

PW-R-159 East Link Analysis and Development

Category: **Improved Mobility/Connectivity** Status: **Approved and Begun**
 Department: **Transportation** Location: **Citywide**

Programmed Expenditures

Programmed Expenditures	Appropriated To Date	FY 2017 Budget	FY 2018 Budget	FY 2019 Budget	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Budget
18,921,695	12,769,128	1,176,123	1,013,167	1,046,740	1,030,537	1,047,000	413,000	426,000

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; construction management; 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 \$100 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.

The Amended MOU commits the City and Sound Transit to project delivery elements to advance design and construction of the East Link Light Rail and Bel Red Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility (OMSF).

In addition to the Collaborative Design Process, both parties to establish a Collaborative Construction Program to advance the project through construction.

Property acquisitions, utility relocations, and other pre-construction activities are underway. Construction is anticipated to commence in early 2016. During this time the City will focus on investigating and resolving design variations; construction management; 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.

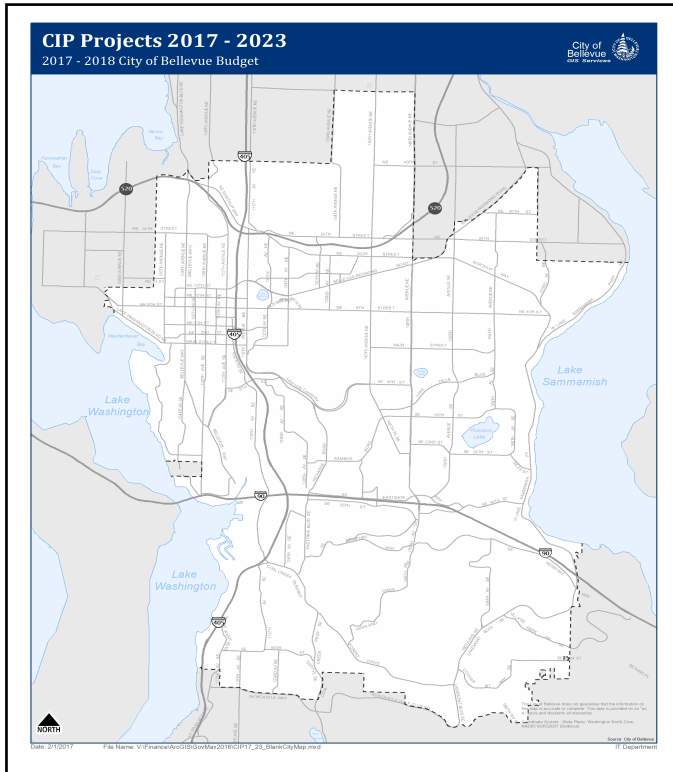
Operating Budget Impacts

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

FY2017-2023 Capital Investment Program

Project Map

Schedule of Activities



Project Activities	From - To	Amount
Project Costs	2009 - 2023	18,921,695
Total Budgetary Cost Estimate:		18,921,695
Means of Financing		
Funding Source		Amount
Contributions from Other City Funds		60,000
General Taxes		10,549,331
General Taxes & LTGO Bond Proceeds		8,088,363
Interlocal Contributions		150,001
Miscellaneous Revenue		74,000
Total Programmed Funding:		18,921,695
Future Funding Requirements:		

Comments