

TO: Public Works Committee
FROM: Ryan Blaser, Engineer III
DATE: May 22, 2025
SUBJECT: Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Percival Creek Fish Passage Barrier Removal

1) Recommended Action:

Place the Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Percival Creek Fish Passage Barrier Removal on the June 3, 2025, City Council consent calendar with a recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Prospectus; and the Transportation and Engineering Director to sign the Local Agency Agreement.

2) Background:

This project will remove the existing fish passage barrier by installing a large concrete box culvert and making other site improvements. These improvements will restore access to approximately 7,300 feet of main stream habitat, 9,052 square feet of spawning habitat, and 882,750 square feet of rearing habitat in cool water for Chinook, chum, coho, steelhead, sea-run cutthroat, and resident trout. Construction is expected to begin Summer 2026.

These updated documents request WSDOT move the project out of the engineering and right-of-way phases and into the construction phase. This will allow the City to begin utilizing the Federal and State funding sources as we prepare to secure a contractor for construction. The updated documents also provide additional documentation regarding the funding sources for the project.

All changes to the original documents have been made in close coordination and at the direction of WSDOT Local Programs.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priorities and Goals 2025 – 2026:

Be a Leader in Environmental Health and Sustainability – Improve overall habitat and water quality by assessing fish passages, removing obstructions, converting urban-density septic systems, and collaborating with area Tribes.

4) Alternatives:

☐ Do not recommend for approval and authorization

5) Fiscal Notes:

Project construction will be funded in part by a federal grant (Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation Program [PROTECT]) totaling

\$2,000,000 and a state grant (Salmon Recovery Funding Board [SRFB]) totaling \$257,550; for a total of \$2,257,550.

6) Attachments:

- A. Local Agency Agreement Supplement
- B. Original Local Agency Agreement
- C. Updated Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus
- D. Original Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus