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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Jennifer Schroder, Director
Date: April 10, 2012
Subject: Authorization to apply for grant funding assistance from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program for the Cross Kirkland Corridor

RECOMMENDATION:

For the City Council to review and approve the attached Resolution, authorizing the City to apply for grant funds from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program for the acquisition of the Cross Kirkland Corridor.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) provides funding for a broad range of land protection and outdoor recreation activities, including park acquisition and development, habitat conservation, farmland preservation, and construction of outdoor recreation facilities. There are 11 grant categories within this program. The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office administers this program.

To remain eligible to apply for a WWRP grant in the trail category, staff submitted for a Waiver of Retroactivity for the Cross Kirkland Corridor acquisition project with the Recreation Conservation Office. The waiver allows an agency to proceed with acquisition prior to receiving final grant approval. The waiver has been granted, and the deadline to submit a grant application is May 1st. A resolution authorizing the application must be submitted by May 1st.

A grant award under the trail category for acquisition is limited to a 50/50 match.

Grant timeline

Grant application deadline	May 1, 2012
Presentation to advisory Committee	June/July 2012
Recreation Conservation Office announces preliminary project ranking	August 2012
Recreation Conservation Funding Board approves grant list	October 2012
Recreation Conservation Funding Board approves grant funding	June 2013

Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION R-4917

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR THE CROSS KIRKLAND CORRIDOR AS A WASHINGTON WILDLIFE AND RECREATION PROGRAM PROJECT TO THE RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 79A.15 RCW, ACQUISITION OF HABITAT CONSERVATION AND OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS, WAC 286 AND SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with the Port of Seattle for the acquisition of the Cross Kirkland Corridor, a 5.75 mile segment of the Eastside Rail Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Cross Kirkland Corridor traverses Kirkland from the South Kirkland Park and Ride to the City's northern boundary in the Totem Lake Business District; and

WHEREAS, the Cross Kirkland Corridor will provide multi-modal transportation and recreation opportunities to schools, parks, open spaces and recreational services; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of the Cross Kirkland Corridor ("the project") is consistent with the City's commitment to a healthy environment and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, the City has approved a comprehensive parks and recreation or habitat conservation plan that includes this project; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP), state grant assistance is requested to aid in financing the cost of land acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the City considers it in the best public interest to complete the project described in the application authorized by this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to make formal application to the Recreation and Conservation Office for grant assistance.

Section 2. The City acknowledges or certifies as follows:

1. Any grant assistance received will be used for direct costs associated with implementation of the project referenced above.

2. The City hereby certifies that our matching share of project funding will be derived from a interfund loan from the City of Kirkland's Utility Fund and that the City is responsible for supporting all non-cash commitments to this project should they not materialize.

3. The City acknowledges that the grant assistance, if approved, will be paid on a reimbursement basis, meaning the City will only request payment from the Recreation and Conservation Office after eligible and allowable costs have been incurred and payment remitted to City vendors, and that the Recreation and Conservation Office will hold retainage until the project is deemed complete.

4. The City acknowledges that any property acquired and/or facility developed through grant assistance from the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board must be reasonably maintained and made available to the general public at reasonable hours and times of the year according to the type of area or facility unless other restrictions have been agreed to by the Recreation and Conservation Office Director or the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

5. The City acknowledges that any property acquired and/or facility developed with grant assistance from the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board must be dedicated for public outdoor recreation purposes, and be retained and maintained for such use for perpetuity unless otherwise provided and agreed to by the City and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

6. The City acknowledges that any property acquired using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board assistance must be developed within five years of the acquisition closing.

7. This resolution will become part of a formal application to the Recreation and Conservation Office for grant assistance; and

8. The City provided appropriate opportunity for public comment on this application.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this ____ day of _____, 2012.

Signed in authentication thereof this ____ day of _____, 2012.

MAYOR

Attest:

City Clerk