



**MEMO TO:** Finance, Administration, and Communications Committee of the Whole

**FROM:** Peter Dane, Senior Planner

**DATE:** June 25, 2019

**SUBJECT:** 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Main Street Funding Agreements

**I. PURPOSE** ☐ For Info Only ☐ Potential Agenda Item ☒ Scheduled for Council Action

*Scheduled for Council action on July 16*

**II. RECOMMENDATION**

Approve grant revenue in the amount of \$4.4 million from the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) and approve an amendment to the Sound Transit 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue funding agreement.

**III. DEPARTMENT CONTACTS**

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**IV. DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND**

**Background**

*Vision*

152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue is envisioned as the future Overlake Village main street. The Transportation Master Plan, adopted in 2013, and the Overlake Village Street Design Guidelines, adopted in 2011, envision upgrading 152<sup>nd</sup> to add comfortable bicycle facilities, on-street parking, improved bus stops, and sidewalks with amenities such as benches (see Attachment A for an artist rendering). This will not only provide travel choices within the redeveloping neighborhood but will also ultimately provide new travel options, including bicycling, to the Overlake Village Light Rail Station.

*Project*

The 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Main Street capital improvement project will advance implementation of the 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Main Street corridor by completing operational improvements on the most challenging segment: 24<sup>th</sup> Street to 2600 Crossing, including improvements at both of these signalized intersections (see Attachment B for project map). The City will build this project to help bring a functional 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Main Street to fruition sooner rather than later. By comparison, 116<sup>th</sup> Street in North Redmond has been built nearly entirely by

private development, but the most challenging segments have not been built – resulting in an incomplete pedestrian and bicycle network which limits opportunities for use of new travel choices on the corridor.

This project will complete the multimodal transportation function of 152<sup>nd</sup> on this segment, including roadway, on-street parking, bus bulb, cycle track, and sidewalk improvements. The sidewalk will be wider than it is today but will not be built to the ultimate width until redevelopment occurs. This approach avoids City construction of additional sidewalk that would certainly be demolished as redevelopment is under construction and also avoids additional private property acquisition. Once the City project is finished, then 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from 24<sup>th</sup> Street to 2600 Crossing will be functionally complete and will serve pedestrians, bicyclists, buses (including RapidRide B), on-street parking demand, and vehicles.

#### *Design Contract Status*

City Council authorized a contract in October of 2015 for preliminary design and authorized a design supplement in November of 2016. Design has reached 75 percent completion and the project is ready to begin the right-of-way acquisition phase.

#### **A. Analysis**

Redmond will implement this project with good financial stewardship by bringing in approximately two-thirds of total project revenue from outside sources. Approval of the PSRC grant will complete City Council acceptance of all outside revenue for the 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Main Street that was anticipated in the adopted 2019-2020 Budget.

#### **Acceptance of Right-of-Way Grant**

The Puget Sound Regional Council awarded \$4.4 million to Redmond for 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Main Street right of way acquisition (see Attachment C). This revenue is included in the adopted 2019-2020 Budget as part of the total project revenue package. The current budget for this project is:

Project	Existing Approved Revenue	PSRC Right-of-Way Grant Award	City Match	Total Cost
152 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue Main Street	\$6,213,822*	\$4,400,000	\$5,235,178	\$15,849,000

\* Combines revenue from PSRC and Sound Transit previously approved by Council, including:

- 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Main Street Design: \$625,000 (PSRC grant)
- 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Main Street Construction: \$4,250,000 (PSRC Grant)
- 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Southbound Right Turn Lane: \$1,338,822

The right-of-way (ROW) phase of the project includes the acquisition of property rights necessary to build the project. Staff is finalizing the ROW plan set and will conduct appraisals on property needed for the project. The City typically acquires property “under

the threat of condemnation” for large transportation projects such as this one, however the City’s goal is to negotiate successfully with each property owner. As an example of this approach to property acquisition, with the recent Couplet Conversion project, the City negotiated and acquired property rights from 30 property owners under the threat of condemnation; the City successfully negotiated with 27 owners and settled out of court with the remaining three property owners. Staff will return to Council by the fall to seek Council authorization for negotiation of property acquisition under the threat of condemnation for property needed for this project.

### **Sound Transit**

On September 4, 2018, the City Council approved an agreement with Sound Transit for Sound Transit to contribute \$1,338,822 for completion of the southbound right turn lane on 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 24<sup>th</sup> Street, to fulfill Sound Transit’s Record of Decision on East Link. The funding agreement included a requirement that the City follow Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements, as Sound Transit received FTA funding for East Link. Sound Transit is not using FTA revenue to fulfill the Record of Decision requirement for the turn lane, therefore the City does not need to comply with FTA requirements. Staff proposes to amend the Agreement between Sound Transit and the City to remove the language that requires the City to follow FTA requirements.

## **V. TIME CONSTRAINTS**

The grant acceptance is needed by July 16, 2019 to meet Puget Sound Regional Council’s grant obligation schedule. If the grant is not accepted by this date, PSRC may revise the allocation of regional grant dollars and reallocate this funding to another project. If this were to occur, the City would need to find \$4.4 million to complete the 152<sup>nd</sup> Main Street Project.

## **VI. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Artist Rendering of the Future 152nd Avenue Main Street

Attachment B: 152nd Avenue Main Street Project Map

Attachment C: PSRC 152<sup>nd</sup> Award Letter

Attachment D: Sound Transit 152<sup>nd</sup> Agreement