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RE: Eastside Rail Corridor closed by City of Renton KC:0278743639

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Tue, Apr 17, 2018 at 3:45 PM

Dear Jerry:

Thank you very much for your email to King County Parks and for bringing this to our attention. I'm very sorry to hear that you had a bad experience the day of the Seahawks 12K. You're absolutely right about our approach to temporary trail closures. First, we try to avoid trail closures whenever possible. And if a trail does need to be closed, then appropriate notice, signing, and detours are provided. Unfortunately, for this brand new trail we didn't communicate our King County trail policies to the city and the Seahawks. We apologize for missing this one, and will work to make sure it won't happen again next year.

Please feel free to contact us at parksinfo@kingcounty.gov or 206-477-4527 with any other concerns, and we hope you'll be able to attend the official opening of the trail in late May or early June (exact date to be announced soon). Thank you again for connecting with us.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Eastside Rail Corridor closed by City of Renton

Message: This morning the City of Renton refused me access to the ERC claiming that it was closed for the Seahawks 12K. There were no signs posted and no detour was available. Usually when trails like the Sammamish River Trail or the Burke Gilman are used for a private event they are not closed but signs are posted ahead of time warning of anticipated high usage. Why is the City allowed to close a county trail and why are they not required to provide a detour? (This is on the popular, signed, Lake Washington Loop route and during the time it took me to ride down to the dead-end and back I saw perhaps 50 other cyclists who were similarly inconvenienced. If one recreational group is going to be prioritized over another there has to be a process and an opportunity for appeal.)