



MEMO TO: Members of the City Council

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

DATE: February 4, 2020

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a State Route (SR) 202 Washington State Transportation Improvement Board Grant, in the Amount of \$2,000,000, for the SR 202 Improvements located at 70th Street and at 76th Street

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept \$2,000,000 from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board for the SR 202 improvements located at 70th Street and at 76th Street.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

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III. DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

Redmond is working to improve travel in a manner consistent with the City's long-range transportation plan – the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). This Plan identifies Redmond's vision for transportation both at a high level through guiding principles and at a more detailed level for vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles, and transit. The TMP also fulfills Washington State Growth Management Act requirements for a financially constrained project list in the Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) chapter – identifying top priority projects the City intends to complete by 2030.

Two projects on SR 202 are currently being advanced to help fulfill the vision of the TMP:

- 1) 70th Street
 - a. Add a second northbound left turn lane on SR 202 at the intersection of 70th Street and SR 202.
- 2) 76th Street
 - a. Implement a second eastbound left turn lane on SR 202 at the intersection of 76th Street and SR 202. Enable the second left turn lane to operate by building a second eastbound lane on 76th Street from SR 202 to the signal at Target.

Please see Attachment A for a vicinity map.

Additional capacity with the first project, 70th Street, is being added to support access to Marymoor Village. New travel destinations will begin opening in the next few years including new development and a 1,400-stall park and ride that will serve Sound Transit's Marymoor Village Light Rail Station.

The second project, 76th Street, is included in the TFP and is intended to:

- help improve traffic flow on SR 202, and
- increase access to the Southeast Redmond Neighborhood via 76th Street.

Transportation Improvement Board Grant

Transportation projects are funded through a variety of sources including grants. One grant agency, the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), recently recommended Redmond receive \$2,000,000 for the two projects listed above. This project package was one of 37 projects submitted by local jurisdictions in the Puget Sound region and was rated as the top mobility improvement.

TIB can begin reimbursing the City for costs related to these projects after the TIB Fuel Tax Agreement, Attachment B, is executed.

Sound Transit Betterments

Sound Transit and the City executed an agreement (Attachment C) for Sound Transit to construct "betterments," or infrastructure improvements on behalf of the City, as part of the Downtown Redmond Light Rail Extension. Two of the betterment projects are the 70th and 76th Street projects described above.

The betterments agreement with Sound Transit is enabling City infrastructure to be delivered at a lower cost because of Sound Transit's Downtown Redmond Light Rail Extension:

- Builds improvements where Sound Transit project locations overlap with City projects
- Includes a larger economy of scale than City projects

IV. PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS HELD

January 8, 2019: Study session on Downtown Redmond Light Rail Extension betterments

May 28, 2019: Committee of the Whole briefing

June 25, 2019: Committee of the Whole briefing

July 16, 2019: Council approval of Construction Services Agreement with Sound Transit to design and construct betterments

January 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole briefing

V. IMPACT

A. Service/Delivery:

These projects help implement Redmond's TMP by improving mobility on SR 202 and improving access to the Marymoor Village Neighborhood.

Grant funds will replace City revenue which can then be utilized for other projects.

B. Fiscal Note:

Estimated Project Costs

Project	Cost
70 th Street	\$4,132,000
76 th Street	\$521,000
Total	\$4,653,000

Estimated Project Revenue

Source	Revenue
Transportation Capital Improvement Program	\$2,653,000
Transportation Improvement Board Grant	\$2,000,000
Total	\$4,653,000

VI. ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Council may choose not to accept these grant funds. The City would be required to pay all costs associated with the 70th and 76th Street projects.

VII. TIME CONSTRAINTS

Acceptance of the grant is requested as soon as possible to enable the use of grant funds during the design phase. The design began in Fall 2019, consistent with Sound Transit's overall project schedule, but costs are only eligible for TIB reimbursement after the fuel tax agreement is signed.

VIII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Vicinity Map

Attachment B – TIB Fuel Tax Agreement

Attachment C – Redmond and Sound Transit Betterments Agreement

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Approved for Agenda _____
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