

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution authorizing execution of a Professional Services Supplemental Agreement (SA04) with WSP USA, Inc. in an amount up to \$15,371,944.76, plus all applicable taxes, to develop final design and permitting, up to issuance of construction documents within the General Contractor – Construction Manager (GC-CM) project delivery framework governed by Chapter 39.10 RCW for the I-405 Crossing – Downtown to Eastrail project (CIP Plan No. G-126).

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

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RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10638

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Bellevue City Council has included the Grand Connection in its Council priorities since 2014. Significant work has taken place since that time, including the preliminary design work for the I-405 Crossing - Downtown to Eastrail project (CIP Plan No. G-126, previously known as CIP Plan No. PW-R-216).

The Grand Connection is Bellevue's signature downtown place-making initiative. This program functions as a series of cohesive, connected, and memorable spaces and pedestrian-focused experiences and initiatives through Bellevue's thriving central business district. With a length of more than 1.5 miles, the Grand Connection begins at the waterfront of Lake Washington at Meydenbauer

Bay Park, and winds through Old Bellevue and Downtown Park. It continues through Bellevue's dynamic retail and civic-focused parts of downtown, across I-405 and ultimately connects with the regional Eastrail in the Wilburton commercial area.

Significant milestones in advancement of the I-405 Crossing - Downtown to Eastrail project include:

- In 2017, the city adopted the Grand Connection Framework Plan as the high-level vision for the corridor between Meydenbauer Bay and the Civic Center District.
- In 2018, the city adopted the Grand Connection Framework Sequence Two as the high-level vision for the crossing over I-405 as part of the Grand Connection. The city also adopted the Grand Connection Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) through Ordinance No. 6449 to advance the Grand Connection Framework Plan.
- On November 21, 2022, the council approved Ordinance No. 6698 to adopt the City of Bellevue's 2023-2024 Budget and 2023-2029 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Plan, which included the I-405 Crossing - Downtown to Eastrail project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-216, currently known as G-126) amount of \$3,615,000.
- On April 3, 2023, the council approved Ordinance No. 6733 to amend the 2023-2029 CIP Plan to increase the budget for the I-405 Crossing - Downtown to Eastrail project and amend the 2023-2024 General CIP Fund to increase the appropriation by \$2,500,000 to reflect the donation agreement executed with Amazon on November 7, 2022.
- On September 11, 2023, the council approved Resolution No. 10293 retaining WSP USA, Inc. to develop preliminary design, up to 30% level for the I-405 Crossing – Downtown to Eastrail project.
- On November 19, 2024, the council approved Ordinance No. 6822 to adopt the City of Bellevue's 2025-2026 Biennial Budget and 2025-2030 CIP Plan, which included the I-405 Crossing - Downtown to Eastrail project amount of \$41,655,000.
- On March 11, 2025, the council directed the project team to initiate alternative delivery procurement including seeking Washington State approval for the use of the GC-CM contracting method. Subsequently, the city advertised a request for contractor proposals for the project on December 11, 2025.
- On June 24, the council approved Resolution No. 10522 authorizing execution of a Professional Services Agreement with HNTB to provide Project Manager and Owner Advisor services for the I-405 Crossing - Downtown to Eastrail project to facilitate 30% design and GC-CM alternative delivery contracting.

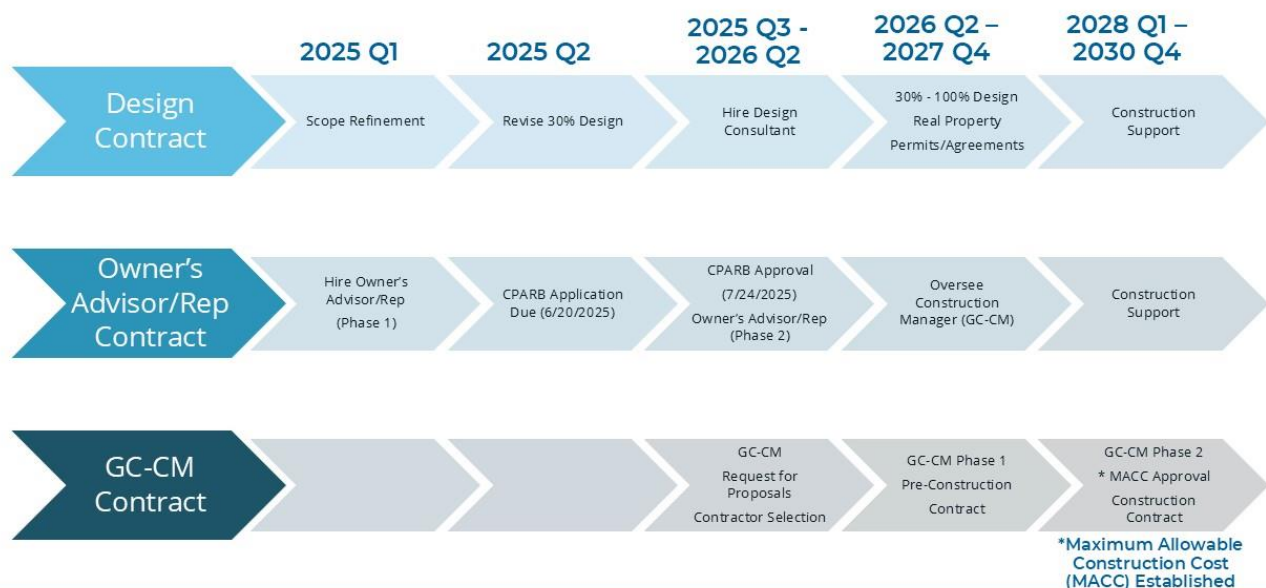
The objective for this contract is to complete a Release for Construction Document Package and support GC-CM project delivery. Design is currently 30% complete and the following work tasks are proposed for the I-405 Crossing – Downtown to Eastrail project as part of this contract.

- Project Management and Administration support
- Design Plans, Specifications, and Quantities
- Utility Coordination

- Design Documentation and Reporting
- GC-CM Value Engineering and Technical Alternatives Review
- Environmental Documentation
- Permitting Documentation and Reporting
- Public Engagement (City Lead)
- Survey, Basemap, and Real Property Services (WSDOT ROW Plan)
- Engineering Reports (Drainage & Geotechnical)
- 60%, Final, and Release for Construction Plans, Specifications, and Quantities
- GC-CM Constructability Review(s) & Independent Cost Estimate Coordination
- Urban Design and User Experience Design
- GC-CM Maximum Acceptable Construction Cost (MACC) Support
- GC-CM Early Work Packages as Approved

This is an amendment to the original design contract approved by Resolution No. 10293 and is one of three components of GC-CM delivery. The following schedule illustrates the overall project GC-CM delivery strategy for the I-405 Crossing – Downtown to Eastrail.

GCC Project Delivery Schedule



March, 2026

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POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

The efficient and effective delivery of the Grand Connection: I-405 Crossing – Downtown to Eastrail project supports the *Safe and Efficient Transportation System* and *High Quality Built and Natural*

Environment target areas of the City Council Vision as well as *Council Priority 8: Eastrail*. Specifically, this project supports the following target area objectives:

- 3.4 Expansion of travel choices and facility connectivity for non-motorized users.
- 3.6 Regional collaboration for multimodal connections in and out of Bellevue.
- 3.7 Ensure transportation facilities are accessible for all users.
- 4.4 Create iconic destinations and vibrant spaces.

Fiscal Impact

If approved, this action authorizes staff to obligate the city up to \$15,371,944.76, plus all applicable taxes, for preconstruction services through the development and issuance of construction documents for the I-405 Crossing – Downtown to Eastrail project (CIP Plan No. G-126). These expenditures were anticipated and are included in the adopted 2025-2030 General Capital Improvement Program (CIP) fund to support this action.

Future funding will be submitted for consideration to support will be addressed through the 2027-28 biennial budget process.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of a Professional Services Supplemental Agreement (SA04) with WSP USA, Inc. in an amount up to \$15,371,944.76, plus all applicable taxes, to develop final design and permitting, up to issuance of construction documents within the General Contractor – Construction Manager (GC-CM) project delivery framework governed by Chapter 39.10 RCW for the I-405 Crossing – Downtown to Eastrail project (CIP Plan No. G-126).
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Vicinity Map
Proposed Resolution No. 10638

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Professional Services Supplemental Agreement