



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Public Infrastructure and Conservation
ECAF: 2023-0354
Proposal: Motion 23-144

Analyst: Deb Evison Bell

Date: May 2, 2023

Consideration:

The proposed motion would approve and authorize the Snohomish County Executive to execute the BNSF Railway Company Industry Track Agreement Exhibit Substitution Amendment substantially in the form of Exhibit A as attached and incorporated herein, under Snohomish County Charter 2.20.

Background:

In July 2015 Snohomish County approved [Motion 15-257](#), which approved and authorized the County Executive to execute and sign the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company Industry Track Agreement. The agreement allowed BNSF rail access via two rail spurs to the Everett Intermodal Yard located in the Riverside Business Park, owned by the Snohomish County Solid Waste Division (SWD).

The 2015 agreement allows for the utilization of two Intermodal Yard spur tracks for transshipment of solid waste generated in the County. The 2015 agreement allows for SWD to enter into an Industry Track Agreement with BNSF to use the rail. The agreement also grants BNSF a license to enter and operate over the Intermodal Yard spur tracks.

Snohomish County Solid Waste Division intends to add additional track to the Intermodal Yard for a total of three (3) spurs. The proposed is an Exhibit Substitution Amendment and updates the existing Exhibit A of the Agreement to reflect the new track being built.

Current Proposal:

Scope: The request is for approval of Exhibit Substitution Amendment to Industry Track Agreement BF-76122 with BNSF Railroad for access at the Solid Waste Intermodal Yard located at the Riverside Business Park in Everett.

Duration: Until terminated.

Fiscal Implications: No Fiscal Impacts.

2023 Budget: NA.

Future Budget Impacts: NA.

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: APPROVE

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Requests: For Council to move the motion to GLS on May 10, 2023, for consideration.