

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Obligate \$435,000 of Safe Routes to School Program Funding for the Einstein Safe Routes Project		
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Public Works		
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Iain Draper, Engineering Manager		
<b>ACTION:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion
	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	

**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 \$435,000 of Safe Routes to School grant funding for the construction of the Einstein Safe Routes Project. This funding source is through WSDOT and provides for 100% of eligible costs.

In accordance with the City’s purchasing policies, Council authorization is required for staff to obligate grant funds exceeding \$50,000. Additionally, WSDOT requires formal authorization of their contracts prior to execution.

**RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The 2013-2018 Capital Improvement Program includes \$348,000 for the Safe Routes to School NW 195th project (identified here and on the grant as Einstein Safe Routes Project). The cost was updated when staff applied for grant funding. The Einstein Safe Routes project is funded through \$435,000 by Safe Routes to School Program grant funding. This grant does not require a City match.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Local Agency Agreement to obligate grant funds totaling \$435,000 for the Einstein Safe Routes project, 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 applied for and was awarded a state grant for the installation of sidewalks and school zone flashing signs on the routes to Einstein Middle School. Education and enforcement are also included. Staff is requesting Council to authorize the City Manager to obligate these funds with the Washington State Department of Transportation.

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2006, the City Council established a six-year Priority Sidewalk Program focused on sidewalks serving schools. NW 195th was a priority one route in this program; however, there has not been adequate funding to construct the improvements. Improvements on 3rd Ave NW and 8th Ave NW were installed through this program in 2006. NW 195th provides a valuable connection between these two routes. During the development of Shoreline's Transportation Master Plan (approved 2011), the City Council continued to recognize the importance of sidewalks to the community and emphasized their construction as high-priority transportation investments. NW 195th was again a high priority for the non-motorized system portion of the plan. The project was identified in the surrounding Neighborhood Transportation Action Plan approved in 2009.

The project would install sidewalks adjacent to Einstein Middle School on the south side of NW 195th Street from 3rd Avenue NW to 8th Avenue NW (connecting other recent sidewalk installations on 3rd Avenue NW to create a continuous sidewalk along this stretch of roadway) and on the east side of 5th Avenue NW from NW 196th Place to NW 195th Street. School zone flashers on all four legs of the NW 195th Street to 3rd Avenue NE intersection approaching the school would also be installed. Curb ramps at the intersections of 3rd Avenue NW, 5th Avenue NW, and 8th Avenue NW will also be installed or updated. This particular route was developed cooperatively with City, Police and School District staff.

## **COUNCIL GOAL(S) ADDRESSED**

This project addresses Council Goal #2, "provide safe, efficient and effective infrastructure to support our land use, transportation and surface water plans." This project will meet this goal by constructing new sidewalks where pedestrians travel along shoulders or unimproved areas.

## **RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Below is a breakdown on the funding for the Einstein Safe Routes Project:

Safe Routes to Schools Grant	\$435,000
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$435,000</b>

A no-action alternative would include not entering the grant agreements and returning the identified funding to the State; doing so would result in either not constructing the project or identifying other revenue sources to fund it.

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Vicinity Map

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