

May 5, 2023

Mr. Michael Chambless
Public Works Director
City of Snoqualmie
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**RE: King Street, Snoqualmie Parkway Crossing Improvements
2023 Rail-Highway Crossings Program Selections
Federal Funding**

Dear Mr. Chambless:

WSDOT is pleased to advise you that the above-mentioned safety project was recently selected to receive funding through the Rail-Highway Crossings (Section 130) Safety Program. The federal funding is limited to the amount shown below:

King Street, Snoqualmie Parkway Crossing Improvements **\$2,073,000**

Scope: See attached Project Summary – delivered as one contract.

NOTE: The project is eligible for 100% Section 130 funding, for all phases authorized prior to September 10, 2026. If any phase is not obligated by this date, remaining funding will be rescinded, and the agency will need to re-compete for funding or construct the project with local funds. Scope and funding modifications require prior approval from WSDOT Local Programs.

In order to meet state and federal requirements, the following are required:

- Project expenditures incurred before receiving notice from Local Programs of federal fund authorization are not eligible for reimbursement.
- Please refer to the Local Programs web page for detailed information, including: (<https://wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/support-local-programs>)
 - ✓ Local Agency Guidelines (LAG) manual for the requirements regarding programming, authorization, reimbursement, etc.;
 - ✓ Projects utilizing federal funds must be included in your current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as a complete programmed project. Once your TIP amendment is approved, WSDOT will amend the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP);
 - ✓ Funding and billing forms;

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- If the project is not actively pursued, or becomes inactive (23 CFR 630), the project is at risk of being cancelled, and funds reprogrammed.
- FHWA requires that all projects are ADA compliant upon completion or the federal funds must be repaid.

As a reminder, Local Programs requires all agencies to submit monthly progress billings to ensure timely reimbursement of eligible federal expenditures.

If you have any questions, please contact your Region Local Programs Engineer, Mehrdad Moini at Mehrdad.Moini@wsdot.wa.gov or 206.440.4734.

Sincerely,



Jay Drye, PE
Director
Local Programs

JD:km:cdm
Attachment

cc: Kelly McGourty, Transportation Director, PSRC
Mehrdad Moini, Northwest Region Local Programs Engineer

Project Summary

2022 Railway-Highway Crossing Program

(FHWA Section 130)

Program: FHWA Safety Program (Section 130)

Agency: City of Snoqualmie

Date: 2/25/2023

Project Title: King Street, Snoqualmie Parkway Crossing Improvements.

Project Number: To be assigned.

USDOT Crossing Number: King Street (092025X), Snoqualmie Parkway (917624C)

Project Description:

These projects will widen railroad crossing to add sidewalk for pedestrian access, improve safety for cyclists. Improve safety on crossing of the principal arterial roadway that receives all the northbound traffic from SR 18.

Detailed Project Description:

King Street – This project will widen this two-track railroad crossing to add a sidewalk for pedestrian access to the city park and improve safety for cyclists. Existing asphalt crossing surface will be replaced with concrete. At present, there is no safe or legal pedestrian access to the park because there is no sidewalk and no railroad crossing. Consequently, park users walk across the tracks.

Snoqualmie Parkway - This project will improve safety on this railroad crossing of the principal arterial roadway that receives all the northbound traffic from SR 18. Widen the sidewalks on each end of the crossing and continue pedestrians behind the crossing gates so no one is trapped between a gate and a moving train. Widen sidewalk on east side of crossing from 4 feet to 8 feet to accommodate pedestrian surges from the adjacent park’s use as summertime overflow parking for Snoqualmie Falls. Remove center median signals and replace with cantilever structures on each shoulder so that flashing lights may be placed over each lane, which will greatly improve visibility and eliminate the center median collision risk. Change train detection to a constant warning time device to reduce traffic congestion. Change flashing lights to LED fixtures to increase intensity. Add a train-activated trespass mitigation gate across the tracks on the east side of the crossing to reduce trespass on the railroad. Replace train detection for the trespass mitigation gate at the hydroelectric power station to provide compatibility with the device at the Snoqualmie Parkway.

Project Schedule (Estimated):

Project added to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)	TBD
Begin PE (PE authorized by WSDOT/FHWA)	10/23
Environmental documents approved (required for every project)	3/24
Right of way completed (certification, if required)	N/A
Railroad contract	6/23
Contract advertised for roadway work (if required)	N/A
Contract awarded (must occur within two years of selection)	10/24
Open to traffic	10/25

Project Cost and Award Amount: King Street

Phase	Amount requested	10% local match required	Local Match Source	Total Cost	Amount awarded
Preliminary Engineering	\$30,000	\$0		\$30,000	
Right-of-Way	\$0	\$0		\$0	
Construction	\$716,000	\$0		\$716,000	
Total	\$746,000	\$0		\$746,000	

Project Cost and Award Amount: Snoqualmie Parkway

Phase	Amount requested	10% local match required	Local Match Source	Total Cost	Amount awarded
Preliminary Engineering	\$50,000	\$0		\$50,000	
Right-of-Way	\$0	\$0		\$0	
Construction	\$1,277,000	\$0		\$1,277,000	
Total	\$1,327,000	\$0		\$1,327,000	

Total

Phase	Amount requested	10% local match required	Local Match Source	Total Cost	Amount awarded
Preliminary Engineering	\$80,000	\$0		\$80,000	
Right-of-Way	\$0	\$0		\$0	
Construction	\$1,993,000	\$0		\$1,993,000	
Total	\$2,073,000	\$0		\$2,073,000	

If you agree to the project summary described above, please sign, or electronically sign below and return to Paul Snow at Paul.Snow@wsdot.wa.gov.

Concurrence: I agree to the project summary described above.

Approving Authority Name (Print): Michael Chambless
 (Michael Chambless; Public Works Director) City of Snoqualmie

Approving Authority Signature: Michael Chambless **Date:** 5/1/2023