



Approve Scope Change for City of Marysville Sustainable Mobility Program Project

Consent

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Attachments: No

Referring Committee: Transportation

Issue:

The City of Marysville was awarded a Sustainable Mobility Program (Mode Shift) grant for “14th Street Traffic Calming Multi-Modal Pilot” in 2023 to test traffic calming measures. Following the successful first phase of the pilot, the City is requesting to expand the project area to encompass more of the impacted western Marysville neighborhood.

Request:

Approve

Recommendation for Board:

The Transportation Committee unanimously recommended that the board approve the City of Marysville’s request to change the scope location for their “14th Street Traffic Calming Multi-Modal Pilot” from “14th Street” to “Western Marysville”.

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Background:

As part of the Sustainable Mobility Program, SACOG distributes competitive grant programs for member agencies and planning partners. These grants support partners in identifying and addressing residents’ needs while supporting regional policies for increasing mobility in underserved communities, reducing vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions, and managing roadway congestion. The types of projects include small non-infrastructure programs, events, quick-build projects, tactical urbanism, or projects to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips and miles by encouraging biking, walking, riding transit, carpooling, vanpooling, and teleworking as options for reducing car trips.

The last iteration of the Sustainable Mobility Program grant program awarded funds to seven projects in the region, including a \$168,000 award to the City of Marysville. The City proposed testing traffic calming measures with a scope of “install(ing) temporary traffic calming improvements along 14th Street, a residential

area in Marysville which experiences regular cut-through vehicle traffic.” Following the grant award in 2023, the City of Marysville entered into a sub-recipient agreement with SACOG to conduct the pilot. The original pilot scope planned for three roundabouts, resident surveying and outreach, complementary traffic calming efforts, and project impact analysis.

Discussion/Analysis:

City of Marysville staff implemented the first roundabout on 14th Street in spring of 2024 to examine how the temporary intervention could reduce travel speeds. Staff measured the impacts of the project to see if it also encouraged the use of transportation modes such as transit, walking, and bicycling by making it safer and easier for pedestrians to get across busy intersections.

At the mid-point project evaluation in Winter 2024, City of Marysville staff and project partners determined that the initial pilot project was successful at decreasing cut-through traffic and speeding on residential streets. From the pilot data, City of Marysville staff determined that installing the remaining two roundabouts would have diminishing returns and not be an effective use of limited funds. They also observed how the first roundabout installation had created secondary traffic impacts and increased cut-through traffic on adjacent streets. They reached out to SACOG staff to discuss potential re-scoping options for the remaining funds.

Staff discussed scope change options and determined a viable scope change would be to expand the pilot area scope beyond 14th Street to include more of western Marysville to address unintended effects on nearby streets. This pivot is consistent with the original Mode Shift guidelines and the scoring criteria used to evaluate and rank the project. The guidelines had recommended that project recipients include a mid-point evaluation and pivot their approach as needed, like City of Marysville staff did.

This scope change will not increase the project funding from SACOG; it would only broaden the definition of the project area to expand where the City may use the grant funds to test traffic calming interventions. If this request is approved, SACOG will amend the existing subrecipient agreement with the City of Marysville to reflect the expanded pilot area.

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

Included in the Overall Work Program

List of Attachments:

Not applicable