

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<p>AGENDA TITLE: North Central Segment - Interurban Trail – Design Amenities DEPARTMENT: Public Works PRESENTED BY: Kirk McKinley, Aurora and Interurban Project Manager Dave Buchan, Capital Projects Manager Connie Reckord, Design Consultant with MacLeod Reckord</p>
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PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The purpose of this agenda item is to brief the Council on the development of design features and amenities for the North Central segment of the Interurban Trail.

BACKGROUND

- The North Central segment of the Interurban Trail is a funded project in the City's CIP and is a high priority project for the Council.
- The North Central segment is the last segment of the Interurban Trail to be built in the City of Shoreline.
- The 30% design package for the North Central segment was reviewed by the Shoreline City Council on February 7th of this year. Reactions were positive.
- On February 10, 2005 a citizen Open House was held at the Shoreline Historical Museum to review the proposed Trail alignment, design features and probable impacts associated with construction of the new Trail. The Open House was attended by roughly 50 people and comments were very positive. One concern expressed by two citizens in the N 188th block of Midvale had to do with likely increases in traffic and activity associated with the Trail in this quiet neighborhood. Staff pledged to maintain close contact with these residents as the project moves forward so the City can, within reason, mitigate potential problems with these residents.
- On March 11, 2005, Seattle City Light issued letters to permit holders owning buildings within the City Light right-of-way notifying them that they have a one-year period in which to vacate their buildings, abate any possible hazardous materials and demolish their buildings. The effective date of Permit cancellation will be March 31, 2006.
- Staff has continued to work with Sky Nursery, and the developers of both Gateway Plaza and Walgreen's Pharmacy to develop the details of how the Trail will interface with their respective projects. Progress has been exceptional in gaining a mutual commitment to the development of a quality amenity for Shoreline residents.
- Staff has worked closely with Seattle City Light to gain City Light approval of the Trail routing and location of key Trail features in proximity to transmission poles.

DEVELOPMENT OF DESIGN FEATURES AND AMENITIES

Since the 30% design presentation, staff and the design team have been refining the alignment for the Trail, working on details of the grading plan, edge conditions for both Aurora Avenue North and Midvale Avenue North, and creating alternatives for Trail surfacing, intersection treatments, landscape plantings and various Trail amenities. A review of alternatives and recommended design treatments will be shared with the Council on Monday evening, May 23, 2005.

REVENUES AVAILABLE

The City currently has \$1,830,000 available for this project: \$1,215,000 in an IAC grant, \$486,000 allocated in our CIP, and \$129,000 from King County. As we select the design and construction elements and negotiate with the developers for their segments of the trail we will develop a more refined project budget for Council review.

NEXT STEPS:

- Complete the 60% design drawings and get full review by staff, Seattle City Light and affected private developers.
- Provide detailed plans and specifications to each of the private developers to enable their respective projects to proceed on schedule.
- Carry out detailed evaluation of the North Central project to comply with the State Environmental Policy Act.
- Complete design activity to enable installation of a new traffic and pedestrian signal at N 185th and Midvale Avenue North.
- Proceed to develop 90% drawings for the North Central segment and prepare bid documents for the project. Bidding will occur in early 2006 in preparation for an April 2006 construction start.
- Continue to work with affected tenants within the Seattle City Light right-of-way to help them find new business locations within the City of Shoreline.

RECOMMENDATION

There is no recommended action at this time. However, staff would appreciate Council input on the proposed and alternative design elements.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney 