

February 6, 2017

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION ITEM

SUBJECT

Proposed adjustment to the municipal boundary between Bellevue and Kirkland within the rights-of-way of Northup Way NE, Points Dr. NE, Bellevue Way NE and 104th Avenue NE.

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POLICY ISSUES

RCW 35.13.310 provides that the city councils of two cities may enter into an agreement to adjust the boundary line between the two cities where they share a common boundary within the right-of-way of a public street.

Policy support for this action in the Transportation Element addresses coordination with other jurisdictions:

TR-40: Work actively and cooperatively with other Eastside jurisdictions and regional and state agencies to plan, design, fund and construct regional transportation projects that support the City's Comprehensive Plan.

TR-44: Inform, consult with, and otherwise involve other affected jurisdictions in the City's transportation planning efforts.

TR-45: Develop and implement interlocal agreements for cooperative solutions for mutual land use and transportation concerns.

DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL

ACTION

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DIRECTION

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INFORMATION ONLY

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Staff is seeking direction on whether to return on February 21, 2017 with a Resolution for Council action directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement between Bellevue and Kirkland adjusting the municipal boundary as legally described.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) intends to relinquish certain right-of-way to Bellevue as a result of completing the SR 520 construction project. This action prompted staff at the cities of Bellevue and Kirkland to look at the location of the boundary and its effect on operations

and maintenance issues on the transportation infrastructure in this area, generally around the intersection of Bellevue Way/104th Ave NE and Northup Way/Points Dr. NE. See Attachment A.

The existing municipal boundary does not follow the center or one side of the street in this area. Rather, the boundary passes through, on, and around various bits of the transportation infrastructure that has been built in the area, including the newly constructed SR 520 infrastructure. WSDOT's relinquishment of right-of-way adds to the jurisdictional responsibilities caused by the boundary location, affecting efficiencies in maintenance and operations in areas of transportation infrastructure, utility pipes, and police and emergency responder awareness.

The two cities' staff have cooperatively identified a boundary line adjustment action that will clean up the jurisdictional issues caused by the current boundary. The adjustment action will put all of a right-of-way for a given street segment under a single jurisdiction as is customary, and will improve efficiencies of maintenance and operations. See Attachment B.

Under RCW 35.13.310, the two affected cities need only enter into and execute an agreement to alter those portions of their boundaries that are necessary to eliminate this situation and create a partial common boundary on either edge of the right-of-way of the public street.

OPTIONS

1. Direct staff to return on February 21, 2017 with a resolution for Council action directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement between Bellevue and Kirkland adjusting the municipal boundary as legally described.
2. Provide alternate direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Map of existing municipal boundary between Kirkland and Bellevue in the affected area
- B. Map of proposed municipal boundary adjustment

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