

IMPACT STATEMENT

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Legislation title: Authorize a contract with lowest responsible bidder for the construction of the Wheeler Basin Reconstruction and Green Streets, BES Project No. E10219 for \$7,033,000 (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to authorize a contract with lowest responsible bidder to construct the “Wheeler Basin Reconstruction and Green Streets” project. This project will increase capacity of the sewer system to reduce incidents of basement flooding.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The result of this legislation includes the following:

- No changes the BES FY 2018-FY2019 budget is required.
- The level of confidence is high.
- This project will neither generate nor reduce current or future revenue.
- No new City positions will be created.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Since December 2014, Environmental Services has conducted extensive community outreach and public involvement opportunities to neighborhood property owners and occupants, business owners and operators, and neighborhood associations who might be impacted by future sewer and stormwater construction. Although the project is titled Wheeler Basin Reconstruction and Green Streets, the public knows the project as the Eliot Sewer and Stormwater Project.

The project area is located in the Eliot neighborhood, with the boundaries of N Russell St to the north and NE Hancock to the south, and N Flint Avenue to the west and NE 7th Avenue to the east. The major businesses in the project area are community centers, churches, non-profits, coffee shops, small retail stores, larger warehouses, and restaurants. A majority of the businesses are on N Vancouver, Williams, and MLK Jr Blvd. Legacy Emanuel Medical Center takes up a significant part of the project area. There are a lot of apartments, multi-plex and houses with a lot of pedestrian and bicycle activity. The majority of the neighborhood is comprised of families with and without children, and single women; ages 22 to 39 is the most prominent, and the race distribution is mostly white, black and Hispanic. There is an apartment complex in the project area that has a large population of Ethiopian residents that speak Amharic, so translation services have been included in outreach.

Different methods of outreach and public involvement have been utilized on this project, including personal letters, newsletters, door-to-door site visits, neighborhood association presentations, open houses, and walking tours. Parking in the area is significantly impacted by the Moda Center events. There are concerns from neighbors regarding loss of parking due to the green street facilities. The original design included up to 14 green streets, and after significant public feedback, the scope was reduced to eight green streets. There are also a lot of bicycle commuters and shared streets in the area, as well as pedestrians. Environmental Services will be working closely with the contractor to enforce safe behavior and practice Vision Zero.

Debbie Caselton, Environmental Services and Kristen Kibler, JLA have worked on the Community Outreach and Public Involvement for this project and Matt Gough, Environmental Services will be the contact during construction for Community Outreach.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

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Does this action change appropriations?

☐ YES: Please complete the information below.

☒ NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount