



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**December 15, 2009**

**Motion 13104**

**Proposed No. 2009-0651.1**

**Sponsors Lambert**

1           A MOTION accepting a report on the progress toward  
2           construction of a pedestrian walkway from the Pacific  
3           Freshman Campus School to Klahanie SE/252nd Avenue  
4           SE on Issaquah Fall City road as required in Ordinance  
5           16310, Section 5, Proviso P4.

6           WHEREAS, the county is responsible for providing road services to the citizens  
7 of unincorporated King County, and

8           WHEREAS, the county maintains a prioritized list of safety projects, and

9           WHEREAS, Ordinance 16310, the ordinance adopting a supplemental budget for  
10 the operation of the department of transportation director's office for the fiscal biennium  
11 beginning January 1, 2008, and ending December 31, 2009, amending the 2008/2009  
12 Biennium Ordinance, Ordinance 15975, Section 110, as amended, contains a proviso  
13 requiring the transportation director's office to submit to the council for its review and  
14 approval, a report on the progress toward construction of a pedestrian walkway from the  
15 Pacific Freshman Campus School to Klahanie SE/252nd Avenue SE and restricting  
16 \$50,000 from their budget until after a motion approving the report has been approved  
17 by council, and

18 WHEREAS, the executive has transmitted to the council with this motion, a plan  
19 for the pathway, developed collaboratively by the department of transportation's road  
20 services division and the Issaquah school district;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

22 The plan to construct a pedestrian walkway from the Pacific Cascade Freshman  
23 Campus School to Klahanie SE/252nd Avenue SE., Attachment A to this motion, is  
24 hereby approved.

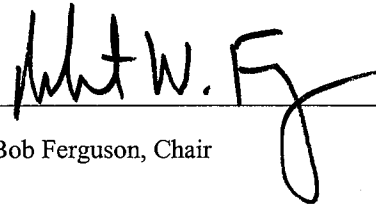
Motion 13104 was introduced on 12/3/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 12/14/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,  
Ms. Patterson, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Ms. Lambert

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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Bob Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:



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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** A. King County DOT-Road Services Division SE Issaquah-Fall City Road Pedestrian  
Walkway Proviso Response December 2, 2009



**King County**

**DOT – Road Services Division**

**SE Issaquah-Fall City Road Pedestrian Walkway  
Proviso Response**

**December 2, 2009**

## **Proviso Language**

This report provides an update on the funding for, and progress toward, construction of the SE Issaquah Fall City Road walkway project. It responds to proviso P4 in Ordinance 16310, Section 5, which amended Ordinance 15975, Section 110. This ordinance adopted the 2008 Annual Budget and the 2008/2009 Biennium Budget, and included appropriations for the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Director's Office. Proviso P4 states:

*“Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the Council receives and approves by motion a report on the progress toward construction of a pedestrian walkway from the Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus School to Klahanie SE/252nd Avenue SE. The report should be transmitted no later than October 18, 2009.*

*The report must be filed in the form of 11 copies with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and will forward copies to each councilmember and to the transportation committee, or its successor.”*

## **Funding Background**

In May 2008, the DOT's Road Services Division (RSD) submitted an application for state grant funding to construct a safe walkway for students along the north side of SE Issaquah-Fall City Road between the Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus School east to Klahanie Drive SE. The grant project proposed to construct a new American with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant concrete sidewalk with curb and gutter that would be lit along the entire length. The grant application requested \$795,000 and committed to providing a local match of \$500,000 from already budgeted RSD capital improvement project funding.

In June 2008, RSD learned the SE Issaquah Fall City Road walkway application was not selected for funding. The division moved ahead with design of the project, but reduced its scope and cost to fit the \$500,000 of RSD funding available. The redesigned walkway would have been constructed of paved asphalt instead of concrete and would not have been lit. After discussions with the Issaquah School District, it was agreed the project would be completed before the start of the 2009 school year.

In June 2009, RSD received unexpected news from the state that the original grant request of \$795,000 would be fully funded. This was thanks to additional money budgeted by the state legislature into the Safe Routes to School Program. Combined with the available \$500,000 in RSD funding, it became possible to move ahead with design and construction of the ADA-compliant, fully-lighted concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter.

## Current Project Scope and Schedule

The RSD has received approval from the state to obligate the \$795,000 of grant funds. The RSD has been in close communication with the Issaquah School District and both parties concurred the delay in completing the project is far outweighed by the added benefits of the lighting and concrete sidewalk made possible by the grant monies. The project has been advertised and bids opened on December 2, 2009. The preliminary review of the bids is very favorable and the project should be completed under budget. The project is expected to be underway by early January. RSD continues to work closely with the Issaquah School District.



**SE Issaquah-Fall City Road**

The aerial photograph above illustrates the location of the project in regard to its proximity to the Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus School. The project will construct 1,700 feet of new five-foot wide concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk with ADA-accessible curb and pedestrian bulb-outs. Additional safety treatments include a five-foot wide bicycle lane, new pedestrian level lighting, a new pedestrian signal countdown timer, and activation upgrades at each intersection, as well as upgrades to traffic signs, signals, and pavement markings. The combination of these improvements should make pedestrian access to and from the school a safer and more enjoyable experience.

These improvements will complement other pedestrian and traffic safety measures previously put in place in the area by the RSD including: radar feedback signs, upgraded school zone signage, modifications to the traffic signal timing at 247th Place SE, and reduction of the speed limit along this segment of SE Issaquah-Fall City Road from 45 miles-per-hour to the current 40 miles-per-hour, in addition to a limit of 20 miles-per-hour when children are present in the school zone.