

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Obligate \$246,000 of Surface Transportation Program (STP) Grant Funds for the 145 th Street Route Development Plan
DEPARTMENT:	Public Works
PRESENTED BY:	Mark Relph, Public Works Director Kirk McKinley, Transportation Services Manager Alicia McIntire, Senior Transportation Planner
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing <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 \$246,000 of Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant funding for the 145th Street Route Development Plan (RDP).

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.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The 2014-2019 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes \$250,000 for the 145th Street RDP. This grant provides an additional \$246,000 in funding for this project, resulting in a total project budget of \$496,000. This grant has a required minimum match of 13.5%, which is met with the identified City funding. Staff anticipates that the RDP will cost approximately \$400,000 and that any remaining CIP funding will be used to match future grants for work on this corridor.

A no action alternative would include not entering into the grant agreement and returning the identified funding to the State; doing so would result in a reduced scope for the RDP.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Local Agency Agreement to obligate grant funds totaling \$246,000 for the 145th Street Route Development Plan including authorization of the Project Prospectus and any addendums or supplements required by the Washington Department of Transportation.

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

INTRODUCTION

The City was awarded a federal grant for creation of a Route Development Plan (RDP) for 145th Street from 3rd Avenue NW to Bothell Way NE (SR 522). Staff is requesting Council to authorize the City Manager to obligate these funds with the Washington State Department of Transportation.

BACKGROUND

On April 28, 2014, Council authorized staff to begin the process to develop an RDP for the 145th Street corridor. The redevelopment of 145th Street promises to be a significant capital improvement in the City of Shoreline. Similar to the Aurora Corridor Improvement Project, it is likely to take several years and be designed, evaluated for compliance with environmental regulations and constructed in multiple phases. The multijurisdictional nature of its location and function as well as the various issues that need to be addressed in conjunction with redevelopment combine to create a very complex project.

The purpose of a RDP is to serve as a master plan for the proposed improvements to the corridor. Development of an RDP can also be known as “pre-design”. The RDP process allows for:

- Study of the existing condition and future function of the corridor – includes an inventory of current and projected traffic volumes, evaluation of accidents and their causes, identification of the locations and types of utilities, evaluation of existing transit service and future needs, including the light rail station, evaluation of existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities, identification of existing and projected transportation levels of service, evaluation of the function of the interchange at Interstate 5 and the evaluation of existing and planned land uses.
- Evaluation existing corridor plans – includes review and evaluation of studies, goals, policies and plans for the corridor including the City’s Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan and studies prepared by WSDOT and Sound Transit.
- Identification of project goals and evaluation criteria – development of goals that will help guide the RDP process and evaluation criteria that can be used to in the selection of a preferred alternative.
- Development of potential design alternatives/options – utilize the existing condition and future function of the corridor to identify areas that need to be corrected or improved in order to increase capacity, safety and mobility and develop multiple options to address those needs.
- Selection of a preferred alternative – using the evaluation criteria, select a final alternative for the project that will be utilized as the master plan for design, environmental review and construction.
- Development of cost estimates and phasing proposal – prepare estimates for costs associated with all phases of the project (design, environmental review, right-of-way acquisition, construction) and well as a strategic plan for its implementation, including division of the project into geographic segments.
- Robust public and agency involvement – providing opportunities for meaningful and frequent input from partner agencies as well as the public.

COUNCIL GOAL(S) ADDRESSED

This project addresses Goal 2, Improve Shoreline's utility, transportation, and environmental infrastructure.

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