PW-M-7 Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program

Category: **Transportation and Mobility** Status: **Ongoing**
Department: **Transportation** Location: **Citywide**

Programmed Expenditures

Programmed Expenditures	Appropriated To Date	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
12,168,995	9,503,995	360,000	360,000	360,000	360,000	360,000	427,000	438,000

Description and Scope

This program supports the Council's vision of implementing projects in neighborhoods that focus on safety and connectivity. It funds minor improvements including the design and construction of neighborhood traffic calming/safety improvements and funds a robust toolkit of approx. 30 tools (e.g., speed humps, traffic circles, stationary radar signs, turn restrictions, etc.) that educate and encourage safe driving behavior, modify the streetscape and manage neighborhood parking. These tools provide benefits, often multiple for any given project, including: 1) Managing traffic volume: reduce the number of cut-through vehicles on a residential street; 2) Reducing excessive vehicle speeds: slow down motorists choosing to drive faster than the posted speed limit; 3) Improving pedestrian and bicycle safety: create a more inviting and safer place to walk and bike; 4) Enhancing neighborhood identity: heighten awareness of neighborhood areas where slower speeds are warranted; 5) Educating the community: create awareness around traffic safety through targeted education and outreach; 6) Managing neighborhood parking: address parking from businesses and schools that spillover into neighborhoods; and, 7) Heightening school zone awareness: heighten awareness and traffic safety in and around schools. It also funds the design and installation of school zone improvements (flashing school zone beacons, raised crosswalks, etc.) and educational programs to encourage safe driving and student pedestrian behavior. These traffic safety tools are effective countermeasures that reduce vehicle speeds and improve livability. Project locations are typically identified by community members and there has been an increased number of requests for solutions to traffic safety issues in neighborhoods. Projects are funded to address the critical issues at prioritized locations and support citywide initiatives such as Vision Zero. While the community generally identifies the initial need, community members are partners in the development of project proposals to ensure improvements enhance overall neighborhood livability and match community context.

Rationale

The primary benefits of this investment are improved safety and protection of the quality of life for neighborhoods. The need to improve traffic safety throughout the city has always been a priority and there's been a more comprehensive focus on traffic safety through the council's adoption of Vision Zero. Further, requests for traffic mitigation continue to be high in all neighborhoods, and with traffic congestion increases on arterials, the potential for cut-through traffic and higher speeds on neighborhood streets increases; limiting neighborhood impacts is part of Council's vision.
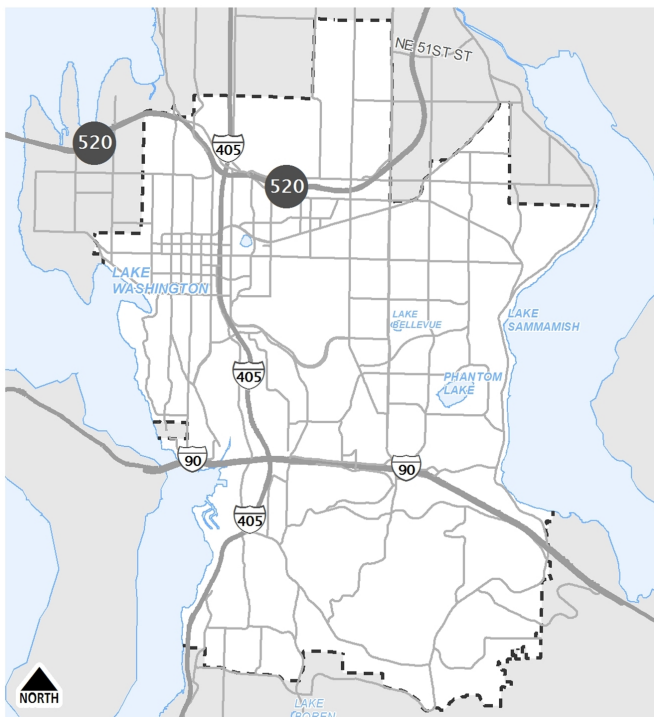
Environmental Impacts

This program funds projects that are primarily safety-oriented and implemented on previously improved rights of way, so environmental issues are minimal and are addressed as appropriate on a location-by-location basis.

Operating Budget Impacts

Operating costs for this program will determined on a project specific basis as required.

Project Map

Schedule of Activities

Project Activities	From - To	Amount
Project Costs	Ongoing	12,168,995

Total Budgetary Cost Estimate:	12,168,995

Means of Financing

Funding Source	Amount
Charges for Services	1,307
Federal Grants	359,192
General Taxes & LTGO Bond Proceeds	5,763,144
Miscellaneous Revenue	159,795
Private Contributions	20,000
Real Estate Excise Tax	2,726,326
State Grants	30,476
Transportation Funding	3,108,755

Total Programmed Funding:	12,168,995
Future Funding Requirements:	0