

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 3466 authorizing execution of a Consultant Agreement with Parametrix, in an amount not to exceed \$81,500, to support the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposed 2013-2024 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP).

FISCAL IMPACT:

This action will obligate the City to pay up to \$81,500 for consulting services to support staff in the Transportation and Development Services Departments in the environmental analysis and development of a programmatic EIS for the proposed 2013-2024 TFP. The cost of this agreement was anticipated and budgeted in the 2012 Transportation operating budget.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Comprehensive Plan

- Policies CF-1, CF-4 and CF-5 of the **Capital Facilities Element** and Policies TR-22, TR-25, TR-27, TR-35, TR-103 and TR-106 of the **Transportation Element** of the Comprehensive Plan provide a framework for compliance with the requirements of the Growth Management Act.
- Adoption of the TFP and the subset Impact Fee Project List satisfies Comprehensive Plan objectives and mobility targets by prioritizing transportation capital improvements for funding.

Bellevue City Code

- Section 22.16.050, adopted via Ordinance No. 5871 requires that the TFP and an Impact Fee Project List be reviewed and updated, approved and adopted every two years, or as otherwise directed by Council. As directed, the impact fee project list consists of the transportation improvements in the TFP needed to provide capacity on City roadways, where capacity needs are created in whole or in part by new development.

BACKGROUND:

On July 16, 2012 the Bellevue Transportation Commission presented to the City Council their preliminary 2013-2024 TFP project list recommendation. The accompanying written materials indicated that Transportation staff would return to seek Council authorization of a consultant agreement to support the development of the required TFP EIS. Included with the Commission's transmittal of their recommendation was a general 2013-2024 TFP Update Process timeline. This timeline has been updated and is attached to this memorandum for the Council's reference.

Staff has interviewed and selected the consulting firm of Parametrix to support the environmental analysis and development of all necessary EIS documentation. The specific proposal to be evaluated under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and through the development of a SEPA EIS is the adoption of the 2013-2024 TFP, expected in spring 2013. The TFP entails a program of transportation improvements to be implemented over the next 12 years and provides the basis for the City's Transportation Impact Fee Program. The TFP provides a bridge between the City's long-range facility plans, often adopted into the Comprehensive Plan, and the funded projects in the adopted 7-year Capital Investment Program Plan, the CIP.

The current, 2009-2020 TFP was adopted in March 2009 (Resolution No. 7896) and amended in April 2009 (Resolution No. 7914). Since the adoption of the current TFP, the City has completed the Eastgate/I-90 Land Use and Transportation Study, coordinated with Sound Transit to determine the alignment of the East Link light rail line and done extensive work to determine preferred phasing for transportation improvements for the Bel-Red area. The proposed 2013-2024 Transportation Facility Plan considers needs and priorities identified in these new plans and analyses along with recommendations of the pre-existing pool of projects in the TFP, the CIP and older long-range plans.

A key objective of the transportation infrastructure planning process is the identification and evaluation of potential environmental impacts. Initial identification and analysis activities occur in conjunction with production of the mid-range plan, the 12-year TFP, and are reported in the TFP EIS. The adoption of TFP is classified under SEPA as a non-project (i.e. programmatic) action. The analysis in the EIS is not intended to satisfy individual project action SEPA requirements such as the review required for future land use or building permit applications. Additional detailed environmental review of transportation facility improvements will occur as specific projects are moved into the implementation phase.

The TFP EIS will document the potential citywide impacts to traffic, air quality, noise, land use, aesthetics and the natural environment that could occur if or when two things happen:

- The City's 12-year land use growth projections are realized; and,
- The City's transportation facilities are upgraded based on the projects identified in the proposed TFP transportation network, and by comparison to a "no action" alternative that includes only the transportation projects in the 2013-2019 CIP (currently under review by the Bellevue City Council).

Between updates of the TFP and its associated EIS, the City grants land use development approvals, gradually fulfilling the land use growth projections made for the 12-year planning period. City staff and developers alike rely on disclosure in the TFP EIS of the cumulative impacts of growth to the built and natural environment. This information is used for the review and approval of development applications. At the same time, the addition (or deletion) of single or inter-related roadway and intersection projects to the proposed TFP network can have impacts throughout larger areas of the City. For these reasons, it is crucial that the City regularly update existing and projected land use data, the existing and planned transportation network and the EIS that documents the associated, cumulative impacts. Environmental impacts of specific development proposals and/or transportation improvements are evaluated in greater detail at the time of development application or project design, when individual project impacts are able to be better understood and effectively evaluated.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

If approved, this Resolution becomes effective immediately upon Council adoption.

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 8466 authorizing execution of a Consultant Agreement with Parametrix, in an amount not to exceed \$81,500, to support the development of an EIS for the proposed 2013-2024 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP).
2. Do not adopt Resolution No. 8466 and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 8466 authorizing execution of a Consultant Agreement with Parametrix, in an amount not to exceed \$81,500, to support the development of an EIS for the proposed 2013-2024 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP).

MOTION:

Move to adopt Resolution No. 8466 authorizing execution of a Consultant Agreement with Parametrix, in an amount not to exceed \$81,500, to support the development of an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed 2013-2024 Transportation Facilities Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2013-2024 TFP Update timeline
2. Proposed Resolution No. 8466

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL OFFICE:

Consultant Agreement

2013-2024 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) Update Timeline

Key Milestones Completed:

November 2011–June 2012

- Preliminary 2013-2024 TFP development process

June 14, 2012

- Transportation Commission approved Preliminary 2013-2024 TFP Project List

July 16, 2012

- Transportation Commission presented Preliminary 2013-2024 TFP Project Recommendations to City Council; Council passed motion to begin environmental review process

July-October 2012

- Transportation Department staff conduct preliminary modeling of proposed TFP roadway network for SEPA environmental review & Transportation Impact Fee Program evaluations
- Transportation and Development Services staff scope TFP environmental review process, including EIS consultant support contract

Current Activities:

October 25 – November 15, 2012

- TFP EIS scoping period. Notice published October 25, public comments accepted until November 15. Public scoping meeting November 8, 5:30-6:30pm, City Hall room 1E-112

November 5, 2012

- Staff seeks Council authorization of TFP EIS consultant support contract

Key Milestones to Come:

November 2012-February 2013

- Council adopts 2013-2014 Budget and 2013-2019 CIP (December)
- Complete TFP environmental review process, per SEPA requirements

February 2013

- Release Draft Environmental Impact Statement for public comment (30 days)

Late March/Early April 2013

- Publish Final EIS
- Transportation Commission reviews and recommends 2013-2024 TFP adoption

Mid April 2013

- TFP cleared for adoption by City Council.

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 8466

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to execute a consultant agreement with Parametrix, in an amount not to exceed \$81,500, to support the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposed 2013-2024 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP), a copy of which agreement has been given Clerk's Receiving No. _____.

Passed by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2012, and signed in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2012.

(SEAL)

Conrad Lee, Mayor

Attest:

Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk