

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Bellevue, Bellevue College, and King County Metro for work associated with the Bellevue College Multimodal Connection Project.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ACTION	This Resolution authorizes the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Bellevue and King County Metro for the design of the Bellevue College Multimodal Connection Project.
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RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10429

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The proposed Bellevue College Multimodal Connection Project reconstructs segments of the Bellevue College campus roadways to create a new public roadway that supports frequent transit bus service, builds a new multipurpose pathway with accessible bus stops serving people walking and rolling and modifies the intersection of 142nd Place SE and SE 32nd Street.

The City's 2019-2025 General Capital Investment Program Plan, approved by Council in December 2018, set aside \$400,000 in project PW-R-201 (Bellevue College Connector) to initiate pre-design in coordination with King County Metro and Bellevue College.

Council approved Resolution No. 9724 on February 24, 2020, authorizing approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA No. 1) with Bellevue College and King County Metro which identified roles and responsibilities for pre-design work for the Bellevue College Connection Project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-201). The pre-design work included the creation of a preferred alignment report for future transit access through the Bellevue College campus (K-Line, RapidRide) generally along the existing Snoqualmie River Road between SE 24th Street and SE 32nd Street.

On April 12, 2021, Council approved Ordinance No. 6573 to authorize an amendment to MOA No. 1 to select a preferred alignment for the new roadway through the campus and advance to approximately 30 percent level of design.

On May 8, 2023, Council approved Ordinance No. 6734 authorizing execution of a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to accept a Federal Surface Transportation Program grant from Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) which includes funds up to \$2,125,000 to support the design of the Bellevue College Connection Project.

Tonight's action authorizes the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA No. 2) that establishes roles and responsibilities between the City of Bellevue, Bellevue College, and King County Metro for the completions of design and permitting, supporting future grant applications and accepts a contribution from King County Metro of up to \$300,000.00 towards the design effort.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

The authorization of this MOA is consistent with the following policy in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan:

- TR-2: Aggressively plan, manage, and expand transportation investments to reduce congestion and expand opportunities in a multimodal and comprehensive manner and improve the quality of the travel experience for all users.
- TR-24: Incorporate transit/high-occupancy vehicle facility improvements in accordance with the Transit Master Plan and corridor studies.
- TR-140: Support joint projects, including the contribution of city matching funds, with adjoining cities, King County, the transit providers, or the state, where such partnerships help establish or accelerate projects beneficial to the city.

This project was recommended in the 2012 Eastgate/I-90 Land Use and Transportation Plan and reaffirmed in the 2014 Bellevue Transit Master Plan. Both the Bellevue Transit Master Plan and King County Metro Connects Long Range Plan include proposed RapidRide transit routes through Bellevue College Campus. Additionally, the Bellevue College Master Plan references the Connector Project as its preferred transit alignment through the campus.

Fiscal Impact

This action will accept a \$300,000.00 contribution from King County Metro to advance design for this joint project. Funding for future phases of this work is included in the City's proposed 2025-2030 General Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Bellevue College Connection (CIP Plan No. PW-R-201).

Also on tonight's consent agenda is a Resolution to authorize execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to advance this project to the 60 percent level of design.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Bellevue, Bellevue College, and King County Metro for work associated with the Bellevue College Multimodal Connection Project.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Vicinity Map
- B. CIP Project Description (PW-R-201)
Proposed Resolution No. 10429

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA No. 2)

Original Memorandum of Agreement (MOA No. 1) as amended between Bellevue College, King County and the City of Bellevue