

October 2, 2017

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bellevue School District to accept \$515,165 to support construction of pedestrian improvements as a condition of the development of the new Wilburton Elementary School; 2) amending the 2017-2018 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$515,165; and, 3) amending the 2017-2023 CIP Plan to increase the project budget for the Neighborhood Sidewalks Program (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-76) by \$515,165.

FISCAL IMPACT

Execution of this MOU obligates the Bellevue School District (BSD) to provide \$515,165 to support the construction of pedestrian improvements associated with the development of the new Wilburton Elementary School on NE 2nd Street from 124th to 128th Avenues NE and 118th Avenue NE from the SE 300 block to Main Street. Implementation of these improvements will be packaged with a larger Wilburton Area Sidewalk project that is identified by the Neighborhood Sidewalks Program (PW-W/B-76) and the Neighborhood Safety and Connectivity Levy project (PW-R-199) for construction in 2018.

The action will also increase the PW-W/B-76 program budget and the 2017-2018 General CIP Fund appropriation by \$515,165.

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Transportation Department

POLICY CONSIDERATION

Comprehensive Plan

Transportation Element

- Policy TR-103: Promote and facilitate walking and bicycling.
- Policy TR-104: Incorporate pedestrian and bicycle facilities along with other mobility options in planning, developing and maintaining the transportation system.
- Policy TR-105: Implement the Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan and prioritize projects that address safety issues; provide access to activity centers.
- Policy TR-106: Construct, maintain and repair pedestrian and bicycle facilities in accordance with current standards.
- Policy TR-153: Employ traffic calming measures to slow vehicular travel speed along residential streets and to reduce the volume of cut-through traffic.

BACKGROUND

The BSD is currently constructing their 18th elementary school, Wilburton Elementary, at the corner of Main Street and 124th Avenue NE. This new school will relieve overcrowding at Enatai, Woodridge and Clyde Hill elementary schools by serving students living in the downtown, as well as those living in the Wilburton community.

For the past two years, Transportation Department staff have been working with the BSD to review plans for the new Wilburton Elementary School and ensure that adequate pedestrian facilities are provided. The new elementary school will increase the number of people walking in this area, including vulnerable users of the roadway, school children, and their families. Two streets in the vicinity of the new school, NE 2nd Street, between 124th Avenue NE and 128th Avenue NE, as well as 118th Avenue SE, south of Main Street, do not currently have adequate walkways to support the expected increase in pedestrian activity. BSD proposed to install walking improvements on these streets to the RCW standard, which is a 3' wide asphalt shoulder.

Concurrently, the Neighborhood Sidewalks Program began the design of a sidewalk for 128th Avenue, between SE 7th Street and NE 2nd Street, which will be in the walking boundary for Wilburton Elementary School. In order to meet City of Bellevue's minimum standard (a 5' wide curb, gutter sidewalk) for a walkway, the Development Services Department proposed to partner with the BSD in constructing the facilities. Therefore, Transportation Department staff included both NE 2nd Street and 118th Avenue SE into the 128th Avenue sidewalk project and renamed the project Wilburton Area Sidewalks. In addition to Neighborhood Sidewalks Program (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-76) funding, the Wilburton Area Sidewalks project will be funded in part by the Neighborhood Safety and Connectivity project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-199). BSD is contributing the funds that would have been spent installing an asphalt shoulder, \$515,165, to the Neighborhood Sidewalks Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Ordinance becomes effective on October 12, 2017.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bellevue School District to accept \$515,165 to support construction of pedestrian improvements as a condition of the development of the new Wilburton Elementary School; 2) amending the 2017-2018 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$515,165; and, 3) amending the 2017-2023 CIP Plan to increase the project budget for the Neighborhood Sidewalks Program (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-76) by \$515,165.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

MOTION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6375 1) authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bellevue School District to accept \$515,165 to support construction of pedestrian improvements as a condition of the development of the new Wilburton Elementary School; 2) amending the 2017-2018 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$515,165; and, 3) amending the 2017-2023 CIP Plan to increase the project budget for the Neighborhood Sidewalks Program (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-76) by \$515,165.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Vicinity Map
- B. CIP Project Description (PW-W/B-76)

C. CIP Project Description (PW-R-199)
Proposed Ordinance No. 6375

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MOU between BSD and City of Bellevue