

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

Resolution authorizing execution of a Reimbursement Agreement with Puget Sound Energy to pay for the relocation of Puget Sound Energy facilities located in a private easement that are in conflict with the 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE – NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street to NE Spring Boulevard (CIP Plan No. PW-R-169).

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This Resolution authorizes the Reimbursement Agreement with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) for the 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE – NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street to NE Spring Boulevard (CIP Plan No. PW-R-169) Project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9867

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

The 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE-NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street to NE Spring Boulevard (CIP Plan No. PW-R-169) Project will widen the roadway from two lanes to five lanes, improving traffic flow and adding separate non-motorized facilities. This project is part of the broad BelRed Plan and Transportation vision of supporting planned growth and economic vitality, improving access and circulation, and capturing synergistic opportunities with Sound Transit's East Link Project.

Currently, the project is completing the design phase and the acquisition of right-of-way necessary for the project. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring of 2021. Design and construction of this project have been fully supported by Federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan funds as approved by Council on July 17, 2017 (Ordinance No. 6362).

Construction of 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE between NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Spring Boulevard requires the relocation of an existing switch, an above ground vault, that is owned and operated by PSE. The switch is in conflict with future roadway improvements along 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. The switch vault is currently located in a private easement and therefore not subject to any franchise agreements with the City. Since the City's project is causing the relocation of the switch vault, the City is responsible to reimburse PSE for the relocation costs. The private easement will be relocated with a switch that will not interfere with the City project. Staff have reviewed the relocation cost and have been working with PSE to coordinate the switch vault relocation as a part of City's 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE – NE 12<sup>th</sup> to NE Spring Boulevard construction Project.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Bellevue City Code**

Under Bellevue City Code 4.32.060, the disposition of any City-owned real property interest must be approved by City Council.

Except as provided under Bellevue City Code 4.30.010 and 4.30.020, any encumbrance of City-owned real property is submitted to City Council for approval.

### **Fiscal Impacts**

This action obligates the City to pay an estimated \$133,549 to PSE for the costs incurred by PSE for the relocation of the switch vault. The actual cost will be determined after final installation. Sufficient funding exists in the 2021-2027 Capital Investment Program (CIP), 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE – NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street to NE Spring Boulevard (CIP Plan No. PW-R-169) to fund this agreement.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of a Reimbursement Agreement with Puget Sound Energy to pay for the relocation of Puget Sound Energy facilities located in a private easement that are in conflict with the 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE – NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street to NE Spring Boulevard (CIP Plan No. PW-R-169).
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS**

- A. Vicinity Map
  - B. CIP Project Description (PW-R-169)
- Proposed Resolution No. 9867

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

Puget Sound Relocation and Reimbursement Agreement with attachments