

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Bellevue College and King County Metro clarifying roles and responsibilities for pre-design work for the Bellevue College Connector project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-201). The pre-design work will include the creation of a preferred alignment report for future transit access through the Bellevue College campus (K-Line, RapidRide) along the Snoqualmie River Road between SE 24th Street and SE 32nd Street.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This action creates a partnership between the City of Bellevue, Bellevue College, and King County Metro to investigate potential roadway improvements to accommodate frequent RapidRide bus service through the Bellevue College Campus.

The MOA clarifies roles and responsibilities between the City of Bellevue, Bellevue College, and King County Metro for performing pre-design activities including a preferred alternative alignment report, cost estimates, and identification of project impacts.

The proposed Bellevue College Connector project was recommended in the 2012 Eastgate/I-90 Land Use and Transportation Plan and reaffirmed in the 2014 Bellevue Transit Master Plan. Funding for the projects is included in the City's 2019-2025 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) plan (CIP Plan No. PW-R-201).

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9724.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Council approved Resolution No. 8777 on July 7, 2014, authorizing adoption of the Bellevue Transit Master Plan. The Bellevue Transit Master Plan offers transit capital investment recommendations that have the potential to enhance transit speed and reliability between the Eastgate Park-and-Ride and Bellevue College, each a major transit hub, and points beyond resulting in improved provision of cost-efficient and effective bus transit service and potential for increased ridership.

The King County Metro Transit Strategic Plan (Strategy 3.1.1) for Public Transportation 2011-2021 directs Metro to work on developing investments and partnerships with regional organizations, local jurisdictions and the private sector, to provide alternatives to driving alone that connect people to job

centers, educational institutions and other destinations essential to King County's economic vitality.

The City's 2019-2025 General Capital Investment Program Plan, approved by Council (December 2018), sets aside \$400,000 in project PW-R-201 (Bellevue College Connector) to partner with Metro Transit and Bellevue College to advance design and reconstruct the campus roadway to support frequent transit bus service, construct sidewalks and accessible bus stops and modify the 142nd Place SE/SE 32nd Street intersection.

Bellevue College, King County and the City of Bellevue desire to enter into this MOA, pursuant to the authority set forth in Chapter 39.34 RCW, to jointly fund a transit circulation study to achieve their respective goals and objectives through a coordinated effort.

Both the Bellevue Transit Master Plan and the King County Metro Connects Long Range Plan include proposed RapidRide transit routes through Bellevue College Campus. Additionally, the Bellevue College Master Plan references the Connector project as its preferred transit alignment through the campus.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

The City's Comprehensive Plan Transportation Policies provides for working in collaboration with regional and local agencies to address transportation system needs and concerns.

This action supports those efforts in creation of a preferred alternative analysis that aligns transit service objectives between the City of Bellevue, Bellevue College, and King County Metro.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of this action is limited to \$300,000 leading to the development of a preferred alternative analysis report with associated project cost estimates and potential project impacts. The City of Bellevue College, King County Metro, and Bellevue College are proposing to equally share in the \$300,000 consultant pre-design cost (\$100,000 for each jurisdiction). The City's share of costs is fully funded by the Bellevue College Connection project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-201).

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Bellevue College and King County Metro clarifying roles and responsibilities for pre-design work for the Bellevue College Connector project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-201). The pre-design work will include the creation of a preferred alignment report for future transit access through the Bellevue College campus (K-Line, RapidRide) along the Snoqualmie River Road between SE 24th Street and SE 32nd Street.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. CIP Project Description (PW-R-201)
 - B. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Bellevue College, King County and the City of Bellevue
- Proposed Resolution No. 9724

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N/A