

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	2013 Federal Funding Priorities
DEPARTMENT:	City Manager's Office
PRESENTED BY:	Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Manager
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

Staff is proposing a new approach to the City's federal priorities for 2013 and the next few years. The City of Shoreline has previously focused its federal funding priorities solely on the Aurora project, but with the project fully funded the City needs to determine a new focus.

Staff is proposing diversifying requests by designating focused project areas with multiple projects within a project area. Determining multiple projects allows the City to be opportunistic and strategic with requests each year, given the opportunities that may be available.

Once Council has approved the federal funding priorities, the Mayor will relay these project areas to the congressional delegation when we present our specific federal requests in 2013.

The staff report includes a draft list of project focus areas for Council's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council provide direction to staff regarding the proposed federal funding priorities. Staff would desire that there be Council consensus on the priorities.

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

INTRODUCTION

Since its incorporation in 1995, the City of Shoreline has had a singular priority with its congressional delegation – the redevelopment of SR-99. With the project funds in hand to complete the SR-99 project, staff needs policy direction as to the City's next priority project(s) to seek funding at the federal level. This is a great opportunity to diversify the City's requests to multiple project areas to improve the opportunities for receiving federal funding on a year to year basis.

Federal Outlook in 2013

The past two years have provided few opportunities to directly obtain federal funding for municipal projects. The reasons for this include the economic recession and the resulting decrease in discretionary spending, the discord between the majority and minority parties in Congress, the temporary earmark ban enacted by Congress in 2011 and finally the inability of Congress to negotiate and compromise on the economic recovery priorities.

In 2013, the presidential election will be much less of a factor in the halls of Congress, signs of an economic recovery continue to build and it is likely that the earmark ban will be revisited. Members of both parties and both chambers have been signaling that they want to see Congress restore its budgetary authority over federal spending decisions and if the earmark ban is not continued, the City's delegation is in a strong position to help.

City Approach in 2013

Moving forward with the congressional delegation, staff recommends that the City expand its federal requests from seeking funding for one major project to diversifying to multiple projects.

These projects reinforce the City's commitment to economic development and regional mobility and provide an omnibus umbrella for a multitude of funding opportunities. The proposed areas of municipal focus provide a thematic approach for the City to share with its delegation, and build on the messages used throughout the SR-99 project.

Once Council determines the project area focus, staff will work to identify specific funding opportunities in each category for a given year. For example, we may be able to pursue transportation planning dollars in one area, storm water management in another, and infrastructure investments in still a third. Having multiple project focuses allows us to be simultaneously opportunistic and strategic with City requests.

The relationship building process that the Mayor and Council have worked diligently on over the past few years will be invaluable in this process, as we will look to our federal delegation partners to help identify and secure potential funding.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Draft 2013 Federal Funding Priorities

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Draft Shoreline Federal Priorities Project List

- **145th Street/145th Street Light Rail Station**

This project would redevelop 145th Avenue between Aurora and Lake City Way to facilitate the eventual construction of the light rail station at 145th and I-5. This project involves multiple public partners (City of Seattle, King County, WSDOT, Sound Transit, etc.) and has multiple project needs that include transportation planning funding, transit oriented development planning, sewer and water infrastructure, transit enhancements and economic development.

- **175th Street**

This project would redevelop 175th From 15th NE to Aurora, as a principal arterial connecting two principal arterials (15th and Aurora, which are now on the National Highway System, per MAP21), plus I-5, is the city's most congested arterial.

- **Shoreline Center/185th Street Light Rail Station**

This project involves the potential redevelopment of the economic asset currently operated by the Shoreline School District and for station area planning for the 185th St station. While this project is in its early stages, the City is in need of planning dollars to better ascertain economic development opportunities and transit needs for this strategic area.

- **Aurora Square Redevelopment**

This project involves the land encompassing the current Central Market/Sears properties and creating better links to the WSDOT offices and Shoreline Community College. With the City's economic development plan for a community renewal area, the completion of SR-99 and the deployment of Rapid Ride along the corridor, this project provides significant investment opportunities for both the public and private sector. Federal funding could be available for the City to assist with economic planning, infrastructure investments, transportation improvements, environmental restoration in Boeing Creek and energy efficiency improvements.

- **City Infrastructure Projects**

This project could be for distinct city projects such as replacement of the Saltwater Park overpass, construction of a new community center/pool, Town Center project(s), or public safety priorities such as emergency generators.