



City Council Agenda Bill

20103

Bill Number

Subject: Council Direction to Fund Safety Improvements at the South Bay Trail/BNSF Main line intersection at Boulevard Park

Summary Statement: Staff seeks direction from City Council to move forward with funding BNSF installed safety improvements at the intersection of the South Bay Trail and BNSF main line near Boulevard Park. BNSF has provided a cost estimate of \$377,000 for a light, sound signal, and arm which they would install pending the availability of City funds. The South Bay Trail is a popular recreational route used by cyclists, walkers and joggers as well as for transportation. The funding recommendation has been approved by the Greenway Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Transportation Commission. Staff recommends the Transportation Benefit District funding be referred to the TBD Board.

Previous Council Action: 1994 South Bay Trail construction with Federal Transportation and State Recreation funds, 2001 safety improvements at trail/rail intersection

Fiscal Impact: \$377,000 per BNSF Cost Estimate

Funding Source: Beyond Greenway funds, TBD funds, Greenway 3 Levy, Park Impact Fees

Attachments: Funding proposal, project location

Meeting Activity	Meeting Date	Staff Recommendation	Presented By	Time
Committee Briefing Council Direction Requested	16-Sep-2013	Provide Direction to Staff	James King	5 min

Council Committee:

Parks & Recreation

Gene Knutson, Chair

Stan Snapp; Terry Bornemann

Committee Actions:

Agenda Bill Contact:

James King

Reviewed By	Initials	Date
James King	<i>[Signature]</i>	9/10/13
Ted Carlson	<i>[Signature]</i>	9/10/13

Legal	<i>[Signature]</i>	9/11/13
Mayor	<i>[Signature]</i>	9/11/13

Council Action:

Funding Proposal for Boulevard/South Bay Trail Safety Crossing

\$377,000 Estimate from BNSF with \$23,000 contingency

Transportation Funds (TBD Transit 1/3)	\$200,000
Beyond Greenway Funds(budgeted for Civic Turf, but not needed)	\$100,000
Greenway 3 Funds	
Undesignated South Acquisition/S. Bay Sehome Bluff	\$50,000
Park Impact Fees	<u>\$50,000</u>
Total Funding Package	\$400,000

Approval Process:

- Proposed by Bellingham Parks & Recreation and Public Works Departments; July 29, 2013.
- Greenway Advisory Committee: Voted unanimously to approve; August 1, 2013.
- Transportation Commission: Voted unanimously to approve using the transit portion of the TBD funding; August 13, 2013.
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board: Voted unanimously to approve; August 14, 2013.
- Transportation Benefit District Board:
- Bellingham City Council:



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