

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with David Evans and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$1,201,595.34, plus all applicable taxes, to complete the engineering design and environmental documentation and prepare the construction contract documents for the Eastrail – Mountains to Sound Greenway Regional Trails Connection project (CIP Plan Nos. PW-W/B-56 and P-AD-105).

Andrew Singelakis, Director, 452-6468
Maher Welaye, Assistant Director, 452-4879
Kyle Potuzak, Design Manager, 452-2027
Jun An, Engineering Supervisor, 452-4230
Quinn Floyd, Project Manager, 452-2029
Transportation Department

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

This Resolution authorizes the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with David Evans and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$1,201,595.34, plus all applicable taxes, to complete the engineering design and environmental documentation and prepare the construction contract documents for the Eastrail – Mountains to Sound Greenway Regional Trails Connection project (CIP Plan Nos. PW-WB-56 and P-AD-105).

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10486

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

This new trail link from Bellevue's local roadway network to the Eastrail corridor regional trail will provide vital access between the Eastrail corridor, the BelRed Area and Downtown Bellevue.

Eastrail is a 42-mile north-south regional rail-trail that connects communities from Renton to Snohomish County. The segment in Bellevue currently runs from the Spring Boulevard area north to the Kirkland city limit line where it continues north to the Totem Lake regional growth center. Extensions further north and south are funded for completion in the next few years.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway is a 100-mile long corridor along Interstate 90, stretching from the Seattle waterfront to Ellensburg in Central Washington. It features hiking and biking trails and a regional trail network used by people walking and rolling for recreation and transportation.

The Eastrail – Mountains to Sound Greenway Regional Trails Connection will provide pedestrians and cyclists a safe pathway between the two trails via an at-grade walkway along SE 32nd Street, a new RRFB crossing, and a new pedestrian pathway and bicycle lane along 118th Ave SE. This trail link will also include wayfinding and a retaining wall to maintain the integrity of the nearby Mercer Slough.

A federal grant accepted in 2024 (Ord. No. 6774) provided \$2,500,000 to fund the construction of this trail connection, provided that grant fund obligation occurs on or before June 1, 2026.

Consultant Selection:

After evaluating three consultant firms that responded to the City's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 24116, David Evans and Associates, Inc. was selected to be the City's engineering consultant for this project. An RFQ notice was published in *The Seattle Times* and *The Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce* on November 12, November 21, and November 28, 2024.

The following firms submitted proposals in response to RFQ No. 24116:

- David Evans and Associates, Inc.
- CONSOR Engineers, LLC
- Shrewsberry & Associates, LLC

An interdepartmental City staff selection committee reviewed and ranked all proposals based on the evaluation criteria listed in the RFQ. Upon reviewing the submittals, the committee decided to interview David Evans and Associates, Inc. and Shrewsberry & Associates, LLC.

During the interviews, both firms were asked the same questions related to challenges and opportunities for this project, their experience delivering high-profile projects similar in scope and scale, their strategy and methodology in coordinating with all project stakeholders, and their approach to delivering the 100% design on time.

David Evans and Associates, Inc. was selected due to the team's experience and knowledge of the engineering and technical issues of the project and their experience working on similar projects locally and nationwide, their minimal reliance on subcontractors, as well as their drive to deliver the project on time. The selection committee specifically noted that their in-house experience and emphasis on a speedy contract negotiation period boded well for meeting the construction obligation of this project.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Comprehensive Plan, Transportation section:

- TR-19: Coordinate improvements and operations among travel modes and provide facilities to support people who are making connections between modes.
- TR-20: Aggressively plan, manage and expand transportation investments to reduce congestion and expand mobility opportunities in a multimodal and comprehensive manner and improve the quality of the travel experience for all users.
- TR-25: Design, implement and maintain transportation system improvements and deliver transportation services and programs in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- TR-40: Work actively and cooperatively with other Eastside jurisdictions regional and state agencies and transit service providers to plan, design, fund and construct regional transportation projects that support the city's Comprehensive Plan.
- TR-94: Promote and facilitate active transportation.

- TR-99: Coordinate with the Washington State Department of Transportation and with neighboring jurisdictions in the planning, design, construction and maintenance of active transportation facilities that pass through Bellevue as part of a regional system.
- TR-102: Promote and support the design, development and use of Eastrail as a regional multimodal facility.
- TR-103: Provide for current or future multi-modal transportation use and access when considering public and private projects adjacent to and across Eastrail.
- TR-107: Integrate the Mountains-to-Sound Greenway Trail into the I-90 corridor through Bellevue.

Fiscal Impact

This action obligates the City to \$1,201,595.34, plus all applicable taxes, to complete the engineering design and environmental documentation and prepare the construction contract documents for the Eastrail – Mountains to Sound Greenway Regional Trails Connection project (CIP Plan Nos. PW-WB-56 and P-AD-105). Sufficient funding for this work is budgeted in the 2025-2030 General Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

CIP Plan No.	Description	Amount
PW-WB-56	Active Transportation Access and Connections	\$601,595.34
P-AD-105	King County Parks Levy (2020-2025)	600,000.00
Total Funding		<u>\$1,201,595.34</u>

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with David Evans and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$1,201,595.34, plus all applicable taxes, to complete the engineering design and environmental documentation and prepare the construction contract documents for the Eastrail – Mountains to Sound Greenway Regional Trails Connection project (CIP Plan Nos. PW-W/B-56 and P-AD-105).
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Vicinity Map
 - B. CIP Project Description (PW-WB-56)
 - C. CIP Project Description (P-AD-105)
- Proposed Resolution No. 10486

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Professional Services Agreement