



## Staff Report

March 2, 2026 Council Workshop Meeting

Lake Road Safety Project Professional Services Agreement

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Time Estimate: 5 minutes

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### BACKGROUND:

The City has successfully secured grant funding for the design and construction of safety improvements along NW Lake Road between NE Everett Street and NW Leadbetter Drive through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

The City's application focused on implementing targeted safety enhancements identified in the Camas Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP). These improvements include profiled center and edge line markings, horizontal curve warning signage, no-passing signage, and lighting analysis and installations to eliminate dark spots and improve overall roadway illumination.

The awarded grant totals \$1,209,000 and will fund project design, environmental review, and construction. The grant does not require a local match if construction funding is obligated by April 30, 2027.

This award represents an important step toward advancing the City's goal of reducing fatal and serious injury crashes across the transportation network. Staff have coordinated with WSDOT Local Programs to obligate design funding and to select a consultant to assist with project design.

### SUMMARY:

To support the design phase of the NW Lake Road Safety Improvement Project, staff initiated a qualifications-based selection process in accordance with WSDOT Local Programs and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements for federally funded projects.

Staff released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on March 21, 2025, and advertised the project through the MRSC Consultant Roster, the City's website, and multiple publications. The RFQ sought professional engineering services for project design, environmental documentation, preparation of construction plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E) for public bidding, and construction management services.

A total of three proposals were received. Submissions were evaluated and ranked by a selection committee based on predetermined criteria, including relevant experience, technical expertise, and understanding of project goals. Following the evaluation process, DKS Associates was selected as the most qualified firm to provide the requested services. The firm has demonstrated strong experience with similar HSIP-funded projects and a thorough understanding of roadway safety improvement objectives.

DKS Associates and the City have negotiated a fee of \$200,694 for the scoped services. The City has received approval from WSDOT Local Programs on the RFQ evaluation and selection process, as well as the negotiated scope and fee. This item is being brought forward to City Council for recommendation and approval to proceed with execution of the professional services agreement.

**NW LAKE ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS  
FROM NE EVERETT TO NW LEADBETTER  
PROJECT LIMITS**

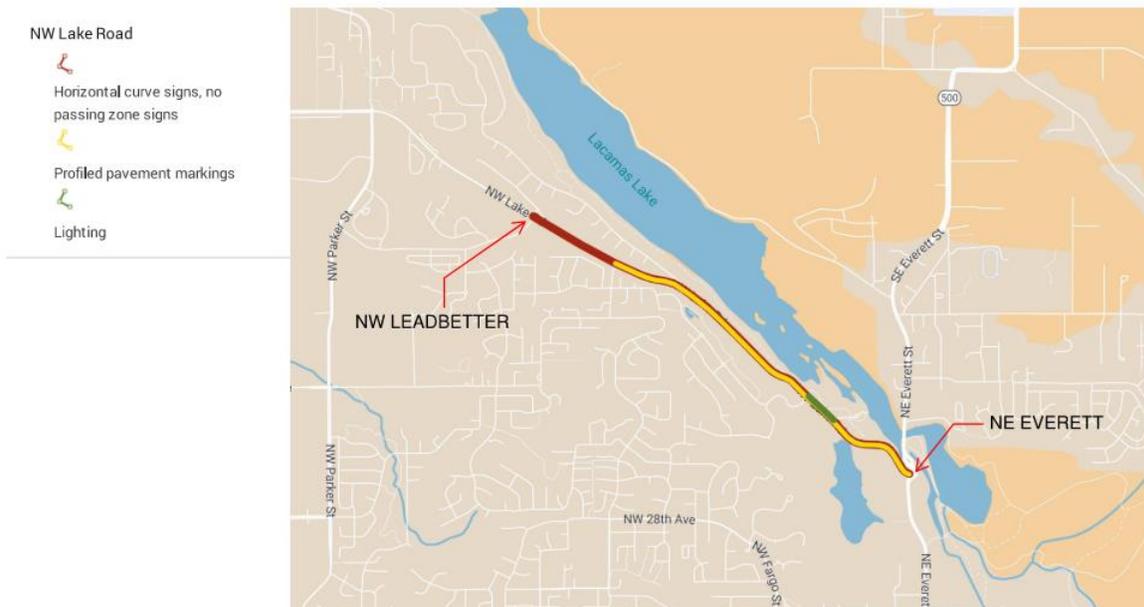


Figure 1: Project Limits

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:**

This project will benefit community by addressing deficiencies with proven countermeasures to increase traffic safety (profiled markings, signage, roadway lighting) for present and future users.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item is aligned with strategic plan priority for a safe and accessible community by improvements to the transportation network.

**POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** Potential challenges in design and construction will be coordination of multiple projects teams with overlapping works zone on NW Lake Road (Water transmission project and Lake and Sierra Intersection Improvements). These risks are being mitigated through ongoing coordination with consultant teams to align timing, construction sequencing, and traffic management.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** The NW Lake Road Safety Improvements Project is funded through the a HSIP grant and has a total 2026 Capital Budget of \$1,209,000. The proposed professional services agreement with DKS Associates is not to exceed \$200,694, with an estimated total design cost of \$208,694 including City staff time.

**Budget:**

Preliminary Engineering (HSIP)	\$ 279,000
<u>Construction (HSIP)</u>	<u>\$ 930,000</u>
NW Lake Road safety Improvements (2026 Capital Budget)	\$ 1,209,000

**Estimated Expenses (Preliminary Engineering):**

*DKS Associates	\$ 200,694
<u>Staff Time</u>	<u>\$ 8,000</u>
Total Estimated Design	\$ 208,694

*\*Construction management services are included in the agreement, but costs associated with those services are not included in the design budget and would be brought forward for approval during the construction phase.*

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends this item be placed on the March 16, 2026 Council Regular Meeting Agenda for Council's consideration.