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**SUBJECT:** SR 520 TRANSIT AND HOV PROJECT: NORTHUP WAY CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS (CIP PLAN NO. PW-R-146)

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**POLICY ISSUE:** As an extension of the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project, this project will construct non-motorized improvements on Northup Way that serve as an interim regional trail by connecting the existing SR-520 regional trail near NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street. to 108th Avenue NE. The project is funded by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), with the City of Bellevue acting as the lead agency. An Interagency Agreement is required to execute this project.

This project has high priority and is consistent with the 2009 Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan Report. Council approved this project as part of the 2011 – 2017 CIP. The project will:

- Provide regional and local pedestrian and bicycle system connectivity to neighborhoods, commercial uses, transit, and transportation facilities, including the SR 520 Regional Trail, the Lake Washington Loop Trail, 116th Avenue NE, and 120th Avenue NE;
- Improve safety along the Northup Way corridor for pedestrians and bicyclists by separating them from vehicular travel lanes; and
- Address pedestrian and bicycle goals within the Comprehensive Plan while providing millions of dollars in cost savings for the City.

**DIRECTION  
NEEDED FROM  
COUNCIL:**

This briefing provides an update on discussions with WSDOT for a cooperative project to construct bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Northup Way between 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street. Staff plans to seek Council approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with WSDOT in February 2011. Subsequent Council approval will be required for a preliminary engineering design contract for the project, anticipated in April 2011, and a contract supplement for final design (date to be determined).

**BACKGROUND**

In 2008, the City completed a pre-design study, the Northup Way Corridor Study, which recommended improvements along Northup Way from Bellevue Way to NE 24th Street. These recommendations included bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the street, a center two-way left turn lane, fish passage enhancements and culvert replacement, traffic calming, driveway access management, and pedestrian crossings at key locations. The work did not progress beyond the pre-design study due to lack of funding.

At the September 7, 2010 Council briefing on the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project, staff described a permanent regional trail component west of 108th Avenue NE, with connections to Bellevue Way and 108th Avenue NE. Staff was also engaged in ongoing discussions to advance provisions for interim improvements along Northup Way in order to provide a continuous non-motorized system along the SR 520 corridor.

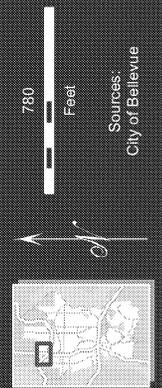
Staff is now returning to Council to provide the outcome of the discussions with WSDOT, and provisions for an Interlocal Agreement to advance engineering for the potential improvements in response to public comments raised during the environmental review of the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV project.

Depending on available funding, the potential improvements could include several of the recommendations identified within the Northup Way Corridor Study. The Interlocal Agreement authorizes development of preliminary designs to the 30% level in order to determine the cost of the project. Once this work is complete, WSDOT and the City of Bellevue will finalize the scope of the project. A contract supplement will then be executed to perform final design. Funding for the 30% design work will be provided by WSDOT.

- ALTERNATIVES:**
- (1) Provide direction to proceed with the Council approval process for the Interlocal Agreement.
  - (2) Provide alternate direction.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends Alternative 1.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Vicinity Map



Sources:  
City of Bellevue

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