

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance 1) amending the 2023-2029 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan to increase the budget for the I-405 Non-Motorized Crossing project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-216) by \$2,500,000; and 2) amending 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.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On November 7, 2022 the City Manager's Office received and executed a donation agreement with Amazon for \$2,500,000 to advance early design work to improve pedestrian and bicycle connections across I-405 as part of the Grand Connection Vision.

Amazon's donation is contingent upon a City match of \$2,500,000 which was allocated in the adopted 2023-2029 CIP I-405 Non-Motorized Crossing project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-216) for the preliminary design of the initial I-405 non-motorized crossing. The Community Development Department in partnership with the Transportation Department is requesting allocation of these funds to increase the budget for PW-R-216.

## RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6733

## BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Since 2015, City staff has been working in earnest on planning elements of the Grand Connection. To date, the Council has adopted Sequence 1 & 2 of the Grand Connection Framework Plan, which establishes the vision for the corridor from Meydenbauer Bay across downtown to its future intersection with Eastrail.

The Grand Connection is a complex public-private partnership that involves more than 35 property owners and 5 government agencies. Elements of the vision are in various stages of implementation and require dedicated attention and coordination. To help accelerate implementation of the full vision from

Meydenbauer Bay to Eastrail, the City will begin coordinating the various elements under the new Grand Connection Program. This will help to ensure the various projects and programs that contribute to or interact with the vision move forward in a coordinated manner and integrate well with the vision for other elements of Bellevue's future growth.

Advancing the Grand Connection will require advancing public capital projects, private redevelopment projects, and unifying operations and management along the route. One of the larger and most significant elements of the work ahead is the crossing over I-405, which is currently envisioned as two phases of work – a nearer-term, pedestrian- and bike-focused bridge and longer-term lid project.

To support the City's efforts to connect both sides of I-405, Amazon has donated \$2.5 million to support initial design work on the I-405 crossing. The City has matched that contribution with an additional \$2.5 million in the approved CIP Transportation Budget (CIP Plan No. PW-R-216). The Amazon donation will accelerate the work toward the implementation of the Grand Connection vision.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

This action implements the Grand Connection Framework Plan and furthers the City Council Priority to advance the Grand Connection as the city's signature gathering place. The allocation of these private funds will support the initial I-405 Crossing, further public support and develop an initial design that will be compatible with future development on either side of I-405, the Wilburton plan as well as a future signature I-405 lid project.

### **Fiscal Impact**

This action will amend the 2023-2024 General CIP Fund appropriation and the 2023-2029 General CIP Plan to increase the budget for the I-405 Non-Motorized Crossing project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-216) by \$2,500,000 to reflect the donation received from Amazon through the agreement executed November 7, 2022, to advance early design work to improve pedestrian and bicycle connections across I-405 as part of the Grand Connection Vision.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) amending the 2023-2029 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan to increase the budget for the I-405 Non-Motorized Crossing project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-216) by \$2,500,000; and 2) amending 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.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Signed donation agreement
- B. CIP Project Description (PW-R-216)

C. CIP Project Description (CD-44)  
Proposed Ordinance No. 6733

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