

**BPAC Discussion on Grants  
March 25, 2014**

**Available Grants**

**Pedestrian and Bicycle Program**

- Purpose is to improve conditions for biking and walking and encourage “complete street” type projects that safely meet the needs of bicyclists, pedestrians, public transportation users and motorists, and also protect and preserve community environment and character.
- Eligible projects include design/scoping projects or engineering projects that help reduce the nearly 400 fatal and injury collisions involving pedestrians and bicyclists that occur each year in Washington and/or projects that significantly increase mobility to encourage more people to bicycle and walk.

**Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program**

- The purpose is to increase the number of children walking and biking to school safely. All projects must be within two-miles of primary, middle or high schools (K-12).
- Eligible projects include improvements that reduce potential pedestrian and bicycle conflicts with motor vehicle traffic; reduce traffic volumes around schools; and/or establish safer and fully accessible crossings, walkways, trails or bikeways.

Both grants are administered by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). There is a total of \$8M State wide for both programs

**Pedestrian and Bicycle Program - recommend two projects**

**Top priority:**

**Fern Street sidewalk from 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 1105 Fern Street**

- Scope: Installs sidewalk on the west side of Fern Street
- Preliminary Cost Estimate: \$514,000

**Rationale:**

- Missing link to transit route from apartments and day care center
- Long standing request from area residents
- Council support to apply for a grant for this project in the past
- Remaining small gap of sidewalk in this recently developed dense residential area
- Identified need on Parks and Pathways sidewalk project list
- Ranks #19 out of 33 in Parks and Pathways Sidewalk Program

**BPAC recommendation sought on second priority:**

**Eastside Street/22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue sidewalk from Fir Street to Wheeler Avenue— design only**

- Design funds advance complex project to construction
- Continuation of current construction project
- Design helps understand costs and funding needs

- Connects to trail, parks and downtown
- Ranks #8 out of 33 in Parks and Pathways Sidewalk Program
- Preliminary Cost Estimate: \$650,000

#### State Avenue and Phoenix Street sidewalk

- Next priority in sidewalk program
- Design complete
- No funding to finish project (not Parks and Pathways funded)
- Urban Corridor area - target for redevelopment
- Preliminary Cost Estimate: \$370,000

#### Safe Routes to School Program – recommend only one project

##### Top and only priority:

##### **Quince Street sidewalk from Miller Avenue to the school**

- Scope: Installs curb and sidewalk on the east of side of the street, replaces asphalt sidewalk with rolled asphalt curb adjacent to vehicle parking lane. Installs school zone flashing beacons.
- Preliminary Cost Estimate: \$254,000

##### Rationale:

- Quince Street is one of two access points to Reeves Middle School
- Identified school walking route
- School District and City have received multiple concerns about this section of street
- Prior Council support
- Local Access street, so not in any construction program

##### Other considered projects:

##### **Eastside Street /22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue sidewalk from Boundary Street to Fir Street**

- Extends current sidewalk project to Boundary Street
- Simpler segment of remaining need
- Ranks #8 out of 33 in Parks and Pathways Sidewalk Program

##### **Boulevard Road sidewalk from 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Olympia Regional Learning Academy (ORLA)/15<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

- ORLA construction creates new destination
- Links to improvements on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, east of Boulevard Road
- Ranks #22 out of 33 in Parks and Pathways Sidewalk Program