

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to accept up to \$2,370,000 in federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding to support the construction of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail (142nd Place SE to the Nonmotorized Overcrossing of 150th Avenue SE) Project (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-86); and, 2) amending the 2023-2029 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan to decrease the budget for the Transportation Grant Match Program (CIP Plan No. PW-R-206) by \$3,000,000 and increase the budget for the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail – 142nd Place SE to 150th Avenue SE (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-86) by \$5,370,000.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Acceptance of this federally funded grant through WSDOT from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) would provide sufficient monetary resources to construct a section of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail (MTSGT) between 142nd Place SE and the Nonmotorized Overcrossing of 150th Avenue SE. The project will include a 12-foot wide, hard surfaced facility that is anticipated to include trail head treatments, wayfinding and lighting.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6717

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust was organized in 1991 to set aside from urbanization the forested corridor of Interstate 90 (I-90) from Seattle through the Cascade Mountains so that current and future generations could always enjoy the scenic, recreational, and historic qualities/amenities along the 100-mile corridor. The Trust's success in conserving more than 130,000 acres of scenic and recreational lands led to the designation of the Mountains to Sound Greenway as a National Scenic Byway in 1998. Since then, the City has advanced planning, design, right of way, and construction of the Mountains to Sound Greenway multimodal pathway accomplishing the following milestones and segments:

- On March 24, 2008, staff provided Council with a Management Brief on the partnership with the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to apply for a grant from the National Scenic Byways program for a Feasibility and Design study for the three-mile-long gap in the Mountains to Sound Greenway regional trail that runs adjacent to I-90 within the Eastgate area of Bellevue.

- On September 6, 2011, Council accepted a \$158,312 federal grant (Ordinance No. 6017) for Feasibility and Design study on the three-mile Mountains to Sound Greenway regional trail alignment through the Eastgate/I-90 area. The study was completed in December 2012 and included public outreach, conceptual engineering work, and development of an implementation strategy to complete an alternatives analysis for the alignment selected by the Eastgate/I-90 Land Use and Transportation Plan Technical Advisory Committee in 2011. This work was completed in close coordination with the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust.
- On July 15, 2014, Council accepted a \$470,000 federal Transportation Alternatives Program grant (Ordinance No. 6165) through the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) to advance design and environmental work on the at-grade segments of trail between Factoria Boulevard and 150th Avenue SE. This grant advanced the design to completion in 2015.
- On December 5, 2016, Council adopted Ordinance No. 6333 adopting the 2017-2023 CIP Plan which included funding to advance the design and environmental analysis for the “grade-separated” Factoria Crossing segment of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail and all of the “at grade” trail segments of the project between Factoria Boulevard and Lakemont Boulevard (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-78).
- More recently, for the segment between 132nd Avenue SE and 142nd Place SE:
 - In November 2018, the MTSG segments between 132nd Avenue SE and 136th Avenue SE project was formally awarded \$2,725,030 through the PSRC for the project’s construction phase. In September 2019, the Eastgate Way Non-Motorized Access to Transit project (aka, the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail from 136th Place SE to 142nd Place SE) was awarded \$1,000,000 through the Sound Transit Board of Directors for construction phase. These two grants were accepted by Council on December 2, 2019, as Ordinance No. 6493 (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-84), for a total of \$3,725,000.
 - In June 2020, the MTSG segment from 136th – 142nd was awarded an additional \$2,034,970 in supplemental/contingency federal STP funding through PSRC*.
 - In 2021 PSRC supported the transfer of \$1,400,000 granted to a separate project to be advanced and moved to this section of MTSGT, providing a savings to the City.
 - The culmination of federal funding actions from the 2018-2021 identified above resulted in total federal grant funding of \$6,160,000 for construction of the MTSGT segment between 132nd Avenue SE and 142nd Place SE.

* There is the potential that there may be additional supplemental federal funding through PSRC for the current project segment (142nd Place SE to the Nonmotorized Overcrossing of I-90) as the project nears or enters its construction phase. This would reduce the need to use a portion of the local (Grant Match Program) funding to be transferred to the project by this action. Transportation Department staff will closely monitor and pursue this potential opportunity in future years.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

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

- TR-2: Strive to reduce congestion and improve mobility.
- TR-23: Coordinate improvements and operations among travel modes and provide connections between modes.
- TR-26: Increase system connectivity for all modes by providing for roadway, pedestrian, and bicycling connections in newly developing and redeveloping areas. Expand arterial capacity in consideration of the multimodal expectations and livability factors for the corridor and neighborhood.
- TR-104: Incorporate pedestrian and bicycle facilities along with other mobility options in planning, developing, and maintaining the transportation system.
- 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

Grant Agreement

Executing the grant agreement will provide, on a reimbursable basis, up to \$2,370,000 in federal funding to support construction of the MTSGT from 142nd Place SE to 150th Avenue SE (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-86). There is a 13.5 percent minimum grant match requirement for this grant. Any additional project costs above the maximum amount of the grant award will be the City's responsibility. The total cost of construction is estimated at \$12,003,000. Along with this federal grant, the construction will be funded by \$6,633,000 in state *Move Ahead WA* funding identified in the 2022 legislative Nonmotorized LEAP list (already included in the project budget), and \$3,000,000 from the Transportation Grant Match Program (CIP Plan No. PW-R-206), which provides local funding to support grant matching requirements and to implement projects that are awarded grant funding.

CIP Plan Amendment

This action will amend the 2023-2029 General CIP Plan to decrease the budget for PW-R-206 by \$3,000,000 and increase the budget for PW-W/B-86 by \$5,370,000 to reflect the transfer of funds and recognize the grant award.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to accept up to \$2,370,000 in federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding to support the construction of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail (142nd Place SE to the Nonmotorized Overcrossing of 150th Avenue SE) Project (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-86); and, 2) amending the 2023-2029 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan to decrease the budget for the Transportation Grant Match Program (CIP Plan

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2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Vicinity Map
 - B. CIP Project Description (PW-W/B-86)
 - C. CIP Project Description (PW-R-206)
- Proposed Ordinance No. 6717

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

PSRC Grant Award Letter
WSDOT Local Agency Agreement (draft)