



Agenda
City Council Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, March 22, 2016
City Hall Council Chamber | 505 Swift Boulevard

City Council Workshop - 6:00 p.m. (City Hall Council Chamber)

- I. Rachel Road Alignment Study (30 minutes)
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
2. Duportail Bridge TIGER Grant Application (15 Minutes)
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
3. 2016 Electric Utility Capital Program Status (20 minutes)
 - Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director

Adjournment:

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COUNCIL WORKSHOP COVERSHEET

Council Date: 03/22/2016

Department: Public Works

Key Element: Key I - Financial Stability & Operational Effectiveness

Subject:

Rachel Road Alignment Study (30 minutes)

Summary:

The purpose of this workshop session is twofold: 1) Provide Council with an advanced review of staff's recommended approach to completing the planned alignment study for Rachel Road; and 2) Solicit Council guidance on this process.

Rachel Road, from Steptoe Street on the east to Leslie Road on the west, has been a planned segment of the City and region's transportation plan for many years. This planned road segment has generated heightened public interest beginning in 2007 with the effort to acquire the Amon Creek Preserve. To complete its connection to Leslie Road this road segment will cross the Preserve property.

Public interest in this road segment was elevated again in 2014 with the review and approval of the Clearwater Creek preliminary plat over the property between the Preserve and Steptoe Street. The preliminary plat and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process in 2014 included vigorous public input regarding the need and design of the Rachel Road crossing of the Preserve. Approval of the TIP included a stated commitment to conduct an open public process for setting the final alignment for this street segment.

The 2016 - 2030 Capital Improvement Plan includes \$150,000 to complete the alignment study contemplated by the 2014 TIP approval commitments and the Clearwater Creek preliminary plat approval conditions.

Staff is proposing to hire a consultant to complete the alignment study. Adhering to City and State professional services purchasing procedures staff is preparing a Request for Statements of Qualifications to solicit consultant interest in this project. Staff will discuss key features of its intended Request for Statements of Qualifications with Council and seek their input on them.

Attachments:



COUNCIL WORKSHOP COVERSHEET

Council Date: 03/22/2016

Department: Public Works

Key Element: Key I - Financial Stability & Operational Effectiveness

Subject:

Duportail Bridge TIGER Grant Application (15 Minutes)

Summary:

The purpose of this workshop is two-fold: 1) To solicit Council input on the funding plan to present in the TIGER grant application; and 2) To solicit Council member advocacy toward community support for the application.

The Duportail Bridge project received a significant boost to delivery with the \$20 million investment from Washington State during last year's legislative session. These funds become available in the second half of 2017. The 2016 - 2030 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) included a preliminary funding plan and stated that additional funds would be sought through grants. The federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program is one such grant program that has been offered on nearly an annual basis since 2009. The 2016 edition of the TIGER program will distribute \$500 million to eligible transportation projects. The minimum grant award will be \$5,000,000 for urban projects. Staff recommends applying for this grant and has retained FCS Group as its consultant to prepare materials fulfilling the specialized analysis required for the application and to assist the City in polishing its grant application.

Applications are due on April 29.

This year's TIGER program emphasizes establishment and retention of family wage jobs. To bolster the City's application the City should seek letters of support from significant employers with family wage jobs. Staff is seeking Councilmember advocacy with these employers.

Staff will present its recommended project funding plan that includes a TIGER grant and will seek Council concurrence with that recommendation.

Attachments:



COUNCIL WORKSHOP COVERSHEET

Council Date: 03/22/2016

Department: Energy Services

Key Element: Key I - Financial Stability & Operational Effectiveness

Subject:

2016 Electric Utility Capital Program Status (20 minutes)

Summary:

The City's 2016 Capital Improvement Program estimates approximately \$10 million of projects to design and construct infrastructure improvements related to the City's electric utility. These improvements are funded primarily by revenue bonds the City secured in the Fall of 2015; also by rate revenues dedicated to capital and some developer contributions (or Facility Fees). At workshop, Director Hammond will provide Council on the status of the electric utility 2016 capital program.

Attachments: