

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Motion to authorize the City Manager to Execute a Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus for Design Funding for the Interurban Trail Pedestrian Crossing Project
DEPARTMENT: Public Works
PRESENTED BY: Kirk McKinley, Interurban Trail Project Manager

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT: The City of Shoreline has been awarded a grant for the Interurban Trail Project in the amount of \$534,292 from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the Washington Traffic Safety Commission through the Target Zero Grant Program. Staff is requesting that Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus to secure these funds. Presently, these funds include a January 31, 2003 obligation deadline. Staff is working with WSDOT to extend this deadline an additional year to determine the outcome of grant funds that are presently before the State Legislature for approval. The Interurban Trail Pedestrian Crossing is identified in the City's Capital Improvement Program.

The Target Zero Grant funds will be used predominately for design, including preliminary engineering costs of a grade-separated facility for bicyclists and pedestrians to safely cross Aurora Avenue at North 155th Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The Interurban Trail Project is identified in the City's 2003 –2008 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The Target Zero Grant Program funding totaling \$534,292 will be combined with other funds awarded for this project. On projects of this magnitude, staff programs approximately 15% of the total project costs for design and preliminary engineering costs. The total cost to construct the pedestrian crossing facility is approximately \$3.4 million.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to obligate grant funds totaling \$534,292 for the Interurban Trail Bridge Project.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney 

INTRODUCTION

Staff is committed to researching the availability of financial resources with other agencies to obtain funding targeted for any aspect of the Interurban Trail Project. On May 18, 2001, staff submitted an application to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) requesting funding for design and preliminary engineering for a bridge to provide a safe passageway for bicyclists and pedestrians to cross Aurora Avenue at North 155th Street. WSDOT has approved the City's application from the Target Zero Grant Program. Staff is requesting that Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus with WSDOT to secure these funds for the Interurban Trail Pedestrian Crossing Project.

BACKGROUND

The Interurban Trail Project is identified as Goal No. 1 in the Council's 2002 – 2003 Work Plan. The information is divided into several phases of which the bridge is one. The south and north phases are scheduled to be constructed in 2003. The south central segment and the bridge are proposed to begin design work in the spring of 2003. On October 8, 2001, Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Project Agreement to secure funding from the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for the Interurban Trail Project.

As Council knows, staff recently received a recommendation for funding of \$1,581,773 from the Interagency Committee for the Outdoor Recreation (IAC) for construction of the bridge. This funding will not be available until it is approved by the legislature in late spring, 2003. This Target Zero funding will be supplemented with funding of \$1,001,052 from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and \$267,246 from City required matching funds. These resources total \$3,384,263.

The Target Zero Grant Program funds totaling \$534,292 are for the design and preliminary engineering costs associated with a pedestrian crossing at Aurora Avenue and North 155th Street. These funds are federal funds that are administered through WSDOT.

The key elements of the Target Zero Grant include the following:

- Provides financial assistance for the design and preliminary engineering for the Interurban Trail Bridge at Aurora Avenue and North 155th Street
- Requires a City local match amount of \$267,146

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