

February 05, 2018

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Department of Transportation to accept up to \$667,111 in federal Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) funding to support construction of non-motorized-related roadway improvements on Eastgate Way; 2) amending the 2017-2018 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$667,111; and, 3) amending the 2017-2023 CIP Plan to increase the budget for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Access and Connections Program (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-56) by \$667,111.

FISCAL IMPACT

Executing the grant agreement will provide, on a reimbursable basis, up to \$667,111 in federal funding to support the construction phase of the Eastgate Way Non-Motorized Access to Transit project, which is planned within the Pedestrian and Bicycle Access and Connections Program (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-56). Neighborhood Safety and Connectivity Levy (CIP Plan No. PW-R-199) funding will fulfill the committed matching fund allocation for this project.

Project	Federal Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Funds (CMAQ \$)	Local Matching Funds (Levy \$)	Total (\$)
Eastgate Way Non-Motorized Access to Transit	667,111	104,116	771,227

The grant for this project was initially part of a King County Metro-sponsored, larger grant request, that included multiple locations within the County including nonmotorized facility development in the cities of Seattle, Tukwila and Bellevue. For more direct and efficient administration of the project, the City of Bellevue requested and has been assigned lead agency status to administer the Bellevue-specific \$667,111 portion of the federal grant.

The action will increase both the PW-W/B-56 program budget and the 2017-2018 General CIP Fund appropriation by \$667,111.

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Transportation Department

POLICY CONSIDERATION

Comprehensive Plan (Transportation Elements):

- TR-23 directs that the City “Coordinate improvements and operations among travel modes and provide connections between modes.”
- TR-26 directs that the City “Increase system connectivity for all modes by providing for roadway, pedestrian, and bicycling connections in newly developing and redeveloping areas.”
- TR-40 directs that the City “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-66 directs that the City “Work with transit providers to create, maintain, and enhance a system of transit-supportive facilities and amenities.”
- TR- 68 directs that the City “Integrate pedestrian and bicycle access to transit as a means to serve neighborhoods.”
- TR-103 directs that the City “Promote and facilitate walking and bicycling.”
- TR-131 directs that the City, “Seek state and federal funds for transportation capital, maintenance and operations.”

BACKGROUND

The project will construct upgraded on-street bike shoulders or standard lanes to protect/separate bicyclists on Eastgate Way between SE Richards Road and SE 35th Place/I-90 Trail west terminus. Currently, the project design phase is nearing completion and the City is coordinating the acquisition of necessary permits for the project. Construction is anticipated to begin in mid-to-late 2018.

The federal CMAQ grant program is highly competitive with numerous local jurisdictions competing for a share of the limited federal funding designated to reduce congestion and improve air quality in the Puget Sound region. By leveraging these grant funds, the Transportation Department will be able to have a broader positive impact in accomplishing the construction of these high priority non-motorized facilities connecting the Eastgate Park and Ride and other transit service facilities with the land uses along Eastgate Way and other non-motorized facilities including the I-90 trail on the east end of the project.

Project costs over and above the grant award will be funded by local funding from the Neighborhood Safety and Connectivity Levy. The levy, approved by 54 percent of voters, will raise \$140 million over 20 years (15 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value), or \$7 million per year. Levy funds may pay for all phases of the projects, including planning, design, right-of-way acquisition and public outreach – not just construction. Levy funds will likely be used to leverage additional outside grant funding in the future.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Ordinance becomes effective on February 15, 2018.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Department of Transportation to accept up to \$667,111 in federal Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) funding to support construction of non-motorized-related roadway improvements on Eastgate Way; 2) amending the 2017-2018 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$667,111; and, 3) amending the 2017-2023 CIP Plan to increase the budget for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Access and Connections Program (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-56) by \$667,111.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff. By not executing the grant agreement, the City will not be able to access this revenue source to leverage local funding and this important non-motorized access to transit enhancement will not be implemented until such time that additional local funds can be identified.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

MOTION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6399 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Department of Transportation to accept up to \$667,111 in federal Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) funding to support construction of non-motorized-related roadway improvements on Eastgate Way; 2) amending the 2017-2018 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$667,111; and, 3) amending the 2017-2023 CIP Plan to increase the budget for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Access and Connections Program (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-56) by \$667,111.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Vicinity Map
 - B. CIP Project Description (PW-W/B-56)
 - C. CIP Project Description (PW-R-199)
- Proposed Ordinance No. 6399

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