

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 \$180,912 in state gas tax funding to support the construction phase of the Lakemont Boulevard RRFB at SE 58th St Project, part of the Traffic Safety Implementation (CIP Plan No. PW-R-46)), and 2) amending the 2025-2030 General CIP to increase the budget for CIP Plan No. PW-R-46 by \$180,912.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ACTION Approval of this Ordinance for the Lakemont Boulevard RRFB at SE 58th St Project authorizes acceptance of \$180,912 in state gas tax funding and execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the TIB to conduct construction phase activity on this project.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6895

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The crosswalk at Lakemont Boulevard SE and SE 58th Street provides an important pedestrian connection near Lewis Creek Park, serving park visitors and nearby residents. Through the Transportation Department's Crosswalk Program, this location was identified as a priority candidate for crosswalk enhancements based on program evaluation criteria, including traffic volumes, posted speed limit, crossing distance, and proximity to community destinations. In addition, community members have reported difficulty crossing Lakemont Boulevard SE at this location, citing high vehicle speeds, limited gaps in traffic, and inconsistent driver yielding despite the presence of existing crosswalk markings.

In May and June 2025, staff evaluated several priority locations for future Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) installations. The Lakemont Boulevard SE and SE 58th Street location was identified as a strong candidate due to its safety need, alignment with Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) statewide funding priorities, and a construction timeline that was compatible with the 2026 construction timeline outlined in the TIB grant program's requirements.

In July 2025, Transportation staff received internal approval to advance the grant application through Transportation Leadership and the City Manager's Office Grant Forum. The city submitted the grant application to TIB on August 15, 2025, and on November 21, 2025, TIB notified the Transportation Department that the project was awarded grant funding for construction in 2026.

Crosswalk enhancements will include the installation of RRFBs at the existing crosswalk at Lakemont Boulevard SE and SE 58th Street. Acceptance of this grant allows the city to advance safety improvements in a cost-effective manner. The proposed enhancements support the Safe Systems Approach by improving pedestrian visibility and driver awareness, thereby reducing the likelihood and severity of serious injuries. The project also advances Bellevue's Mobility Implementation Plan by improving pedestrian safety and reducing level-of-traffic stress along an arterial roadway while enhancing access to nearby parks and neighborhood destinations.

Project Description

In an effort to improve safety for all users accessing the park and surrounding neighborhood the Lakemont RRFB at SE 58th St Project will install a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon system to enhance pedestrian visibility and improve driver awareness of people crossing Lakemont Blvd.

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-19. Coordinate improvements and operations among travel modes and provide facilities to support people who are making connections between modes.
- TR-50. Maintain and enhance safety for all users of the roadway network.
- 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 6.1, Pursue additional resources through outside funding programs to implement new Vision Zero projects and programs.

Fiscal Impact

Executing this grant agreement will provide, on a reimbursable basis, up to \$180,912 in state gas tax funding to construct the Lakemont Boulevard RRFB at SE 58th St Project, part of the Traffic Safety Implementation (CIP Plan No. PW-R-46). There is a 20% minimum matching requirement for this grant. The total estimated cost to implement construction of this project is estimated at \$257,985, which accounts for \$77,073 in matchings funds which are fully funded in the 2025-2030 General Capital Improvement Program Neighborhood Safety and Connectivity Levy (CIP) Plan through PW-R-199.

This action will also amend the 2025-2030 General CIP Plan to increase the project budget for PW-R-46 by \$180,912.

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 \$180,912 in state gas tax funding to support the construction phase of the Lakemont Boulevard RRFB at SE 58th St Project, part of the Traffic Safety Implementation (CIP Plan No. PW-R-46)), and 2) amending the 2025-2030 General CIP to increase the budget for CIP Plan No. PW-R-46 by \$180,912.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Vicinity Map
- B. CIP Project Description (PW-R-46)
- C. CIP Project Description (PW-R-199)

Proposed Ordinance No. 6895

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

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