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City Council

Approval of a Transportation Improvement Board Grant Agreement for the Boulevard Road and Morse-Merryman Roundabout Project

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Recommended Action
Committee Recommendation:
Not referred to a Committee.

City Manager Recommendation:
Move to approve and authorize the City Manager to sign the Transportation Improvement Board Grant Agreement documents accepting funding in the amount of $1,622,381.

Report
Issue:
Whether to approve the Transportation Improvement Board Grant Agreement for the Boulevard Road and Morse-Merryman Roundabout Project.

Staff Contact:
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Presenter(s):
None - Consent Calendar item.

Background and Analysis:
This proposal will construct a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Boulevard Road and Morse-Merryman Road. Project improvements will include sidewalk, planter strips, bike lanes, streetlights, stormwater system upgrades, and underground overhead utilities. A roundabout will improve intersection safety and flow for motor vehicles and enhance the safety and comfort of bicyclists and pedestrians through the intersection. Studies show that traffic congestion at the intersection will exceed adopted City standards within the next six years. The roundabout will add travel capacity which ultimately enables the area to become more dense, as planned in the Olympia Comprehensive Plan.

The City completed a Boulevard Road Corridor Study with an extensive public involvement process in April 2006. The vision for Boulevard Road outlined in this study is to *maximize pedestrian and bicycle safety, while maintaining vehicle mobility*. To minimize the number of lanes needed to serve vehicular traffic, the study recommended using roundabouts at three intersections along Boulevard Road. In 2010, the City constructed the first one at Boulevard Road and Log Cabin Road and the second one is currently under construction at the intersection of 22nd Avenue. This proposal for a roundabout at the intersection of Morse-Merryman Road will be the final one for the corridor.

The City Council approved and authorized staff to apply for a Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Urban Arterial Program Grant for the Boulevard Road and Morse-Merryman Road Roundabout in August 2013.

In November 2013, the TIB selected the Boulevard Road and Morse-Merryman Road Roundabout project to receive grants funds in the amount of $1,622,381. This grant is part of the overall funding strategy for the project. Receiving this funding allows construction to proceed as scheduled in 2017. Copies of the Transportation Improvement Board Grant Agreement documents are attached.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):
The Boulevard Road and Morse-Merryman Roundabout is included in the 2014-2019 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP). The public has had the opportunity to review and provide comment on projects in the CFP.

Options:

1. Approve and authorize the City Manager to sign the Transportation Improvement Board Grant Agreement documents accepting funding in the amount of $1,622,381. Grant funding will allow construction of this project to proceed as scheduled in 2017.

2. Reject the Transportation Improvement Board grant. The Boulevard Road and Morse-Merryman Roundabout project will not be constructed in 2017. Construction will be delayed until other funding is secured.

Financial Impact:
The Boulevard Road and Morse-Merryman Roundabout Project is funded as follows:

Transportation Improvement Board - Urban Arterial Program Grant	$1,622,381
Local Match - Transportation Impact Fees	$2,100,976
Local Match - Surface Transportation Program Grant	$1,346,043
Total Project Cost:	$5,069,400

Attachment(s):
TIB Grant Agreement
TIB Project Funding Status Form