

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the City of Shoreline and King County Metro to Transfer Funding for the Aurora Corridor Project Between N 185th and N 205th Streets

DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

PRESENTED BY: Kirk McKinley, Transportation Services Manager
John Vicente, Capital Projects Manager

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT: Staff is requesting that Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City and King County Metro to transfer funding between the two agencies for the Aurora Corridor Project between N 185th and N 205th Streets. In 2009, the City of Shoreline was awarded a line item appropriation in the 2009 Federal Omnibus budget for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) monies in the amount of \$475,000 for the Aurora Corridor Project.

The City of Shoreline and King County Metro find it advantageous for the FTA funds to be transferred, with Council approval, to the County in exchange for local County funds for the Aurora Corridor Project between N 185th and N 205th Streets. The City would transfer the FTA funds totaling \$475,000 to King County Metro in exchange for \$434,625. The remaining \$23,750.00 constitutes a 5% administrative cost for this type of fund exchange. An additional \$16,625.00, which constitutes 1.75% per year of the total FTA funding, will be charged to the City until the County can fully obligate the FTA funds. The County cannot obligate funds until 2013. In accordance with purchasing policies, Council authorization is required in order for staff to obligate grant funds exceeding \$50,000. The City had received approximately \$1.4 million in 2006 under similar circumstances, and also entered into a MOA to transfer the funds to the County in exchange for County funding. These funds were used in the N 165th to N 185th section of Aurora.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Staff anticipates utilizing these King County funds for the N 185th – N 192nd Street segment. If project expenses for this segment are less than projected below, the funds will then be transferred to the N 192nd – N 205th segment. The Aurora Corridor Project (N 185th – N 192nd Street) is identified in the City's 2011 - 2016 Capital Improvement Program. The following provides a summary of the funding sources for this project:

Funding Sources		Amount
Roads Capital Fund		\$3,407,776
Federal STP – C		\$1,022,594
Surface Water Fund		\$300,000
Federal FTA		21 -(\$475,000)

King County	\$434,625
SAFETEA – LU	\$1,524,871
King County	\$95,783
Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)	\$5,500,000
State Regional Mobility Grant	\$1,000,000
Federal CMAQ	\$1,000,000
Seattle City Light/Seattle Public Utilities	\$1,227,563
Total	\$15,038,212

The following provides a summary of advantages for the funding transfer between the City and King County Metro:

- FTA funds require a 20% match to the City, which equates to \$95,000. These funds cannot be matched by other federal funds administered by the City.
- FTA funds require substantial amount of staff time to administer.
- FTA funds also include added procurement requirements that are not required by other local funding agencies.
- FTA requires a separate record keeping program for administration of their funds, which is avoided by the City should these funds be transferred to the County.
- The County's local funds can be used as a local match to existing federal funding for the Aurora Corridor Project.
- The County is able to utilize the FTA funding for transit-related expenses approved by the FTA in the immediate future. The County utilizes these types of funds on a regular basis. The County intends to use these funds to acquire Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) buses for the Aurora BRT line.
- The County possesses locally generated revenues now allocated to projects eligible for funding with federal grants.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Shoreline and King County Metro to Transfer Funding for the Aurora Corridor Project between N 185th and N 205th Streets.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney _____