

Flores, Katie

From: Garcia, Vangie
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 5:14 PM
To: Krieg, Alex; Lamon, Luke
Cc: Levy, Doug; Robert Harrison; Gregg A. Zimmerman; Seitz, Jim; Heather Gregersen
Subject: System Access Fund Award: S 7th St Multi-Use Trail (Renton)

CAUTION: This email originated from a contact outside Sound Transit. Remember, do not click any links or open any attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report any suspicious email by clicking the “fish” button in Outlook. Thank you! ST Information Security

Hi Alex,

After providing the feedback you gave us yesterday to executive management, we want to thank the Sound Transit Executive Committee for choosing to support the funding of the S 7th St Multi-Use Trail and also to request the increase of the funding for the project from \$1,000,000 to **\$1,590,000**. The original funding request for this project was for \$2,000,000 and the elements that did not seem to have funding support by the Executive Committee were the intersection improvements, west of Rainier, which are not 50% of the project scope or costs.

This project was one of only two projects, out of all the proposals submitted in this grant cycle, that received a “High” score across all policy and technical categories, then resulting in a Highly Recommended overall rating, evaluated by a committee consisting of several Sound Transit subject matter experts. There are several projects that are moving forward at 100% of the requested funding amount that were not so highly rated in the evaluation process, some only receiving an overall rating of “Recommended”.

We understand that the intersection improvements and signal upgrades, west of Rainier Avenue, although important to improving the safety for future and existing bicycle riders, were not the project elements that shined through in the proposal. However, it should be noted that the project received multiple letters of support (King County Metro, Cascade Bicycle Club, Transportation Choices Coalition, REI) on the merit of Renton’s efforts to build an east-west non-motorized connection along the S/SW 7th St corridor that connected to popular regional trails (Interurban, Springbrook, Green River) to Renton’s downtown area. The online survey feedback you shared with us showed that this project received 74% positive results - *Very Important (48%) or Important (26%)* votes - further showing how the broader community feels about this project.

We hope this letter can accompany the Executive Committee’s recommendation to the Sound Transit Board for final allocation of the System Access funds. If there is a more appropriate method to make this request, please let us

know. We understand that this is the first time for the System Access Funding process and we will follow the protocol, as you direct us to.

Thank you.

Vangie



Vangie P. Garcia, PE, PMP

PUBLIC WORKS - Transportation Systems Division

Transportation Planning and Programming Manager

Desk: (425) 430-7319 | Mobile: (206) 503-4066

E-mail: vgarcia@rentonwa.gov

City of Renton | 1055 South Grady Way, 5th Fl. | Renton, Washington 98057