



Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2025-1617

Motion: 25-242

Type:

- ☒ Contract
- ☐ Board Appt.
- ☐ Code Amendment
- ☐ Budget Action
- ☐ Other

Requested Handling:

- ☐ Normal
 - ☐ Expedite
 - ☒ Urgent 5/13
- Deadline

Fund Source:

- ☐ General Fund
- ☒ Other
- ☐ N/A

Executive Rec:

- ☒ Approve
- ☐ Do Not Approve
- ☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ N/A

Subject: PSE Right of Entry Permit and Private Property Right of Entry Agreements.

Scope: To determine the best route and alignment for the Regional Trail, land surveying, wetland delineation surveying, and the hand digging of 3 small sample pits (18 inches deep and 18 inches wide for shallow ground water determination) are necessary. No trees or shrubs are to be removed or sampled, photographs of the observed areas are permissible.

County staff and consultants need to access adjacent Puget Sound Energy land and adjacent private property to conduct the study and surveys. The ability to sign the ROE Agreement(s), pay reasonable fees associated with access and use, including other necessary documents to complete the study are sought with the motion.

Duration: PSE Right of Entry Permit: May 7, 2025 - June 7, 2025.
Private Property Owner Right of Entry Agreement: Template provided.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ Current Year ☐ Multi-Year ☐ N/A

No cost associated with PSE Right of Entry Permit. Private Property Owner Entry Agreements: No information given.

Authority Granted: *Authorizes and approves the County Executive or the Property Officer of Facilities Management to execute, on behalf of the County, the Puget Sound Energy Right of Entry Permit and the Private Property Owner Right of Entry Agreement, in substantial form. Further authorizes and approves the County Executive or the Property Officer of Facilities Management, on behalf of the County, to take those actions consistent within the Private Property Owner Right of Entry Agreements that are reasonable to complete the work necessary for the Regional Trail connection land survey and environmental studies.*

Background: In 2019 Snohomish County Council approved the expenditure of up to \$250,000 of Conservation Futures to acquire the Puget Sound Energy property for the future development of a Regional Trail connection from east of Airport Way (south of the City of Snohomish) to the City of Everett.

Environmental studies and land surveys associated with the trail alignment are necessary for determining the best alignment of the trail. Properties within the proposed trail area are currently owned by Puget Sound Energy and other private property owners. Permission is needed from the owners to enter the private property and to conduct the needed work.

Requested Action: For Council to consider the motion.