



Memorandum

Date: 8/16/2022
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 22-116
Type: Consent Item

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

Approval of the Extension of the NE 60th Street Full Closure

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Requesting City Council approval on the revised opening date for the full-street closure of NE 60th Street related to the Sound Transit Downtown Redmond Link Extension (DRLE) project. NE 60th Street will be open to two-way traffic in September 2022 with a target of the week of September 19, 2022.

☐ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information** ☐ **Provide Direction** ☒ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
N/A
- **Required:**
A full-street closure requires City Council approval per RMC 10.24.047.
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
Full closure of NE 60th Street will support the schedule of opening the Sound Transit Light Rail DRLE project by 2024.

OUTCOMES:

NE 60th Street will be open to two-way traffic in September 2022 with a target of the week of September 19.

Traffic will be routed to a detour which includes NE 51st Street. This is the same detour that was used in Spring 2022.

A safe-route to Ben Rush Elementary will continue to be provided by the ADA compliant, temporary bridge to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**

Preliminary stakeholder outreach has been undertaken with the Lake Washington School District. Broad stakeholder outreach with detour and scheduling information began on August 10 following Council notification at the Finance, Administration, and Communication Committee of the Whole meeting on August 9, 2022.

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

The City will work in partnership with Sound Transit to communicate broad information related to the closure. Sound Transit will share via social media, send a construction alert, post on their website, and update existing signage. Sound Transit will also work with the Lake Washington School District and the Ben Rush Elementary community to communicate impacts to affected families and staff. The city will amplify Sound Transit's messaging on city communication channels.

- **Feedback Summary:**

N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

There is no budget impact from this proposal.

Approved in current biennial budget:

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

000240

Budget Priority:

Vibrant and Connected

Other budget impacts or additional costs:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

If yes, explain:

The cost of staff time is funded through the adopted budget.

Funding source(s):

115-Sound Transit

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
3/1/2022	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Receive Information
3/15/2022	Business Meeting	Approve

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

News of the construction delay was shared with the City on August 4, 2022. Staff informed Council at the next available meeting. This approval process is being expedited to ensure that notification could be distributed to the affected community and school district as soon as possible.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

None