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**MEMO TO:** Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney

**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 70<sup>th</sup> Street and at 76<sup>th</sup> Street

### **I. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Accept \$2,000,000 from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board for the SR 202 improvements located at 70<sup>th</sup> Street and at 76<sup>th</sup> 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) 70<sup>th</sup> Street
  - a. Add a second northbound left turn lane on SR 202 at the intersection of 70<sup>th</sup> Street and SR 202.
- 2) 76<sup>th</sup> Street
  - a. Implement a second eastbound left turn lane on SR 202 at the intersection of 76<sup>th</sup> Street and SR 202. Enable the second left turn lane to operate by building a second eastbound lane on 76<sup>th</sup> Street from SR 202 to the signal at Target.

Please see Attachment A for a vicinity map.

Additional capacity with the first project, 70<sup>th</sup> 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, 76<sup>th</sup> 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 76<sup>th</sup> 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 70<sup>th</sup> and 76<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Street	\$4,132,000
76 <sup>th</sup> Street	\$521,000
Total	\$4,653,000

***Estimated Project Revenue***

SourceRevenue	
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 70<sup>th</sup> and 76<sup>th</sup> 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