

Exhibit	<u>B</u>
Port Commission	<u>Regular</u>
Meeting of	<u>August 14, 2012</u>

Port of Seattle Commission Meeting

July 24, 2012

Subject: Sale and Transfer of BNSF Eastside Rail Corridor

My name is Mike Deller. I am Washington State Director for the Trust for Public Land. Prior to this role I was a bank executive which followed my role as the Executive Director for the Port of Everett.

I am here to support the sale and transfer of the BNSF Eastside Rail Corridor by the Port of Seattle to King County.

The Trust for Public Land is a national non-profit that conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come.

We bring national expertise to local opportunities (including trail corridors) and represent the best in conservation/recreation strategies and practices. Some of those services include:

- Vision, Planning and GIS services
- Conservation Transactions
- Conservation Finance
- Park Design and Development
- Climate Smart Communities

An example of our collaborative work is next door to the Port offices at the Olympic Sculpture Park

We have been in dialogue for over a year with the eastside cities, King and Snohomish Counties, Puget Sound Regional Council, Sound Transit, Urban Land Institute, The Port of Seattle, Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust and others about our services and to discuss opportunities to lead the visioning/GIS, community outreach and deploy our other TPL tools.

Our template is to work with governments, communities, and associations to collaboratively generate conservation/recreation ideas and solutions. An example was the King County Greenprint we led several years ago that still serves as a road map for the county. We have also led many other rail corridor conversions around the country and look forward to working with all the stakeholders using our local and national resources to realize the potential corridor opportunities.

I encourage your swift decision to approve the sale and transfer of the BNSF Eastside Corridor to King County today so we can all begin our work to establish this regional asset. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.