

March 20, 2017

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to accept up to \$500,000 in state Complete Streets funding to support construction of pedestrian and transit access improvements at the intersection of 106th Avenue NE and NE 6th Street; 2) amending the 2017-2018 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$500,000; and, 3) amending the 2017-2023 CIP Plan to increase the project budget for the Downtown Transportation Plan/NE 6th Street Station Access project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-182) by \$500,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

Executing the grant agreement will provide, on a reimbursable basis, up to \$500,000 in state Complete Streets funding to support the construction of pedestrian and transit access improvements on 106th Avenue NE and NE 6th Street.

The cost to construct the project is estimated to be \$700,000. While there is no specific matching requirement for this grant, there is sufficient funding in the Downtown Transportation Plan/NE 6th Street Station Access project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-182) and the Grand Connection Implementation project (CIP Plan No. CD-44) to fund the remaining \$200,000 to complete the project.

The action will also increase the project budget for PW-R-182 and the 2017-2018 General CIP Fund appropriation by \$500,000.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

Comprehensive Plan:

- TR-131 directs that the City, "Seek state and federal funds for transportation capital, maintenance and operations."

2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendments:

- Under separate action tonight, Council may initiate a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to integrate Complete Streets policy language into the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

BACKGROUND

Complete Streets Background:

Complete Streets is a national movement intended to inspire communities to consider all modes of travel in the planning, designing, implementing, maintaining, and operation of the transportation system. The

Washington state legislature enacted complete streets legislation in 2011, with expressed intent as follows:

“Urban main streets should be designed to provide safe access to all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, and public transportation users. Context sensitive design and engineering principles allow for flexible solutions depending on a community’s needs, and result in many positive outcomes for cities and towns, including improving the health and safety of a community. It is the intent of the legislature to encourage street designs that safely meet the needs of all users and also protect and preserve a community’s environment and character.”

Council Ordinance with direction to the Transportation Commission:

Council reviewed the Transportation Commission recommendation at its September 12, 2016 Study Session and adopted a Complete Streets ordinance on September 19, 2016. Council approved language in Ordinance No. 6308 to direct the Transportation Commission to recommend any additional Complete Streets policies that may be needed. In adopting the Complete Streets ordinance, Council created eligibility for the City to be considered in the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board Complete Streets Award Program.

Complete Streets Award:

In May of 2016, the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) introduced the Complete Streets Award Program. Bellevue became eligible for an award with the adoption of the Complete Streets Ordinance No. 6308 on September 19, 2016. To be considered by the TIB for an award, a jurisdiction had to be “nominated” by a third-party non-profit organization. Bellevue was nominated by Feet First, a pedestrian advocacy organization with which the City has worked on planning and projects in Factoria (FATS 2005), Crossroads (2005), Downtown (Downtown Transportation Plan 2011), and the Walkable Washington Symposium in 2016. On January 27, 2017, the TIB selected Bellevue for a \$500,000 Complete Streets Award. Award funds will augment Bellevue CIP funds through the Downtown Transportation Plan/NE 6th Street Station Access project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-182) and the Grand Connection Implementation project (CIP Plan No. CD-44) to construct an “Exceptional Intersection” along the Pedestrian Corridor at 106th Avenue NE – creating a raised intersection that will improve its safety and appearance and that can be an extension of Compass Plaza for special events. The raised intersection is a key cohesive design strategy as part of the Grand Connection vision. This intersection would mark the first of several intersections that would assist in establishing the identity and character of the Grand Connection while improving overall safety and quality of experience along the route. This intersection will also serve as an initial improvement in support of a future vision for Compass Plaza, identified as a key public space for improvement on the Grand Connection route.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Ordinance becomes effective on March 30, 2017.

OPTIONS

1. Approve Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to accept up to \$500,000 in state Complete Streets funding to support construction of pedestrian and transit access improvements at the intersection of 106th Avenue NE and NE 6th Street; 2) amending the 2017-2018 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$500,000; and, 3) amending the 2017-

2023 CIP Plan to increase the project budget for the Downtown Transportation Plan/NE 6th Street Station Access project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-182) by \$500,000.

2. Do not approve Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

MOTION

Move to approve Ordinance No. 6347, 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to accept up to \$500,000 in state Complete Streets funding to support construction of pedestrian and transit access improvements at the intersection of 106th Avenue NE and NE 6th Street; 2) amending the 2017-2018 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$500,000; and, 3) amending the 2017-2023 CIP Plan to increase the project budget for the Downtown Transportation Plan/NE 6th Street Station Access project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-182) by \$500,000.

ATTACHMENTS

A. CIP Project Descriptions (PW-R-182, CD-44)

B. Vicinity Map

Proposed Ordinance No. 6347

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Complete Streets Award Grant Agreement