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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Lorrie McKay, Intergovernmental Relations Manager
Date: November 27, 2012
Subject: LETTER REQUESTING \$5 MILLION IN THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET TO FUND THE NEXT PHASE OF THE NE 132ND STREET INTERCHANGE ON I-405

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorizes the Mayor to sign a letter requesting \$5 million in the state transportation budget in order to fund the next phase of the NE 132nd Street interchange on I-405. (Attachment A).

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The NE 132nd Street interchange project was originally funded at \$60 million in the 2005 budget, and was to be constructed by 2018. Now, the project is not slated for additional funding until 2025, which puts at risk major economic redevelopment efforts in the Totem Lake Urban Center.

The interchange, part of the I-405 Master Plan, is at 5 percent completion now. The \$5 million requested would allow for further planning, environmental and design work allowing the project to be ready for construction.

This funding need and request is included in the City of Kirkland's DRAFT 2013 Legislative Agenda for consideration at the Council meeting on December 11. Staff recommends the funding request letter be finalized and sent to the Chair of the House Transportation Committee prior to formal approval of the legislative agenda.

Attachments: A. Draft Request letter
B. Area Map
C. Fact Sheet

December 12, 2012

D R A F T

The Honorable Judy Clibborn, Chair
House Transportation Committee
P.O. Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: City of Kirkland Transportation Project: NE 132nd Interchange

Dear Chair Clibborn:

Thank you for meeting with the Kirkland City Council's Legislative Committee and staff in October. We enjoyed talking with you and appreciated your advice on the issues we discussed.

As you suggested, we are submitting a request for \$5 million in the state transportation budget in order to fund the next phase of the NE 132nd Street interchange on I-405. The project was originally funded at \$60 million in the 2005 budget, and was to be constructed by 2018. Now, the project is not slated for additional funding until 2025, which puts at risk major economic redevelopment efforts in the Totem Lake Urban Center.

The interchange, part of the I-405 Master Plan, is at 5 percent completion now. The \$5 million requested would allow for further planning, environmental and design work allowing the project to be ready for construction.

Funds were originally prioritized because the Totem Lake Urban Center is an integral part in the City's plan to revitalize this area to boost economic development and create jobs. Improved freeway access is critical to the redevelopment of the Totem Lake area.

Given the importance of the project to the local and regional economy, the City of Kirkland respectfully asks your consideration of our funding request.

Sincerely,
City of Kirkland

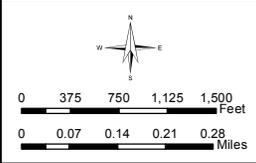
By Joan McBride, Mayor

Attachments: Project Map
Fact Sheet

cc: Sen. Andy Hill, 45th District
Rep. Larry Springer, 45th District
Rep. Roger Goodman, 45th District
Sen. Rosemary McAuliffe, 1st District
Rep. Luis Moscoso, 1st District
Rep. Derek Stanford, 1st District
Sen. Rodney Tom, 48th District
Rep. Ross Hunter, 48th District
Rep. Cyrus Habib, 48th District
Sen. Maralyn Chase, 32nd District
Rep. Ruth Kagi, 32nd District
Rep. Cindy Ryu, 32nd District

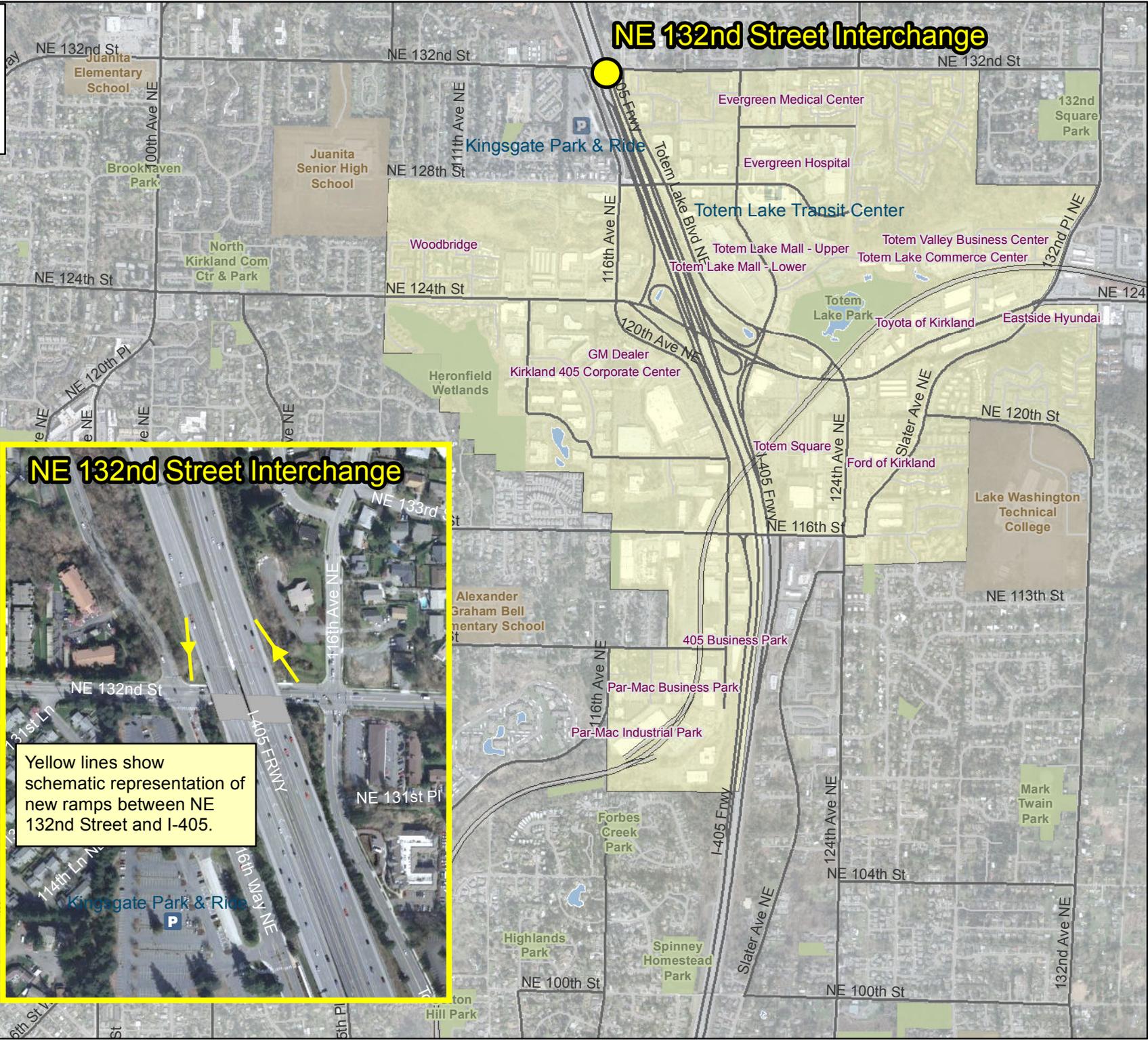
NE 132nd Street I-405 Interchange Project

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-  Parks
-  Schools
-  Cross Kirkland Corridor
-  Major Streets
-  Streets
-  Lakes
-  Park & Ride
-  Transit Center



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NE 132nd Street Interchange

Yellow lines show schematic representation of new ramps between NE 132nd Street and I-405.



September 25, 2012

WORKING TITLE: NE 132nd Interchange Project

Kirkland supports \$5 million in funding for the next phase of the NE 132nd Interchange ramp design. Restoring the new interchange on I-405 at NE 132nd Street would improve access to the Totem Lake Urban Center by connecting Totem Lake – an important local and regional economic redevelopment project – to and from points to the north.

ISSUE BACKGROUND:

Originally, the NE 132nd Interchange project was funded at \$60 million in the 2005 Transportation Partnership Funding Budget and slated for construction in 2018.

Funds were originally prioritized because the Totem Lake Urban Center is an integral part in the City's plan to revitalize this area to boost economic development and create jobs – without easy freeway access redevelopment will be limited at best.

The project is currently partially funded by WSDOT in 2025 and the City of Kirkland is seeking funding to move this critical improvement forward. Plans for the new interchange are currently at about 5% completion. Delaying additional funding until 2025 will jeopardize much needed economic development in the area.

WSDOT estimates the total construction cost to be on the order of \$90 million. Improving access to and through the Totem Lake area has been an objective of the City of Kirkland for some time and has been identified by a number of groups that have studied the Totem Lake area as a major need in order to spur economic development and ease existing congestion.

The interchange project is in the Kirkland's Totem Lake Neighborhood plan and the project is included in the I-405 Master Plan. The City of Kirkland has prepared a NE 132nd Street study that shows a set of projects that would complement the new interchange. One of those projects, at 100th Avenue NE, is funded for design and the other projects will be completed in the future. WSDOT is also interested in the NE 132nd Street project because of the congestion relief it will provide at the NE 160th and NE 124th interchanges. A programmatic environmental review has been completed as part of the I-405 master plan and project level environmental work would have to be completed. Additional right-of-way will be needed to complete the project. This can be completed as soon as funding is provided.

Given the importance of this project to the local and regional economy, the City of Kirkland respectfully requests the original funding time-line be restored to the upcoming budget.

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