forum a status update on funds collected and funds remaining by June 30 of each year.”

The 2022-2025 Agreement also adopts by reference Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) Operating Procedures that are unchanged from the previous agreement and are attached for reference (see Exhibit 2).

MERCER ISLAND REPRESENTATION

Under this and previous Agreements, Mercer Island has two voting members on the ETP. Councilmembers Jake Jacobson and Craig Reynolds currently represent Mercer Island. Annual dues are \$100 per voting representative as specified in Section 6.1. The dues are paid each year from the City Council operating budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize the City Manager to execute the 2022-2025 Eastside Transportation Partnership Interlocal Agreement.