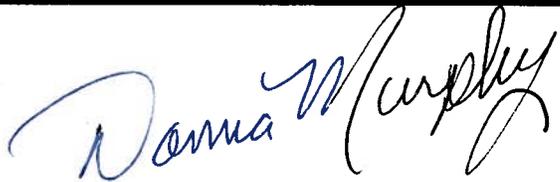


SULTAN CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Date: September 10, 2009

Agenda Item #: C - 4



SUBJECT: Application to the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) for an Urban Vitality Grant

CONTACT PERSON: Donna Murphy Grants and Economic Development Coordinator

ISSUE:

The issue before the City Council is to authorize the Mayor Pro-tem Wiediger to direct staff to apply for the Public Works Trust Fund 2009 Urban Vitality Grant, and authorize Mayor Pro-tem Wiediger to sign the application on behalf of the City of Sultan.

Washington State Public Works Board is offering a minimum limit grant award of \$100,000 for any public works project that clearly demonstrates the ability to decrease the per capita vehicle miles driven in the community by increasing access to mass transit, supporting residential density in proximity to employment opportunities, and improving the safety and appeal of walking and biking in a community.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Direct staff to apply for the Public Works Trust Fund Urban Vitality Grant, and authorize Mayor Pro-tem Wiediger to sign the application on behalf of the City of Sultan.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

This grant program has never been offered through the Public Works Trust Fund and may not be offered again. The application turnaround was very short (3 weeks) and due to the short turnaround time, it was impossible to secure Council approval prior to the due date of September 8, 2009. After discussions with the City Administrator and Mayor Eslick, it was determined that an application in the amount of \$200,000 to fund the sidewalks and bicycle lanes in Stage 1 of the US 2/Sultan Basin Road Realignment Project could be a competitive project. Submittal of the application does not obligate the City to accept funding if awarded. The Council will need to make a determination after the award to accept the grant and obligate funding. This is keeping with the financing strategy for the US 2/Sultan Basin Road Realignment Project approved by Council.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

A 10% cash match (\$20,000) is required to be paid on the life of the grant and will be due by July 2011.

ISSUES AND NEED

The US 2/Sultan Basin Road Realignment Project cost increased by \$2 million dollars. In May, 2009 the Snohomish County Infrastructure Coordinating Committee and Snohomish County Tomorrow awarded a \$876,000 STP (rural) grant for construction of Stage 1 of the project. This section consists of construction of 400 feet of the new roadway south of Cascade View Drive. Work involves installation of the Stabilized Earth Wall along both sides of the road, curb, gutter, sidewalks and two through lanes with bicycle lanes on both sides.

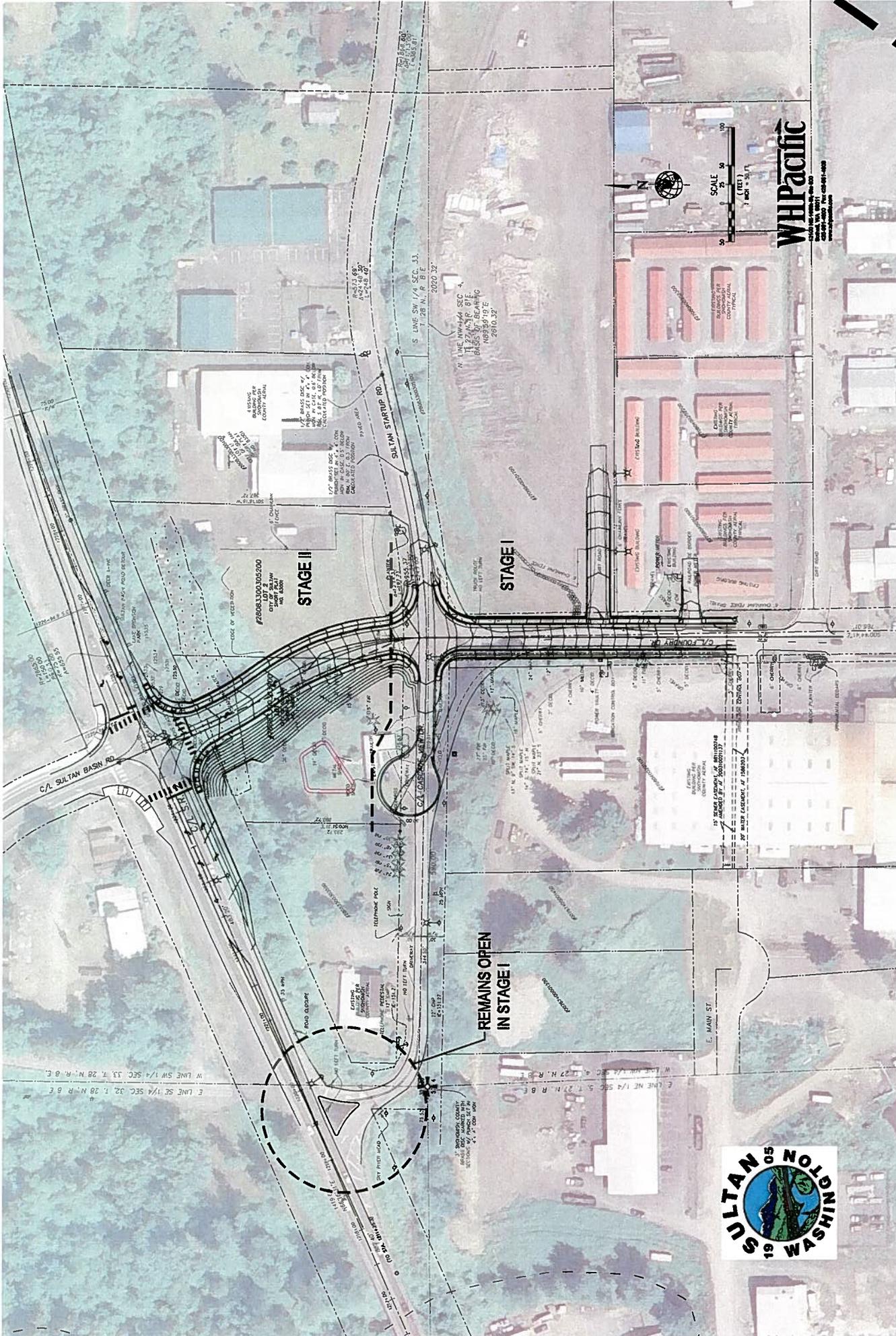
If this grant is awarded, it will fully fund construction of the bicycle lanes and sidewalks in this stage of the project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Direct staff to apply for the \$20 million dollar PWTF 2009 Urban Vitality Grant. This alternative provides the City with the opportunity to secure additional funds for the US 2/Sultan Basin Road Realignment Project.
2. If the grant is awarded, do not accept the offer and continue seeking grant funding to complete the project.

MOTION: I move to direct staff to complete the Public Works Trust Fund 2009 Urban Vitality Grant application, and authorize Mayor Pro-tem Wiediger to sign the application on behalf of the City of Sultan.

Attachments:
2009 Project Diagram



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