

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Obligate \$540,000 of Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program Funding for the Shoreline-Interurban Trail/Burke-Gilman Connectors Project
DEPARTMENT:	Public Works
PRESENTED BY:	Iain Draper, Engineering Manager
ACTION:	<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 \$540,000 of Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program grant funding for the Shoreline-Interurban Trail/Burke-Gilman Connectors Project. This funding source is through WSDOT.

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 the Interurban Trail to Burke-Gilman Trail north connector as an unfunded project. The Interurban Trail/Burke-Gilman Connectors project obtained \$540,000 in grant funding through the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program in early 2013. The grant does not require a City match.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council authorize the City Manager to execute Local Agency Agreements to obligate grant funds totaling \$540,000 for the Interurban Trail/Burke-Gilman Connectors 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 was awarded a state grant for the installation of signage, striping, sidewalks and bike lanes to connect the Interurban and Burke-Gilman Trails through two routes (north and south).

Staff is requesting Council to authorize the City Manager to obligate these funds with the Washington State Department of Transportation.

BACKGROUND

In 2008, the City of Shoreline completed the entire section of the Interurban Trail that runs north and south through the City of Shoreline. While this provides a valuable connection for users traveling north/south through Shoreline, it is missing a connection to the Burke-Gilman Trail. The City has collaborated with the City of Lake Forest Park to identify northern and southern routes to connect the Interurban Trail and the Burke-Gilman Trail. The Bicycle Master Plan contained within the 2011 Shoreline Transportation Master Plan includes these routes.

The northern route follows N/NE 195th from the Interurban Trail east to the pedestrian bridge crossing I-5. In 2011, a separated trail was constructed in unimproved right-of way between Meridian Ave N and 1st Ave. NE. Council authorized the obligation of funds in December 2012 for a project to continue the separated trail from 1st Ave NE to 5th Ave NE along the north side of the existing right-of-way and adjacent to the Holyrood Cemetery. From the pedestrian bridge crossing, the route follows 10th Ave NE south to NE Perkins Way and then east on NE Perkins Way to the city limits. Along the northern route, the project provides striping/traffic markings and signage.

The southern route follows N/NE 155th from the Interurban Trail east to 15th Ave NE. It then follows 15th Ave NE south to NE 150th Street, then turns east to 25th Ave NE, and north to NE 160th Street, where it heads east to the city limits. At NE 160th, there will be a trail connection to Hamlin Park. The City's Transportation Management Plan identifies NE 155th Street from 25th Avenue NE to the city limits as a signed bicycle route. Additionally, the City of Lake Forest Park has identified NE 155th Street as the preferred route to the Burke-Gilman Trail. Bicyclists on 15th Ave NE will be directed to NE 155th Street. Those traveling on NE 160th Street will be diverted to NE 155th Street via 27th Ave NE. The south connector project improvements include signage, striping/traffic markings, sidewalks to fill in the gaps for bike lanes and a separated path.

Three locations are identified to have paved paths constructed in unimproved right-of-way to provide connections and shorter distances from one street to another. The entire project is scalable.

COUNCIL GOAL(S) ADDRESSED

The Interurban Trail/Burke-Gilman Connectors project addresses Goal 2, "Improve Shoreline's utility, transportation, and environmental infrastructure."

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT

The projects are funded as follows:

Pedestrian and Bicycle Program	\$540,000
Total Funding	\$540,000

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council authorize the City Manager to obligate \$540,000 of Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program Funding for the Shoreline-Interurban Trail/Burke-Gilman Connectors Project.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Vicinity Map

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