

TO: City Council
FROM: Ryan Blaser, Engineer III
DATE: June 3, 2025
SUBJECT: Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the 2nd Avenue Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements

1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the 2nd Avenue Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements and the Transportation and Engineering Director to sign the Local Agency Agreement.

The agreement was recommended for approval on the consent calendar at the May 22, 2025 Public Works Committee meeting.

2) Background:

The intersection at Linwood Avenue SW and 2nd Avenue is a complex intersection with angled approaches and right-turn slip lanes from Linwood Avenue SW to 2nd Avenue. The intersection is stop-controlled with multi-lane approaches, which leads to driver confusion. This project will construct a non-circular roundabout at this location to increase pedestrian and bicycle safety and improve traffic flow.

Pedestrian and bicycle improvements will continue along 2nd Avenue from Linwood Avenue SW to B Street. Improvements to 2nd Avenue will include upgrades to existing ADA sidewalk ramps, select sidewalk replacement, roadway resurfacing, and restriping.

These documents request WSDOT move the project into the Construction phase. This will allow the City to begin utilizing the State funding source, Safe Routes to School (SRTS), as we prepare to secure a contractor for construction.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priorities and Goals 2025 – 2026:

Create and Maintain a Transportation System Safe for All Modes of Travel – Provide a safe, efficient, and cost-effective transportation system.

4) Alternatives:

☐ Do not recommend for approval and authorization

5) Fiscal Notes:

Total project is estimated at \$4.2MM, split between the WSDOT Safe Routes to School Program (\$2.1MM), Transportation Benefit District (\$0.8MM), private development funding

through impact fees (\$0.8MM), and the Transportation CFP ending fund balance (\$0.5MM).

The SRTS is supported with funding from Washington's Climate Commitment Act. The CCA supports Washington's climate action efforts by putting cap-and-invest dollars to work reducing climate pollution, creating jobs, and improving public health. Information about the CCA is available at www.climate.wa.gov. The SRTS program is also supported by the multimodal transportation account-state appropriation and the motor vehicle account – federal appropriation, which is part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

6) Attachments:

- A. Local Programs State Funding Agreement
- B. State Funds Project Prospectus