



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

AB22-142
November 28, 2022
Committee Report

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB22-142: Memorandum of Understanding with Northwest Trunk Lines Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
PROPOSED ACTION:	Approve the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Mayor to sign.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

REVIEW:	Department Director/Peer	Emily Arteche	11/17/2022
	Finance	n/a	Click or tap to enter a date.
	Legal	Bob Sterbank	11/17/2022
	City Administrator	Mike Sauerwein	Click or tap to enter a date.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Development		
STAFF:	Emily Arteche, Community Development Director		
COMMITTEE:	Community Development	COMMITTEE DATE: November 21, 2022	
MEMBERS:	Jo Johnson	Matthew Laase	James Mayhew
EXHIBITS:	1. Northwest Trunk Lines Background Information 2. Memorandum of Understanding		

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE \$ n/a

AMOUNT BUDGETED \$ n/a

APPROPRIATION REQUESTED \$ n/a

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The City desires to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding, MOU with Northwest Trunk Lines Museum, NWTLM to develop a park/museum on City property. The proposed museum would be located on City owned property commonly known as Gateway Park at the intersection of Railroad Avenue SE and Snoqualmie Parkway (7001 Railroad Avenue SE, parcel no. 302408-9017).

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

On September 12, 2022 Peter Hambling of Northwest Trunk Lines presented his vision for an interpretive model train museum that will promote a cultural, historical, educational, and entertaining tourism experience for the City of Snoqualmie.

BACKGROUND

Northwest Trunk Lines is presently a 3,700 sf model train exhibit located in a private residence. Mr. Hambling selected the segments for the model train through research in his collection of more than 400 railroad books. Using these references, he and the designers identified 14 specific locations on routes ranging from New Mexico to Western Canada. The team also traveled throughout the western United States and Canada documenting the actual locations with thousands of photographs. The proposal is for an approximately 20,000 square foot building with parking and will feature the model train exhibit along with community event space, a gift shop and other interactive features as well as outdoor recreational park with picnic benches and other improvements. The size of the building would also allow the model train exhibit to be more spread out and accessible compared to its current incarnation.

BUDGET IMPACTS

N/A

ANALYSIS

The City Council supports the proposal to develop the model train museum on city property at the intersection of Railroad Avenue SE and Snoqualmie Parkway. The City Council expressed that the park/museum would serve as a destination gateway to the City showing off the rich, cultural heritage of locomotives in the region.

NEXT STEPS

The city will develop a legal agreement for use and operation.

PROPOSED ACTION

Move to approve the MOU between the City of Snoqualmie and NWTLM and authorize the Mayor to sign.