

MOTION NO. 6089

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2 A MOTION related to Parks; requesting  
3 Burlington Northern to immediately consider  
4 the abandonment of railroad right-of-way which  
5 would link the Burke Gilman and Sammamish  
6 River Trails.

7 WHEREAS, the Burke Gilman and Sammamish River Trails provide  
8 recreational opportunities on a regional basis attracting park  
9 users from throughout King County, and

10 WHEREAS, the Burke Gilman and Sammamish River Trails were  
11 approved by the voters of King County in the Forward Thrust  
12 Program, and

13 WHEREAS, the Burke Gilman and Sammamish River Trails are  
14 included in the King County Urban Trails Plan, Bicycle Plan and  
15 recognized as priority park projects in the Shoreline, Northshore  
16 Community Plans, and

17 WHEREAS, by abandoning railroad right of way between Kenmore  
18 and Bothell, Burlington Northern would provide a trail that  
19 connects Gas Works Park, the University of Washington, Logboom  
20 Park and Marymoor Park, and

21 WHEREAS, the use of Burlington Northern railroad right of way  
22 between Kenmore and Bothell will eliminate the need for trail  
23 users to travel on SR-522 thereby improving public safety;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

25 Burlington Northern is requested to immediately consider  
26 abandonment of railroad right of way between Kenmore and Bothell  
27 for use as a public non-motorized trail which connects the  
28 Burke-Gilman and Sammamish River Trails. The missing link is a  
29 top priority CIP project that when developed will provide long  
30 term recreational benefits to all the residents of King County.

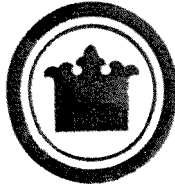
31 PASSED this 20th day of August, 1984.

32 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
33 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Gary Grant  
Chairman

ATTEST:

Janet M. Owens  
Clerk of the Council



**King County Executive**  
Randy Revelle

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August 27, 1984

Mr. William Francis  
Vice-President and General Manager  
Burlington Northern Railroad Company  
Suite 2000, 999 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Sammamish River Corridor

Dear Mr. Francis:

King County has been surveying the Sammamish River corridor between Kenmore and Bothell to determine the most feasible connection between the County's Burke-Gilman and Sammamish River Trails. These trails carry in excess of 7,000 users on peak days and the demand to connect them has grown each year. The increased use of the trails has resulted in many choosing unsafe routes between the two trails, placing themselves and other people in jeopardy.

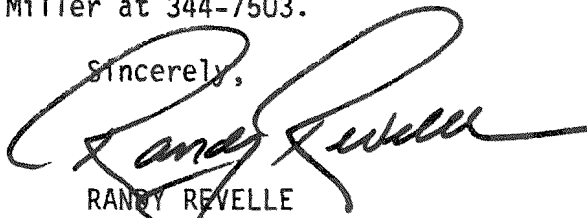
King County has looked extensively at potential connections between the two trails. We and others have found the Burlington Northern right-of-way between Kenmore and Bothell (Line Segment No. 296) to be the best alternative from a development feasibility and safety perspective. We were very pleased when Burlington Northern announced in June, 1983, they anticipated filing for abandonment or discontinuance of this line within three years. Since that time, to our knowledge, there has been no further action by Burlington Northern.

We believe the benefits to King and Snohomish County residents from the public availability of this line are substantial and potentially life saving. Consequently, we respectfully request Burlington Northern to review this line for immediate abandonment.

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions about our request, please call Holly Miller at 344-7503.

Sincerely,



RANDY REVELLE  
King County Executive

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cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Cheryl Broome, Program Director

Jerry Peterson, Council Administrator

Holly Miller, Director, Department of Planning and  
Community Development

ATTN: Joe Nagel, Manager, Parks and Recreation Division

Bob Jacobs, Chief, Capital Improvements