



Transportation Commission Study Session

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SUBJECT: Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail Update

DIRECTION REQUESTED: *Select an option from choices below with an X.*

Action

Discussion

X Information

BACKGROUND

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust was organized in 1991 to protect the forested 100-mile corridor of I-90 from Seattle through the Cascade Mountains from urbanization so that current and future generations could always enjoy its scenic, recreational, and historic qualities/amenities. The Trust's success in conserving more than 130,000 acres of scenic and recreational lands led to the designation of the Mountains to Sound Greenway as a National Scenic Byway in 1998.

On March 24, 2008 staff presented a Management Brief on the partnership with the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust indicating an intent to apply for a grant from the National Scenic Byways program for a Feasibility and Design study for the three-mile long gap in the Mountains to Sound Greenway regional trail that runs adjacent to I-90 within the Eastgate area of Bellevue.

On September 6, 2011 Council accepted a \$158,312 federal grant (Ordinance No. 6017) for the Feasibility and Design study of the three-mile Mountains to Sound Greenway regional trail alignment through the Eastgate/I-90 area. The study was completed in December 2012 which included public outreach, conceptual engineering work, and development of an implementation strategy to complete an alternatives analysis for the alignment selected by the Eastgate/I-90 Land Use and Transportation Plan Technical Advisory Committee in 2011.

On December 1, 2014 Council authorized Ordinance No. 6209 adopting the 2015-2021 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan which includes the Mountains to Sound Greenway Project (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-78). The project will fully fund design of the Mountains to Sound Greenway at grade trail from Factoria Blvd SE to 150th Ave SE and crossings over Factoria Boulevard SE and I-90/I-405 off ramps and off ramp improvements for the I-90 ramp at Factoria Boulevard SE.

On February 2, 2015 Council accepted a \$796,000 federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant (Resolution No. 8875), administered by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). The grant was split into two agreements to more effectively manage and implement the project phases as follows:

- \$296,000 to complete the design and environmental work for the flyover bridges at Factoria Boulevard and the I-90/I-405 ramps; and
- \$500,000 to complete the design and environmental work between 150th Ave SE and the Sunset Pedestrian Bridge.

INFORMATION

The trail design will typically include a 12-foot-wide, hard surface cross-section. Various trail corridor segments will include additional design elements that may include trailhead treatments, way-finding and signage, planted roadway medians, street trees, and/or landscaped trail buffers, bridges, crosswalks, and mid-block crossings; lighting, trail furniture, and public art, and natural storm drainage practices where feasible.

Work on the design of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail from Factoria Blvd to 150th Ave began in 2013. Design work will be completed in early 2016.

Work on the design of the Mountains to Greenway Trail crossings over Factoria Boulevard SE and I-90/I-405 off ramps and off ramp improvements for the I-90 ramp at Factoria Boulevard SE will begin in October 2015 and will be completed by the end of 2016.

Work on the design of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail from 150th Ave SE to the Sunset Pedestrian Bridge will begin in 2016 and be completed in 2017

The remaining design work on the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail from the Sunset Pedestrian Bridge to Lakemont Blvd and the Design for work the 150th Ave SE crossings does not currently have design funding.

The Legislature allocated 14 Million dollars from the recently passed Transportation Budget to construct the trail from Factoria Blvd SE to 150th Ave SE and crossings over Factoria Boulevard SE and I-90/I-405 off ramps and off ramp improvements for the I-90 ramp at Factoria Boulevard SE. We don't have a definitive timeline for when the money will be available yet.

RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

NEXT STEPS

Complete the design as outlined above and construct the portion of the trail with the money from the Legislature's Transportation Budget.

ATTACHMENTS

None