INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor Ekberg

FROM:

Hari Ponnekanti, Public Works Deputy Director

BY:

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DATE:

October 8, 2018

SUBJECT:

S 140th Street Intersection Improvements

Project No. 91610405

ISSUE

Explore interim options to improve pedestrian safety on Tukwila International Boulevard (TIB) near the Abu Bakr Islamic Center if funding for a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) is not secured.

BACKGROUND

Staff was authorized by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to apply to the Transportation Improvement Board for a Pedestrian and Sidewalk grant to design and construct an RRFB across TIB in the vicinity of S 141st Street. Grant applications are being reviewed and scored and announcements on successful grants will be made in November, about one month from now.

DISCUSSION

The Mayor has instructed staff to look for interim pedestrian safety options for this location. Staff met with representatives of the Islamic Center to discuss the needs and patterns of those travelling to and from the mosque. Staff subsequently met with Jan Ciganic, of KPG, last week to discuss potential options that could be implemented as an interim step if funding for the RRFB is not secured. The attached figure illustrates the concept that was identified. At this time, KPG is preparing a scope and fee estimate to fully design this concept and prepare bid documents. This concept can be designed and constructed with allowances for future installation of the RRFB at the same location, should funding be secured.

The scope and fee will take approximately 2 weeks to develop and is expected to be under \$40,000. If the Transportation Improvement Board grant application is successful, design could begin immediately after the award notice is given, and the design could include the RRFB. If the Transportation Improvement Board grant is not successful, design could still proceed for the interim option. Design and construction could take up to 5 months to complete, weather dependent.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial impact is not known at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Information Only.

ATTACHMENTS

Interim Crosswalk at S 141st Street-TIB Concept

Interim crosswalk at S.141st-TIB

