

PW-R-159 East Link Analysis and Development

Category: **Transportation and Mobility**
 Department: **Transportation**

Status: **Approved Prior**
 Location: **Citywide**

Programmed Expenditures

Programmed Expenditures	Appropriated To Date	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
17,384,976	16,390,976	194,000	514,000	286,000	-	-	-	-

Description and Scope

Utilize in-house and consultant resources to participate with Sound Transit and other potential project partners to advance the construction of the East Link light rail project. Work tasks will include, but are not limited to, activities that relate to the East Link project, including City-sponsored projects and programs. Key tasks include traffic analysis including operational simulation; identification and evaluation of potential funding sources and associated financial analyses; specialized environmental analyses; engineering support relating to alignments, track profiles, stations, and City roadway-light rail interface; design issues; construction management; oversight of construction of City-owned infrastructure, community and stakeholder outreach; intergovernmental relations and agreements; and other tasks necessary for the City to fully engage in and influence the East Link project.

Rationale

East Link is a Sound Transit-funded light rail project that will connect Bellevue with Seattle and with the Overlake area of Redmond by 2023. The \$2.8+ billion project will be routed through South Bellevue, Downtown Bellevue, and the BelRed corridor with six stations. The City and Sound Transit (ST) have executed a MOU which commits the City to a financial contribution of up to \$100 million. Additionally, both parties endorsed an ongoing Collaborative Design Process (CDP) to advance project design and address project mitigation issues. Also, in April 2015, Parties amended and restated the Memorandum of Understanding to reflect updated project information. The Amended MOU commits the City and ST to project delivery elements to advance design and construction of the East Link Light Rail and Operations and Maintenance Facility East (OMFE). In addition to the CDP, both parties endorsed a Collaborative Construction Program to advance the project through construction. During the construction phase (which commenced in 2016), the City will focus on investigating and resolving design variations; construction management; coordinating City roadway projects in the vicinity of East Link with Sound Transit; implementing an appropriate permitting and inspection process; identifying and evaluating complimentary City actions; and, analyzing community issues and preferences, and other project elements. Bellevue City Council has indicated its desire to adhere to the lessons learned from the Light Rail Best Practices Project to ensure that the system is "done right the first time" and is an asset to the community. The City is therefore investing resources in the East Link project to ensure issues are analyzed adequately and decisions are fully informed.

Environmental Impacts

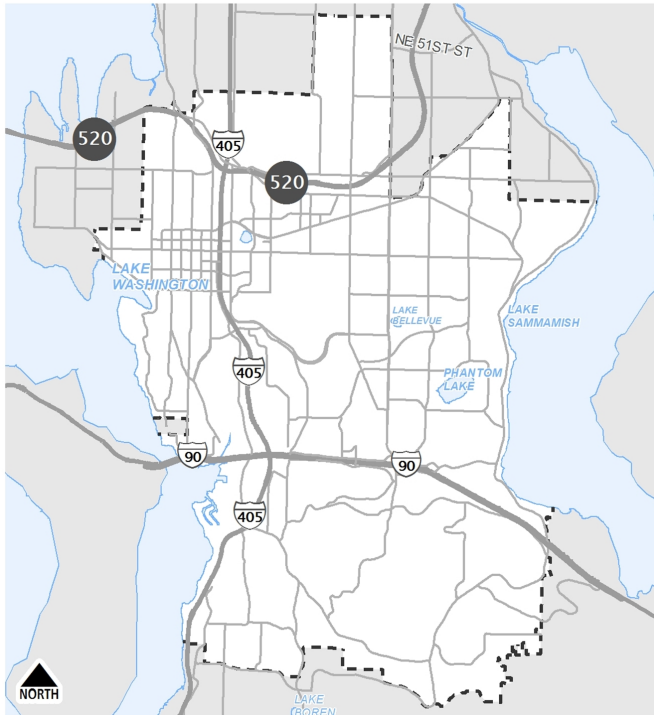
An Environmental Impact Statement was prepared by Sound Transit for the overall East Link Project.

Operating Budget Impacts

This project has no known impacts to operating revenues and/or expenditures.

Project Map

Schedule of Activities



Project Activities	From - To	Amount
Project Costs	2009 - 2023	17,384,976

Total Budgetary Cost Estimate: 17,384,976

Means of Financing

Funding Source	Amount
General Taxes & LTGO Bond Proceeds	16,169,965
Interlocal Contributions	981,587
Judgements/Settlements	150,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	74,000
Transportation Funding	9,424

Total Programmed Funding: 17,384,976
Future Funding Requirements: 0

Comments