



## INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: **Transportation and Infrastructure Services Committee**  
FROM: **Jen Tetatzin, Public Works Director**  
BY: **Catrien de Boer, Public Works Analyst**  
CC: **Mayor McLeod**  
DATE: **October 24, 2025**  
SUBJECT: **Residential Streets Fund – 46<sup>th</sup> Ave S Safe Routes to School  
Project No. 91710301 - WSDOT Safe Routes to School Grant**

### **ISSUE**

Accept a WSDOT Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grant for the design of the 46<sup>th</sup> Ave S Safe Routes to School project in the amount of \$610,000.

### **BACKGROUND**

In June 2024, Staff applied to the SRTS program to fund community outreach and design phases of the project. The purpose of the SRTS program is to improve safety and mobility for children by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bicycle to school.

### **DISCUSSION**

In August 2025, City staff were notified of a \$610,000 award. This project is intended to improve active transportation and safety for students at Thorndyke Elementary, Showalter Middle, and Foster High Schools. The study area is 46<sup>th</sup> Ave S from S 150<sup>th</sup> St to S 144<sup>th</sup> St, with the goal of providing a safer walking path. Project activities include community engagement, land/geotechnical survey, traffic engineering studies, permitting, preliminary engineering, and right-of-way acquisition, if necessary. The design phase budget has increased above the CIP amount primarily because the original estimate is outdated and did not reflect current conditions or the full scope of work now anticipated.

As we evaluated the project in preparation for the federal grant application, we identified that some right-of-way acquisition will likely be needed, which adds to the design cost. In addition, federally funded projects require additional documentation, review, and coordination, which increase consultant and staff costs. We have also included a budget for community outreach and engagement to ensure robust public involvement throughout project development.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The City will receive \$610,000 from the SRTS program. No local match is required. Funding from this program is limited to projects within two miles of primary, middle, and high schools. The updated design budget covers work planned for both 2026 and 2027.

Phase	Project Budget	Source
Outreach	\$50,000	Safe Routes to School
Design and Permitting	\$475,000	Safe Routes to School
Right of Way	\$85,000	Safe Routes to School
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$610,000</b>	

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Council is being asked to accept a WSDOT Safe Routes to School grant award for design of the 46<sup>th</sup> Ave S Safe Routes to School project in the amount of \$610,000 and consider this item on the Consent Agenda at the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

Attachments: 2025-2030 CIP Page  
Proposed Project Location Map

## CITY OF TUKWILA CAPITAL PROJECT SUMMARY 2025 to 2030

PROJECT:	46th Ave S Safe Routes to School					Project #	91710301	
Project Manager	Cyndy Knighton				Department	Residential Streets		
DESCRIPTION:	Install curb, gutter, and sidewalk on the west side of 46th Avenue South. Install a curb bulb-out at the southeastern corner of 46th Ave S and S 144th St and a raised crosswalk on S 144th St with pedestrian-activated flashing beacons.							
JUSTIFICATION:	Enhance safety for students walking to Foster High School and Showalter Middle School and encourages transportation choices for the neighborhood.							
STATUS:	RRFB at 46th Ave S & S 144th St Intersection in 2019 as part of the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.							
MAINTENANCE IMPACT:	Nominal maintenance increase in costs related to maintaining sidewalks and slightly widened pavement. If additional lighting is added, nominal maintenance increase in maintenance needs.							
COMMENT:	Safe Routes to School grant submitted in April 2018, but unsuccessful. Apply for SRTS grant for design in 2024 and in 2026 for construction.							
FINANCIAL (in thousands)	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Beyond	TOTAL
Project Costs								
Project Mgmt (Staff Time/Cost)	\$ -	\$ 13	\$ 13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26
Design	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250
Land (R/W)	\$ -	\$ 75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75
Construction Mgmt.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 279	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 279
Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,584	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,584
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 207	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 207
Total Project Costs	\$ -	\$ 338	\$ 2,083	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,421
Project Funding								
Proposed Grant	\$ -	\$ 235	\$ 1,660	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,895
Fund Balance	\$ 13	\$ 103	\$ 410	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 526
Total Project Funding	\$ 13	\$ 338	\$ 2,070	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,421

46<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Safe Routes to School  
City of Tukwila

Proposed Project Location

46<sup>th</sup> Ave S from S 144<sup>th</sup> St to S 150<sup>th</sup> St

