

PW-R-159 East Link Analysis and Development

Category: **Improved Mobility**
 Department: **Transportation**

Status: **Enhanced**
 Location: **N/A**

Programmed Expenditures

| Programmed Expenditures | Appropriated To Date | FY 2015 Budget | FY 2016 Budget | FY 2017 Budget | FY 2018 Budget | FY 2019 Budget | FY 2020 Budget | FY 2021 Budget |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 18,142,130 | 8,908,001 | 2,516,689 | 1,344,440 | 1,061,000 | 1,079,000 | 1,099,000 | 1,067,000 | 1,067,000 |

Description and Scope

Utilize in-house and consultant resources to participate with Sound Transit and other potential project partners to advance the design and construction of the East Link light rail project. Work tasks will include, but are not limited to activities that relate directly or indirectly to the East Link project, including City-sponsored projects and programs. Key tasks include traffic analysis including operational simulation; identification and evaluation of potential funding sources and associated financial analyses; specialized environmental analyses; engineering support relating to alignments, track profiles, stations, and city roadway-light rail interface; design issues; community and stakeholder outreach; intergovernmental relations and agreements; and other tasks necessary for the City to fully engage in and influence the East Link project.

Rationale

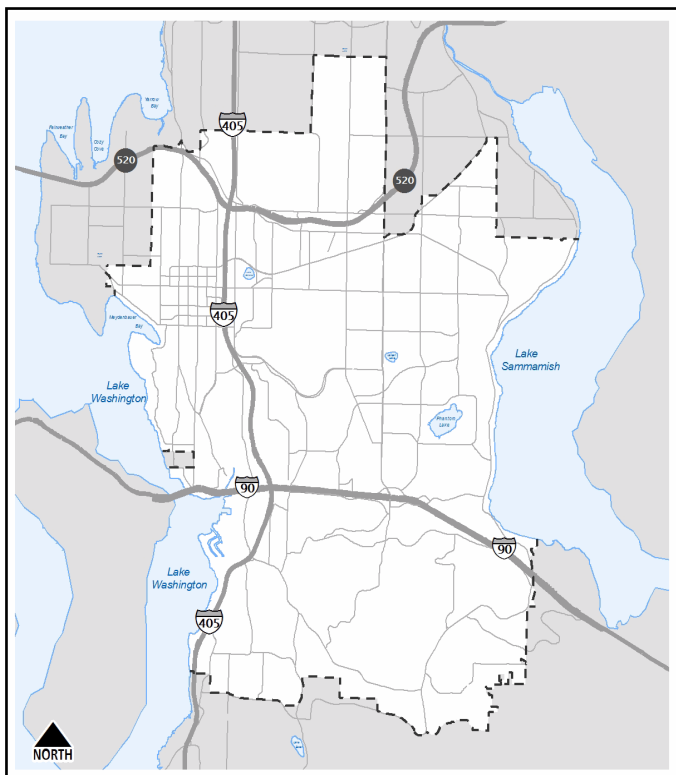
East Link is a Sound Transit-funded light rail project that will connect Bellevue with Seattle and with the Overlake area of Redmond by 2023. The \$2.8+ billion project will be routed through south Bellevue, downtown Bellevue, and the Bel-Red corridor with six stations. The East Link alignment has now been set and the City and Sound Transit have executed (in November 2011) a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which commits the City to a financial contribution of up to \$160 million. Additionally, both parties endorsed an ongoing Collaborative Design Process (CDP) to advance project design and address project mitigation issues. Also in April 2015, Parties amended and restated the Memorandum of Understanding to reflect updated project information. Property acquisitions, utility relocations, and other pre-construction activities are underway. Construction is anticipated to commence in late 2015/early 2016. During this time the City will focus on investigating and resolving design variations; coordinating City roadway projects in the vicinity of East Link with Sound Transit; implementing an appropriate permitting and inspection process; identifying and evaluating complimentary City actions; and analyzing community issues and preferences, and other project elements. The Bellevue City Council has indicated its desire to adhere to the lessons learned from the Light Rail Best Practices Project to ensure that the system is "done right the first time" and is an asset to the community. The City is therefore investing resources in the East Link project to ensure issues are analyzed adequately and decisions are fully informed.

Environmental Impacts

An Environmental Impact Statement was prepared by Sound Transit for the overall East Link Project.

Operating Budget Impacts

This project has no known impacts to operating revenues and/or expenditures.

Project Map**Schedule of Activities**

| Project Activities | From - To | Amount |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Project Costs | 2009 - 2021 | 18,142,130 |

Total Budgetary Cost Estimate: 18,142,130

Means of Financing

| Funding Source | Amount |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Contributions from Other City Funds | 60,000 |
| General Taxes & LTGO Bond Proceeds | 16,810,460 |
| Interlocal Contributions | 250,001 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 74,000 |
| Real Estate Excise Tax | 947,669 |

Total Programmed Funding: 18,142,130
Future Funding Requirements:

Comments

FY2015-2021 Capital Investment Program

Revised 5/18/2015 (Ord. 6227): Project costs and revenue decreased by \$300,000 for the Mercer Slough Boardwalk design which is now a stand-alone project (CIP Plan No. P-AD-96).

Revised 12/7/15 (Ord 6265 Mid-Bi): Extends funding thru 2021 for continued coordination and support of the East Link project through the life of construction, per the City's commitment in the Amended and Restated MOU with Sound Transit.