

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to accept up to \$354,480 in state Urban Sidewalk Program (USP) funding to support the design and construction of the NE 8th Street (Parcel Frontage at 11635 NE 8th Street) Sidewalk Project (CIP Plan Nos. PW-W/B-56 and G-103); 2) amending the 2021-2027 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan to increase the budget for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Access and Connections Program (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-56) by \$354,480; and, 3) amending the 2021-2022 General CIP Fund to increase the appropriation by \$100,000.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Acceptance of this state funded grant from the TIB would provide sufficient monetary resources to design and construct the NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street (Parcel Frontage at 11635 NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street) Sidewalk Project. This project will design and construct approximately 150 feet of sidewalk along the frontage of NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street spanning City parcel address 11635.

## RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6638.

## BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The south side of NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street at the parcel frontage of 11635 is missing approximately 150 lineal feet of ADA accessible sidewalk along this 8-lane arterial roadway. Pedestrian commuters and travelers must cross this sidewalk gap to access downtown Bellevue, transit, medical facilities, local destinations, the Wilburton station of the new Sound Transit East Link light rail line (to open 2023), and the grade separated Eastrail Regional Trail crossing of NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street (currently under construction immediately to the east (also to open 2023)).

In June 2021 the TIB announced the availability of state USP grant funding designated to help public jurisdictions in Washington State design and construct sidewalks that would help fill gaps and complete sections along federally classified roadways. Successful candidates provide improvements to safety and serve a high volume of vulnerable nonmotorized users enroute to critical destinations like transit, health care services, recreational facilities/parks, and central business areas.

In August 2021 the City of Bellevue applied to the TIB USP program for the NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street (Parcel Frontage at 11635 NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street) Sidewalk Project. In its application, the City identified the need to improve pedestrian safety and ADA accessibility. The City would like to fill this missing sidewalk by constructing approximately 150 feet of new 8-ft-wide, ADA accessible sidewalk along the frontage of 11635 NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Location of luminaries that block the proposed aligned would be evaluated and

moved as appropriate.

Through its selection process TIB determined that the project was a qualified match for its USP grant criteria. On November 19, 2021, the TIB Board adopted the staff recommended statewide project award list, confirming the City of Bellevue's award of \$354,480 to support design and construction of this project. Funding is available starting with design in calendar year 2022. Construction is anticipated in 2023.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

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

- TR-131: Seek state and federal funds for transportation capital, maintenance, and operations.
- TR-136 directs that the City, "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."

### **Fiscal Impact**

Executing the grant agreement will provide, on a reimbursable basis, up to \$354,480 in state funding to support the design and construction of the NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street (Parcel Frontage at 11635 NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street) Sidewalk Project. The total cost to implement the project is estimated at \$813,000. Sufficient funding exists in the 2021-2027 CIP Pedestrian and Bicycle Access and Connections Program (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-56) and the Eastrail Program (CIP Plan No. G-103) to fund the remaining \$458,520. This action will increase the budget for PW-W/B-56 by \$354,480 and increase the 2021-2022 General CIP Fund appropriation by \$100,000, which is the amount anticipated to be reimbursed by the State for costs to design the project in 2022, with construction of the project anticipated to be in 2023.

## **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 \$354,480 in state Urban Sidewalk Program (USP) funding to support the design and construction of the NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street (Parcel Frontage at 11635 NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street) Sidewalk Project (CIP Plan Nos. PW-W/B-56 and G-103); 2) amending the 2021-2027 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan to increase the budget for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Access and Connections Program (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-56) by \$354,480; and, 3) amending the 2021-2022 General CIP Fund to increase the appropriation by \$100,000.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS**

- A. Vicinity Map
  - B. CIP Project Description (G-103)
  - C. CIP Project Description (PW-W/B-56)
- Proposed Ordinance No. 6638

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

TIB grant award letter

TIB Fuel Tax grant agreement (draft)