

TO: City Council
FROM: Ryan Blaser, Engineer III
DATE: March 17, 2026
SUBJECT: Reimbursable Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation for the Tumwater Blvd & I-5 Interchange Project

1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Reimbursable Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the Tumwater Blvd & I-5 Interchange Project.

The Agreement was recommended for approval on the consent calendar at the March 5, 2026 Public Works Committee.

2) Background:

The Interstate 5 / Tumwater Boulevard SW interchange includes an existing traffic signal at the southbound on/off ramp and a stop-controlled condition at the northbound on/off ramp. The existing configuration of the interchange does not meet level of service standards for certain traffic movements and is approaching level of service failures in other movements. In addition, the interchange lacks pedestrian and bicycle facilities. With increased development in the vicinity, the demand on the interchange will increase over time, which will require a full reconstruction of the interchange.

The first phase of the project is currently under design and is focused on constructing a roundabout at the northbound on / off ramp. This improvement will significantly increase the capacity of the interchange and enhance multi-model safety which is needed to support future growth.

The second phase of the project is currently in the preliminary design stage and will include a roundabout for the southbound on / off ramp along with future adjustments to the existing I-5 overpass to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

This agreement provides funding for Washington State Department of Transportation staff to complete design review and construction inspection support for work in state right of way.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priorities & Goals 2026-2032

Create and maintain a transportation system safe for all modes of travel. Provide a safe, efficient, and cost-effective transportation system.

4) Alternatives:

- Reject the agreement.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

This reimbursable agreement is for \$200,000, however, the city will only be billed actual direct and related indirect costs. The project includes a mix of development mitigation fees, grants, and ending fund balance from the Transportation CFP.

6) Attachments:

- A. Reimbursable Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation for the Tumwater Blvd & I-5 Interchange Project