

## Memorandum

**DATE:** December 2, 2022

**TO:** Mayor and Shoreline City Council

**FROM:** Tricia Juhnke, Interim Public Works Director

**RE:** Additional Information Regarding Funding Limitations for the Proposed

Surplus Designation of the Excess Property Located at 14509 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

N (Proposed Resolution No. 498)

**CC:** Bristol Ellington, City Manager

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## **Background**

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, Council discussed proposed Resolution No. 498 which would designate as surplus an excess property located at 14509 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue N which was purchased for the 145<sup>th</sup> Corridor Phase 1 Project. During this discussion, Council was interested in other potential uses of this property, such as for a park, rather than surplusing the property for sale. A public hearing and potential action on proposed Resolution No. 498 are currently scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>. The staff report for this Council action item, which includes the additional information requested by Council, can be found at the following link:

 $\frac{http://cosweb.ci.shoreline.wa.us/uploads/attachments/cck/council/staffreports/2022/staffreport120522-8a.pdf.$ 

As staff continued to research and better understand the limitations on the use of this property following the publishing of the December 5<sup>th</sup> staff report, staff has learned more information on the use of Connecting Washington funds that were used for the acquisition of this property and other properties for the 145<sup>th</sup> Corridor Phase 1 Project. As a result, staff has some clarifications and/or corrections of information that is currently in the December 5<sup>th</sup> staff report.

## **Additional Funding Limitations**

Connecting Washington Funds are state funds and must follow Washington State requirements for surplus of property. The December 5<sup>th</sup> staff report indicates the project

needs to meet *federal funding requirements* for surplus of property. There are however similarities between the requirements.

Below is some clarifying information regarding the use of the Connecting Washington funds:

- Proceeds from surplus property must be used for another Connection Washington project or as a transportation appropriation. Phases 2 and 3 of the 145<sup>th</sup> Corridor Project is part of the City's Connecting Washington project and thus eligible for use of these funds.
- If the property is not surplused but the City wants to convert the use to parks/open space, affordable housing or another non-transportation use, the City would need to provide market value compensation to either the state or to another eligible transportation project (such as a future phase of the 145<sup>th</sup> Corridor Project). If this is desired, the compensation could come from the City's General Fund, park acquisition funding in the Parks Bond, or Park Impact Fees. As is noted in the December 5<sup>th</sup> staff report, the appraised value of the property is \$145 per square foot, which would set the value at \$1.69 million.