



INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: **Transportation and Infrastructure Services Committee**
 FROM: **Hari Ponnekanti, Public Works Director/City Engineer**
 BY: **Brittany Robinson, Grant Analyst**
 CC: **Mayor Allan Ekberg**
 DATE: **May 13, 2022**
 SUBJECT: **Green River Trail Improvements Project**
Project No. 91810403
PSRC Transportation Alternative Program Grant Award and Acceptance

ISSUE

Acceptance of a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant Award with the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) in the amount of \$989,000 for the Green River Trail Improvements Project.

BACKGROUND

The Green River Trail Improvements Project is the final section of a larger vision to provide safe and equitable access for pedestrians and cyclists from Tukwila Station to the Tukwila Transit Center and greater Southcenter District. This project aligns with other bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects, including the Tukwila Urban Center (TUC) Pedestrian-Bicycle Bridge Project, which was completed in 2016; and the related Baker Boulevard Non-Motorized Improvements Project, which was completed in 2018. Due to funding constraints, the construction of the Green River Trail Project was never completed.

DISCUSSION

TAP grant funding is available every other year for cities and counties to build bicycle, pedestrian, and other community-based transportation improvements in the region. On March 25, 2022, the PSRC provided the City with notice of award for \$989,000 in TAP grant funding for the construction phase of the Green River Trail Improvements project. TAP grant funding will complete the final segment of the Green River Trail Improvements project, which intersects with Christensen Road. The project will widen and pave 700 feet of trail, construct a new pedestrian plaza, and add way-finding signs to major destinations, illumination, and security cameras.

The project is fully designed and permitted, and the grant funds will be used exclusively for construction related activities. The Green River Trail project permits were combined with the Tukwila Urban Center (TUC) Pedestrian-Bicycle Bridge Project and are set to expire at the end of year. Construction must be completed by the end of 2022, or new permits will be required, which would increase the project budget and significantly extend the project timeline. Staff will obligate funds to begin construction in August to meet project completion goals.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to complete the Green River Trail Improvements project is \$1,297,000, which is based off the most recent Engineer's Estimate. The Puget Sound Regional Council is awarding the City \$989,000 and the City match required to complete the project is \$308,000. The 2021-2022 project budget is sufficient to cover the match.

	<u>Cost Estimate</u>	<u>2021-2022 Project Budget</u>
TAP Grant Award	\$989,000	\$308,000
City Match	<u>308,000</u>	
Project Total	\$1,297,000	

RECOMMENDATION

Council is being asked to formally accept the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant Award with the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) in the amount of \$989,000 for the Green River Trail Improvements Project and consider this item on the Consent Agenda at the June 6, 2022, Regular Council Meeting.

Attachments: 2021 CIP Page 11
Project Vicinity Map
TAP Grant Award Letter

CITY OF TUKWILA CAPITAL PROJECT SUMMARY

2021 to 2026

PROJECT: **Green River Trail Improvements** Project No. 91810403

DESCRIPTION: Construct a widened trail section between the west landing of the Southcenter Pedestrian Bridge and the shared use path on Christensen Road. Includes illumination, CCTV, and provides the fiber connection to the Pedestrian Bridge for operation of CCTV and communication to the light controllers and ped/bike counter.

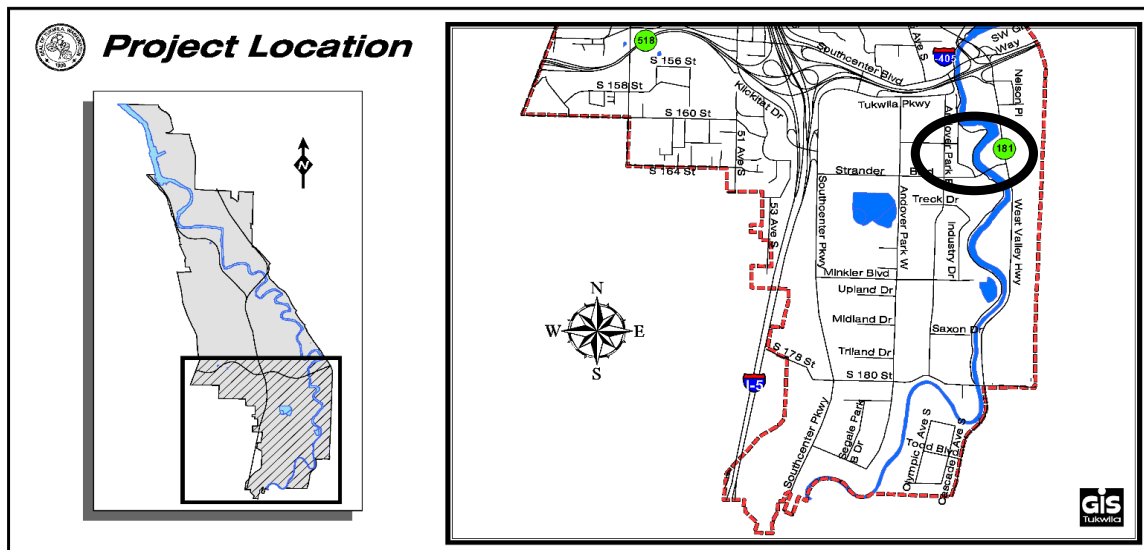
JUSTIFICATION: Wider trail section is needed to accommodate the intermingling of trail and bridge users by providing a wider trail and improved safety features.

STATUS: Designed and permitted as part of the TUC Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge.

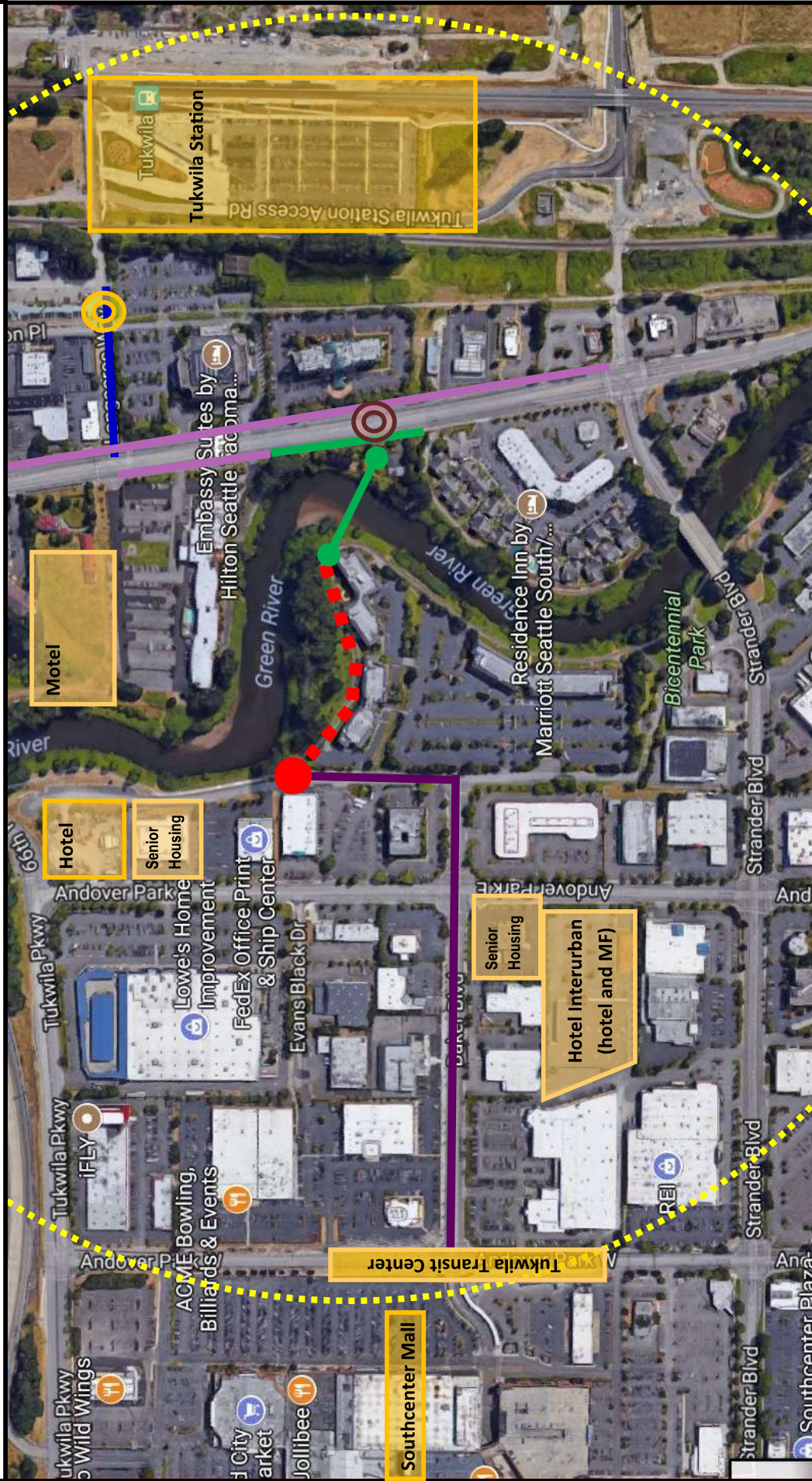
MAINT. IMPACT: Reduced pavement repairs, increased maintenance for illumination and CCTV upkeep.

COMMENT: Project is a subset of the TUC/TOD Ped Imprvmt Project (90710405), the TUC Ped/Bike Bridge Project (90510403) and Baker Blvd Non-Motorized (91610409). All permitting and mitigation was completed as part of the Ped Bridge project. Permitting expires in 2022, delays past this date would need new permit approvals. PSRC grant application in 2018 unsuccessful. Apply for ped/bike grant in 2020.

FINANCIAL (in \$000's)	Through		Estimated								
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	BEYOND	TOTAL	
EXPENSES											
Design			74							74	
Land (R/W)										0	
Const. Mgmt.				200						200	
Construction				1,000						1,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	0	74	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	1,274	
FUND SOURCES											
Awarded Grant										0	
Proposed Grant			66	900						966	
Mitigation Actual										0	
Traffic Impact Fees										0	
City Oper. Revenue	0	0	8	300	0	0	0	0	0	308	
TOTAL SOURCES	0	0	74	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	1,274	



Green River Trail Connector Project Vicinity and Overview Map



Legend

- PROPOSED PROJECT: Green River Trail Improvements**
- Baker Blvd Non-Motorized Improvements (completion 5/18)
 - TUC Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge (completion 12/16)
 - Half Mile Radius
 - - - West Valley Highway 2-way Cycle Track (construction 2022)
 - West Valley Highway NB Thru Lane + Sidewalks (Construction 2022)
 - Pedestrian Signal (Construction 2022)
 - Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (Construction 2022)



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March 24, 2022

The Honorable Allan Ekberg
City of Tukwila
6200 Southcenter Blvd.
Tukwila, WA 98188

Dear Mayor Ekberg:

Congratulations! The Puget Sound Regional Council has selected the following project to receive Transportation Alternatives program funding.

PROJECT	AWARD AMOUNT	FUNDING DEADLINE
Green River Trail Connector Project	Construction \$989,000	June 1, 2023

Your project was one of 9 projects that were approved by PSRC's Executive Board in March 2022 to receive a total of \$13.5 million in federal funding. There is strong demand for resources to build bicycle, pedestrian and other community-based transportation improvements in the region. During this round of funding, PSRC received a total of 27 applications requesting approximately \$37 million.

Securing federal transportation funding for communities in the region is one of the most important responsibilities of the Puget Sound Regional Council. Through our merit-based project selection process, PSRC ensures that federal transportation funds are put to work on priority projects that meet local needs and help achieve the region's long-term goals for transportation, economic development and growth planning.

We appreciate your leadership and great work by your staff to help this project succeed. Together we're building a better system that provides transportation choices and enhances communities. I look forward to continuing to partner with you on efforts to help the region thrive for the long term.

Warm regards,

Josh Brown
Executive Director
Puget Sound Regional Council

cc: Hari Ponnekanti, Public Works Director
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