

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC**

Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to accept up to \$1,628,418 in state Climate Commitment Act funding to support design and implementation of the NE 2nd Street Bike Connection, Bellevue Way NE to 108th Ave NE Project, part of the Bicycle Network Facilities Implementation Program (CIP Plan No. PW-WB-85), and 2) amending the 2025-2030 General CIP to increase the budget for CIP Plan No. PW-WB-85 by \$1,628,418.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****ACTION**

Approval of this Ordinance for the NE 2nd Street Bike Connection, Bellevue Way NE to 108th Ave NE Project authorizes acceptance of \$1,628,418 in state Climate Commitment Act funding and execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the TIB to conduct design and construction phase activity on this project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6896

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

Bellevue City Council initiated the Bicycle Network Facilities Implementation Program (CIP Plan No. PW-WB-85) in response to strong community interest in improving the safety and connectivity of the bicycle networks within the city. Eleven corridors were evaluated, each providing connections within the city via different routes. The corridors included access to the regional active transportation facilities of Eastrail and the State Route (SR) 520 Trail as well as frequent transit network stops and light rail stations. The NE 2nd Street project connects riders with the Downtown Park, dense commercial services, retail space, transit, housing destinations, as well as the existing 108th Ave NE Bike Corridor. The NE 2nd Street Project was identified as a high priority within the 11 for which preliminary project concepts were developed. The City's Transportation Commission, following its public process, affirmed the value of this project concept and recommended it for implementation.

**Project Description**

This project constructs new bicycle facilities along NE 2nd Street between Bellevue Way NE and 108th Avenue NE using the existing paved footprint of the roadway. Buffered and striped bike lanes, bike signals, two-stage turning boxes, intersection treatments and bicycle signals will be installed and on-street parking will be reconfigured to create parking-protected bicycle lanes. This project seeks to maintain as much on-street parking as possible along NE 2nd Street with some spaces being

repurposed for active transportation use creating a complete, higher comfort bike corridor for riders. This location is currently a gap in the bicycle network and will connect with a locally-funded bicycle network project on NE 1st/2nd Streets that is scheduled for construction in 2026. The bicycle facilities installed with this project are planned to be extended to the east to 112th Avenue NE as part of a future project.

### **Benefits of Connection and Safety**

The NE 2nd Street corridor connects to the Downtown Park, grocery stores, restaurants, and multi-family housing; as well as bike corridors such as 108th Avenue NE (a north-south spine through West Bellevue) and the Lake Washington Loop trail (regional connection to Downtown Bellevue). Per recently completed road safety audits through June 2025, 62% of bike crashes in Bellevue occur at intersections. During the road safety audit focused on NE 2nd Street, community members requested improved bicycle facilities along the corridor and associated intersections.

This segment of NE 2nd Street is identified in the City's Mobility Implementation Plan as a network gap. With no existing bike facilities and its inclusion on the City's High Injury Network, this corridor does not currently meet the City's Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress targets. Flanked by sharrows east of 108th Avenue NE and new bike facilities to be built in 2026 west of Bellevue Way, NE 2nd Street represents a priority for the Downtown bike network.

### **Timeline**

In May and June 2025, staff evaluated bike corridor segments identified in the Bicycle Network Facilities Implementation Program (CIP PW-W/B-85) in need of future funding. The NE 2nd Street segment from Bellevue Way NE to 108th Ave NE fit well with scope, timing and continuity since the adjoining segment on NE 1st Street is already planned for construction in 2026 and match funding was available. The Project was also identified as a strong candidate based on given TIB statewide priorities and with the City's capacity to initiate design in 2026, consistent with TIB grant program requirements.

In July 2025, Transportation staff submitted this project to Transportation Leadership for initial approval to advance this grant application. Staff then submitted this project for the Bellevue City Manager's Office grant forum for approval to apply. Application authorization was communicated in late July/early August 2025. Transportation staff formally submitted this project to TIB for grant funding consideration on August 15, 2025. On November 21, 2025, TIB informed the Bellevue Transportation Department that this project was awarded grant funding.

Grant-funded design on this project would start in 2026 with construction completion expected by the end of 2028.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

Acceptance of this grant and authorization of the funding agreement with the TIB is consistent with the following policies in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan:

- TR-24. Increase connectivity and system completeness for all transportation modes to create a Complete Streets arterial network.
- TR-50. Maintain and enhance safety for all users of the roadway network.

- TR-96. Implement the Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan and evaluate, describe, and prioritize projects that address Performance Target gaps through the Mobility Implementation Plan.
- TR-123: Leverage local funding to seek and secure state and federal funds for transportation capital, maintenance, and operations.
- TR-124. Provide and prioritize transportation funding to address Performance Target gaps for people walking, biking, riding transit, and travelling in a car.

In addition, acceptance of this grant aligns with the City's 2026 Vision Zero Action Plan (strategy 2.2, Implement infrastructure that improves safety and comfort for people bicycling, including the Urban Core Bike Network projects; and strategy 6.1, Pursue additional resources through outside funding programs to implement new Vision Zero projects and programs), and allows the city to advance safety improvements in a cost-effective manner.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Executing this grant agreement will provide, on a reimbursable basis, up to \$1,628,418 in state Climate Commitment Act funding to conduct engineering design and construction of the NE 2nd Street Bike Connection, Bellevue Way NE to 108th Ave NE Project, part of the Bicycle Network Facilities Implementation Program (CIP Plan No. PW-WB-85). There is a 20% minimum matching requirement for this grant. The total estimated cost to implement design of this project is estimated at \$2,203,270 which accounts for \$574,852 in matching funds which are fully funded in the 2025-2030 General Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Plan through PW-WB-85.

This action will also amend the 2025-2030 General CIP Plan to increase the project budget for PW-WB-85 by \$1,628,418.

### **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to accept up to \$1,628,418 in state Climate Commitment Act funding to support design and implementation of the NE 2nd Street Bike Connection, Bellevue Way NE to 108th Ave NE Project, part of the Bicycle Network Facilities Implementation Program (CIP Plan No. PW-WB-85), and 2) amending the 2025-2030 General CIP to increase the budget for CIP Plan No. PW-WB-85 by \$1,628,418.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Vicinity Map
  - B. CIP Project Description (PW-W/B-85)
- Proposed Ordinance No. 6896

### **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

- TIB Grant Award Letter
- TIB Grant Agreement (Fuel Tax Agreement)(draft)