



Memorandum

Date: 5/21/2024
Meeting of: City Council

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Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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TITLE:

Acceptance of Grant Funding for Redmond Central Connector (RCC) Phase III Construction

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The City has been awarded grant funding from the following three sources: Local Community Projects grant for \$699,370 from the Department of Commerce, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant of \$2,130,000 via PSRC, and \$1,100,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending from State Congresswoman Suzan DelBene. Council is asked to accept all of the awarded funding to complete the final construction phase of the Redmond Central Connector Phase III (RCC Phase III) and authorize the Mayor to sign the Local Agency Agreement (LAA) with WSDOT for disbursement of federal grants.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive Information Provide Direction Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Park, Arts, Recreation, Culture, and Conservation (PARCC) Plan and Transportation Master Plan
- **Required:**
RCW 35A.11.040 requires Council approval to accept grant funds

- **Council Request:**
N/A

- **Other Key Facts:**
N/A

OUTCOMES:

The grant funding will be utilized to support the construction, particularly the paving of RCC Phase III. Upon completion, the trail will serve as a paved, illuminated regional pathway with enhanced intersection safety, linking an employment hub with Downtown Redmond and the Totem Lake Transit Center.

The Redmond Central Connector serves as a crucial regional link from Redmond to Issaquah via the East Lake Sammamish Trail, connecting two light rail stations (Downtown and Marymoor Village) and intersecting with the Cross Kirkland Corridor, which connects to the Totem Lake Transit Center. It forms a segment of the broader Eastrail, a 42-mile corridor stretching from Snohomish County to Renton.

RCC Phase III marks the City's final phase, encompassing 1.6 miles of the trail's completion. This phase aims to enhance access to businesses along Willows Road and Kirkland at NE 124th Street. Anticipated to be frequented by 250,000 individuals annually, the completed trail will significantly improve regional connectivity and accessibility.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

Total cost of RCC Phase 3: \$8,075,000
Total Dept. of Commerce Grant: \$699,370
Total CMAQ Grant: \$2,130,000
Total Congressional Directed Spending: \$1,100,000

Approved in current biennial budget: **Yes** **No** **N/A**

Budget Offer Number:

0000150

Budget Priority:

Vibrant & Connected

Other budget impacts or additional costs: Yes No N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

CIP General fund and Impact Fees, Department of Commerce Grant, CMAQ Grant, Congressional Appropriation

Budget/Funding Constraints:

Federal funds must be obligated by June 1, 2024; all funds must be accepted before the start of project construction.

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
5/7/2024	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Approve

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Nothing proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

Grant funding must be accepted before the start of construction; funds cannot be used retroactively for work completed before acceptance/obligation.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Without accepting these funds, the City may not be able to fully fund construction of the project with local funding, resulting in a delay or cancellation of the project.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Department of Commerce Funding Award Letter

Attachment B: PSRC Award Letter for CMAQ Funding

Attachment C: Letter of Award for Congressional Funding

Attachment D: Local Agency Agreement with WSDOT for Disbursement of Federal Grants