

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Obligate \$350,000 of Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant Funds for the Traffic Signal Safety Improvements
DEPARTMENT:	Public Works
PRESENTED BY:	Tricia Juhnke, City Engineer
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Staff is requesting that Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Local Agency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to obligate \$350,000 of Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds for Traffic Signal Safety Improvements.

In accordance with the City's purchasing policies, Council authorization is required for staff to obligate grant funds exceeding \$50,000. Additionally, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) requires formal authorization of their contracts prior to execution. WSDOT administers federal funds awarded to the City of Shoreline. This grant provides for 100% of eligible costs.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Program is identified in the City's 2013 – 2018 Capital Improvement Program. The Traffic Signal Safety Improvements is part of the Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Program.

The 2013-2018 Capital Improvement Program includes \$350,000 in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant for improved pedestrian safety improvements at traffic signals throughout the City.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Local Agency Agreement to obligate grant funds totaling \$350,000 for the Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Program including authorization of the Project Prospectus and any addendums or supplements required by the Washington Department of Transportation.

Approved By: City Manager **JU** City Attorney **IS**

INTRODUCTION

The City was awarded a federal grant for improving pedestrian safety at signalized intersections throughout the City. Staff is requesting Council to authorize the City Manager to obligate these funds with the Washington State Department of Transportation.

BACKGROUND

The City was invited by the Washington Department of Transportation to apply for grant funding through the Highway Safety Improvement Program for Citywide pedestrian improvements at signalized intersections. The scope of the grant includes installation of countdown pedestrian signal heads at all signalized intersections, adjusting signal timing at all intersections to allow for extended pedestrian crossing time, and other minor improvements.

COUNCIL GOAL ADDRESSED

This project addresses Goal 2, Improve Shoreline's utility, transportation, and environmental infrastructure. This project will meet this goal by improving safety at signalized intersections through installation of countdown pedestrian signal heads, adjusting signal timing for safer pedestrian crossings and other improvements.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT

The \$350,000 grant was awarded specifically for this project. The no action alternative would be to not enter this grant agreement and release the funding to other projects. The scope of work would either not be completed or would be completed using other City revenue.

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