

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Motion to Authorize the City Manager to (1) Execute a Gas Tax Agreement (GCA) to obligate \$10 Million of New Gas Tax funding, and (2) Execute Local Agency Agreements, Supplements and a Prospectus to obligate approximately \$2.3 Million of funding for the Aurora Corridor Project (N.165 th Street to N. 205 th Street) with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).
DEPARTMENT:	Public Works
PRESENTED BY:	Kirk McKinley, Aurora Corridor Project Manager Phil Ramon, Public Works Administrative Manager

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT: Staff is requesting that Council authorize the City Manager to 1) execute a Gas Tax Agreement (GCA) to obligate \$10 Million of new gas tax funding, and 2) execute Local Agency Agreements, Supplements and a Prospectus to obligate approximately \$2.3 Million of federal funding with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the Aurora Corridor Project (N. 165th Street to N. 205th Street). The Aurora Corridor Project is identified, as the No. 1 Goal in the Council's 2004 –2005 Work Plan.

New Gas Tax Agreement (GCA)

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has agreed to contribute \$10 Million of funding to the City's Aurora Corridor Project (165th Street to 205th Street). The funds will be appropriated in three budget bienniums; \$1 Million from 2005 – 2007; \$2 Million from 2007 – 2009; and \$7 Million from 2007-2011. They will be programmed to provide \$1 Million for design, \$2 Million for right of way and \$7 Million for construction improvements.

The construction improvements may include, but are not limited to improvement of pedestrian and vehicle safety, pedestrian and disabled access by adding two through lanes and a Business Access/Transit (BAT) lane in each direction at the curb, addition of curb and gutter, landscaping/street furnishings, sidewalks, traffic signals, improvement of transit stops with new shelters and new street lighting, under-grounding utilities, improving existing storm water drainage system including water quality improvements, and improvements at major intersections to improve east-west traffic flow.

Other pertinent information pertaining to these funds include the following:

- The agreement between the City and WSDOT may be amended or supplemented only in writing by both parties.
- In accordance with purchasing policies, Council authorization is required in order for staff to obligate grant funds exceeding \$50,000.

Federal Highway Discretionary (FHWA) Funds

The 2005 Transportation Program included approximately \$2.2 million of Federal Highway Discretionary Funding (FHWA) for construction improvements for the Aurora Corridor Project (North 165th Street to North 205th Street). \$1,368,755 was sponsored by Congressman Jay Inslee and \$855,472 was sponsored by Senator Patty Murray. These funds do not require a local match and require that the City comply with state and federal compliance requirements. These funds will be allocated at 20% per fiscal year beginning in 2005 and ending in 2009. With Council acceptance of these funds, staff will work with the Puget Sound Regional Council to program these funds into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The Aurora Corridor Project (North 165th Street to North 205th Street) is identified in the City’s 2006 –2011 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The current CIP identifies this project with a total of \$68,450,757. This new funding will be added to the total and this reduces the future grants amount.

Revenue Sources	Amount
Federal STP – C	\$4,815,461
Federal STP – U	\$525,361
Federal Transit Administration	\$1,475,518
Nickel Gas Tax Funds	\$6,123,373
New Gas Tax Funds	\$10,000,000
Federal Discretionary Highway Funds	\$2,224,227
Future Local Grants	\$1,000,000
Future Grants	\$32,224,824
City Contribution	\$10,061,993
Total	\$68,450,757

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council Authorize the City Manager to (1) Execute a GCA Agreement to obligate \$10,000,000 of new gas tax funding, and (2) Execute Local Agency Agreements, Supplements and Prospectus to Obligate \$2,224,227 of FHWA Funds with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Aurora Corridor Project (North 165th Street to North 205th Street).

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney _____



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November 7, 2005

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High Priority Project

Dear Mr. Haines:

We are pleased to advise you that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has identified the following project in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for User's (SAFETEA-LU) High Priority Projects program. FHWA has limited federal aid funding for your project as follows:


WA175 SR99 (Aurora Ave N) between N 145 St & N 205 St. \$1,368,755

The final project amount may change due to annual USDOT administrative fees and subsequent congressional actions. Also, SAFETEA-LU has restricted allocation of these funds to 20% per federal fiscal year, beginning with FFY 2005 and ending in FFY 2009. At this time FHWA has allocated the FFY 2005 funds for federal reimbursement of **\$273,751**. These federal funds are available at 100% and require no local match. WSDOT will notify you once FHWA issues the FFY 2006 allocations.

SAFETEA-LU does provide some flexibility in funds management, for example, advance construction. Advance construction allows an agency to begin incurring expenditures at their expense. To maximize the funding flexibility for local agencies, WSDOT is requesting the attached Quarterly Project Report form be completed by **December 1, 2005**. An electronic copy of the form can be found on the following website: www.wsdot.wa.gov/TA/HOMEPAGE/HLPHP.html. Please forward the completed project report form to Stephanie Tax at: taxs@wsdot.wa.gov.

To authorize the project, FHWA is requiring a new agreement for each project. Please refer to your Local Agency Guidelines (LAG) manual for additional information. Projects utilizing federal funds must be included in your current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Once your TIP amendment is complete, WSDOT will amend the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Also, project expenditures incurred before receiving notice from us of federal fund obligation are ineligible.

To pursue this project please contact Ed Conyers, your Regional Local Programs Engineer, at 206.440.4734. His office can assist you with all necessary documentation and coordination needed to authorize the federal funds.

Sincerely,

Kathleen B. Davis
Director
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cc: Ed Conyers, Northwest Region LPE, MS NB82/121
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WA248 SR 99 (Aurora Ave N) between N 145 St & N 205 St \$855,472

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