

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

Resolution 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to accept \$2,725,030 in federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding; and, 2) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with Sound Transit to accept \$1,000,000 in regional transit System Access Fund (SAF) funding to support construction of segments of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail between 132th Ave SE and 142nd Place SE (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-84).

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Joint acceptance of the federally funded grant from WSDOT and the regionally funded grant from Sound Transit would provide sufficient monetary resources to construct a section of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail to the north of SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street between 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE and 142<sup>nd</sup> Place SE. In general, work will include construction of a 12-foot wide, hard surface multi-purpose pathway/trail facility with landscaping and lighting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9745

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust was organized in 1991 to set aside from urbanization the forested corridor of I-90 from Seattle through the Cascade Mountains so that current and future generations could always enjoy the scenic, recreational, and historic qualities/amenities along the 100-mile corridor. The Trust's success in conserving more than 130,000 acres of scenic and recreational lands led to the designation of the Mountains to Sound Greenway as a National Scenic Byway in 1998.

On March 24, 2008, staff provided Council with a Management Brief on the partnership with the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to apply for a grant from the National Scenic Byways program for a Feasibility and Design study for the three-mile long gap in the Mountains to Sound Greenway regional trail that runs adjacent to I-90 within the Eastgate area of Bellevue.

On September 6, 2011, Council accepted a \$158,312 federal grant (Ordinance No. 6017) for Feasibility and Design study on the three-mile Mountains to Sound Greenway regional trail alignment through the Eastgate/I-90 area. The study was completed in December 2012 and included public outreach, conceptual engineering work, and development of an implementation strategy to complete an alternatives analysis for the alignment selected by the Eastgate/I-90 Land Use and Transportation Plan Technical Advisory Committee in 2011.

On July 15, 2014, Council accepted a \$470,000 federal Transportation Alternatives Program grant (Ordinance No. 6165) to advance design and environmental work on the at-grade segments of trail between Factoria Boulevard and 150<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. This grant advanced the design to completion in 2015.

On December 5, 2016, Council adopted Ordinance No. 6333 adopting the 2017-2023 CIP Plan which includes funding to advance the design and environmental analysis for the “grade-separated” Factoria Crossing segment of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail and all of the “at grade” trail segments of the project between Factoria Blvd. and Lakemont Blvd. (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-78).

In November 2018, the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail for segments between 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE and 142<sup>nd</sup> Place SE project was formally awarded \$2,725,030 through the Puget Sound Regional Council for the project’s construction phase. The grant-funded work is currently programmed to occur during the 2022 construction season. Design is functionally complete.

In September 2019, the Eastgate Way Non-Motorized Access to Transit project (aka, the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail from 136<sup>th</sup> Place SE to 142<sup>nd</sup> Place SE) was formally awarded \$1,000,000 through the Sound Transit Board of Directors for the project’s construction phase. The grant-funded work is currently programmed to occur jointly with work noted above from 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE to 136<sup>th</sup> Place SE during the 2022 construction season. Design is functionally complete.

On December 2, 2019, Council adopted Ordinance No. 6493 modifying the 2019-2025 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan to add a new project to construct the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail from 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE to 142<sup>nd</sup> Place SE (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-84), with a total project budget of \$3,725,000, funded by the two grants that are included under tonight’s action to authorize execution of the grant agreements.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

The acceptance of this grant and authorization of these funding agreements with WSDOT and Sound Transit is consistent with the following policies in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan:

- TR-20. Scope, plan, design, implement, operate, and maintain the multimodal transportation system in a corridor approach within and across Mobility Management Areas.
- TR-27. Design, implement, and maintain transportation system improvements and deliver transportation services and programs in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- TR-40. 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-53. Maintain and enhance safety for all users of the roadway network.
- TR-68. Directs that the City, “Integrate pedestrian and bicycle access to transit as a means to serve neighborhoods.”
- TR-105. Directs that the City, “Implement the Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan and prioritize projects that:
  1. Address safety issues;

2. Provide access to activity centers;
  3. Provide access to the transit and school bus systems;
  4. Complete and connect planned pedestrian or bicycle facilities;
  5. Develop primary north-south and east-west bicycle routes through the City;
  6. Improve multimodal level of service along travel corridors; and,
  7. Serve residents who have special accessibility needs.”
- TR-124. Directs that the City, “Support including facilities for pedestrians and bicycles when planning, designing and constructing enhancements to I-90, I-405 and SR-520.”
  - TR-131. Seek state and federal funds for transportation capital, maintenance and operations.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Executing these grant agreements will provide, on a reimbursable basis, a total of \$3,725,030 in grant funding to support the construction of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail from 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE to 142<sup>nd</sup> Place SE (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-84). The first grant is for an amount up to \$2,725,030 in federal STP funding to support construction of segments of the trail between 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE and 142<sup>nd</sup> Place SE and the second grant is for an amount up to \$1,000,000 in Sound Transit System Access Fund funding to support construction of the trail from 136<sup>th</sup> Place SE to 142<sup>nd</sup> Place SE (aka, Eastgate Way Non-Motorized Access to Transit project). These grants are already included in the PW-W/B-84 project budget with sufficient funding provided by the Neighborhood Safety & Connectivity Levy (PW-R-199) to meet the required grant match.

### **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Resolution 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to accept \$2,725,030 in federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding; and, 2) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with Sound Transit to accept \$1,000,000 in regional transit System Access Fund (SAF) funding to support construction of segments of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail between 132<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and 142<sup>nd</sup> Place SE (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-84).
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

### **ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS**

- A. Vicinity Map
  - B. CIP Project Description (PW-W/B-84)
- Proposed Resolution No. 9745

### **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

- WSDOT Local Agency Agreement (draft)  
Sound Transit Agreement (draft)