



**Snohomish County Council
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**County Council passes resolution supporting the Spirit of
Washington Dinner Train**

The Snohomish County Council today unanimously approved a resolution, introduced by Councilmember Dave Somers, recommending that the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway grant an operating lease that would enable the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train to relocate its' operations from the Renton-Woodinville rail line to the Woodinville-Snohomish rail line beginning August 1, 2007.

The Dinner Train has been operating from Renton to Woodinville since 1992. This rail line will be severed in July 2007 due to construction slated to begin on I-405 and will force current operations to be discontinued.

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon will also be signing the resolution.

Councilmember Somers said, "The Dinner Train is an attraction that would bring 80,000 to 100,000 passengers and millions of dollars to the Snohomish community. I'm hopeful that something can be worked out."

The Cities of Woodinville and Snohomish and their respective Chamber's of Commerce have also expressed support of efforts to move the Dinner Train.