

**Members Present:** Councilmembers Matthew Kenna (Chair), Andy Elfers, Mark Evers

**Staff Present:** Michael Kosa, Alisa O’Haver-Ayala, Ryan Johnstone, Derek Barry, Andrew Leach, Robert Wright, Courtney Littrell, Drew McCarty, Thi Le, Christy Tollefson

The meeting convened at 4:00 PM.

The following topics were discussed:

Introductions of staff and newly appointed Councilmembers, as well as appointment of Matthew Kenna as Public Works Committee Chair.

**Hunt Avenue Reconstruction - Design Consultant Agreement**

Assistant Engineering Manager Wright stated Hunt Avenue between West Main and State Street is in poor condition: lacking sidewalks, outdated utilities, etc. The project will include replacement of the roadway section to current standards including sidewalks, curb, gutter, on-street parking, replacement of old utilities in the section, and storm drainage, in addition to other necessary work. The City advertised for a design consultant and ten (10) Statements of Qualifications were received on November 25, 2025, for this project. Upon review, Psomas was selected to provide design consulting services for this project. An agreement of \$108,701.00 was negotiated to conduct the initial design and data gathering phase. A later amendment will be necessary to move the project to a construction-ready design. *“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

**Resolution No.1738 HSIP Grant Acceptance - Neighborhood Traffic Calming and Intersection Data Collection**

Engineering Specialist Le stated the City of Sumner was awarded a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to improve roadway safety by identifying, analyzing, and addressing traffic safety issues at several locations throughout the City. This grant provides \$150,000.00 towards completion of the planning phase of the project. The project is eligible for 100% HSIP funding, for all phases authorized prior to April 30, 2027. Acceptance of the grant requires the City to enter into a grant agreement. *“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

**Resolution No.1739 HSIP Grant Acceptance - Roadway Curve Warning and Delineation**

Engineering Specialist Le stated the City of Sumner was awarded a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to improve roadway safety by evaluating traffic conditions, identifying safety concerns, and recommending targeted improvements along 60th St E (west of Sumner-Tapps Highway E) and 160th St E at Elm St E. This grant provides \$457,000.00 towards completion of all phases of the project. The project is eligible for 100% HSIP funding, for all phases authorized prior to April 30, 2027. Acceptance of the grant requires the City to enter into a grant agreement. *“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

**Stewart Road ITS - Consultant Contract Award**

Assistant Engineering Manager Littrell stated the Stewart Rd corridor spans through three local agencies, and has signals owned and operated by four agencies. With the many players along the corridor, the seven signals are not coordinated with each other, which leads to the signal timing not matching up with one another, causing delays and traffic. This project aims to connect the many signals along the corridor, and allow them to "talk" to each other, allowing for a smoother traffic flow. Additionally, this project will consist of upgrades to ADA infrastructure where needed. The City was awarded a grant from the Federal Highway Administration in 2022, through the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), in amount totaling \$402,289, which will cover \$86.5% of the project costs in the Preliminary Engineering phase of the project.

Fund authorization was effective on February 10, 2025. In March 2025, the City received two Statements of Qualifications. Transpo Group USA, Inc. was selected to provide design consulting services for this project through a qualification-based selection process. An agreement with a maximum amount payable of \$446,172.55 was negotiated for the design of the project. *“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

### **ADA Transition Plan Update**

Assistant Engineering Manager Littrell provided an update on the ADA Transition Plan. The topics covered project accomplishments, future projects and that there are no anticipated challenges.

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### **Stewart Road Bridge TCE Extension - Manke Lumber**

Senior Associate City Engineer Leach stated the Stewart Road corridor provides an important transportation link between West Valley Highway, East Valley Highway, and SR 167 from Auburn, Pacific, Bonney Lake, Pierce County, and Sumner. The existing bridge over the White River is considered “functionally obsolete” and is operating at overcapacity due to the increasing traffic volumes using this corridor. Replacing this bridge is vital to providing the transportation infrastructure for the development of the Sumner/Pacific Manufacturing Industrial Area. To complete the project, the City needs to extend the temporary construction easement on the property owned by Manke Lumber. This property is directly south of Butte Avenue at the Manke Lumber manufacturing facility. Manke Lumber is willingly conveying the necessary property to the City for the project, for an agreed-upon price of \$31,000.00. This project is grant funded and this acquisition was negotiated with the assistance of the City's consultant, Tierra-ROW in accordance with all applicable laws. *“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

### **Stewart Road Bridge TCE Extension - Potelco Industries LTD**

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### **Stewart Road Bridge TCE Extension - Riverside Free Will Baptist Church**

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### **Heritage Park - Interim Park Design**

Assistant Engineering Manager McCarty stated that for the Main Street Vision Project, in 2022-2023, JETT Landscape Architecture + Design worked with the City to re-imagine Reuben Knoblauch Heritage Park as a more active, useful heart of the City for special events and everyday use. In 2024, JETT completed the

full design for Heritage Park and Hops Alley, including the new Heritage Park Event Building and the former buildings at south end of Heritage Park (902-906 Kincaid) were demolished. In 2025, the City constructed Heritage Park Phase 2 & Hops Alley, funded by a grant from Pierce County Lodging Tax, Sumner Lodging Tax, Park Impact Fees, and utility funds. Future phases of work at Heritage Park will include an event lawn, stage, and community building - as funding allows. In the meantime, to continue to be able to use the full extents of Heritage Park some interim park improvements are needed at the south end of Heritage Park as demonstrated on the attached, which includes fencing around the concrete slab for use as a temporary sports court, seeding, irrigation, and the installation of temporary commemorative plaques. *Information Only*

Project Managers provided updates on projects under construction.

Adjournment 5:14 pm