

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to accept up to \$790,000 in federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program funding to support the construction of the NE 18th Street and 21st Street Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Project; 2) amending the 2021-2022 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$790,000; and, 3) amending the 2021-2027 CIP Plan to increase the budget for the Neighborhood Sidewalks Program (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-76) by \$790,000. This project is partially funded by the Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion Levy (CIP Plan No. PW-R-199).

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Acceptance of this federally funded grant through WSDOT from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) would provide sufficient monetary resources to construct the NE 18<sup>th</sup> and NE 21<sup>st</sup> Streets SRTS Project. In late 2022 through 2023, this project will construct sidewalks and associated safety features on one side of NE 18<sup>th</sup> Street between 98<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Avenues NE, NE 21<sup>st</sup> Street between 98<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Avenues, and 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE between NE 18<sup>th</sup> Street and 20<sup>th</sup> Streets as a part of Bellevue's larger NW Bellevue Walkways and Safety Improvements Project.

## RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6605.

## BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In spring 2020, the Washington State Department of Transportation Local Programs Division and Active Transportation coordination staff announced the availability of federal SRTS Program grant funding focused on infrastructure improvements within two miles of schools serving kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade children. Objectives of the grant program include eliminating traffic crashes involving children walking or biking to school, building connected networks of pedestrian and bicyclist facilities for children within two miles of a school, and increasing the number of children who can and do walk or bike to school safely.

Bellevue's NE 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Streets SRTS Project is a good fit for WSDOT's grant program objectives as it will install sidewalks where none currently exist, connecting neighborhood families with the complex of five schools concentrated along 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. More specifically, this project will install sidewalks on one side of each roadway segment, crosswalks and raised intersections where the project traverses 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, safety buffers, lighting, and signage as appropriate within the project areas of NE 18<sup>th</sup> Street between 98<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Avenues NE, NE 21<sup>st</sup> Street between 98<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Avenues, and 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE between NE 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Streets.

This \$790,000 SRTS grant was awarded to the City on July 9, 2021 and provides funding in years 2022-23. The local funding share of \$510,000 will be provided from the Neighborhood Safety and Connectivity (Levy) Program CIP PW-R-199. Together these funds will cover the construction total of an estimated \$1,300,000. The construction phase is anticipated to start in the fall of 2022 and will be part of the larger NW Bellevue Walkways and Safety Improvements Project that will include construction of a multipurpose pathway along the east side of 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE from NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street to NE 14<sup>th</sup> Street as well as other safety features.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

The acceptance of this grant and authorization of the funding agreement with WSDOT is consistent with the following policy in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan:

- TR-131: Seek state and federal funds for transportation capital, maintenance, and operations.
- TR-136 directs that the City, “Support joint projects, including the contribution of City matching funds, with adjoining cities, King County, the transit providers, or the state, where such partnerships help establish or accelerate projects beneficial to the City.”

### **Fiscal Impact**

Executing the grant agreement will provide, on a reimbursable basis, up to \$790,000 in federal funding to support the construction of the NE 18<sup>th</sup> and NE 21<sup>st</sup> Streets SRTS Project via the Neighborhood Sidewalks Program (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-76). The total cost to construct this project is estimated at \$1,300,000. Bellevue’s local share of \$510,000 will be funded by the Neighborhood Safety and Connectivity (Levy) (CIP Plan No. PW-R-199). This action will increase the 2021-2022 General CIP Fund appropriation and the PW-W/B-76 project budget by \$790,000.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to accept up to \$790,000 in federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program funding to support the construction of the NE 18th Street and 21st Street Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Project; 2) amending the 2021-2022 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$790,000; and, 3) amending the 2021-2027 CIP Plan to increase the budget for the Neighborhood Sidewalks Program (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-76) by \$790,000. This project is partially funded by the Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion Levy (CIP Plan No. PW-R-199).
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS**

- A. Vicinity Map
  - B. CIP Project Description (PW-W/B-76)
  - C. CIP Project Description (PW-R-199) (Levy)
- Proposed Ordinance No. 6605

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

WSDOT grant award of federal funding  
WSDOT Local Agency Agreement (draft)