

City of
Bellevue



Transportation Commission Study Session

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SUBJECT: 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

DIRECTION REQUESTED

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

At the February 8 Commission meeting, staff will present an overview of the status of projects in the current 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and proposed updates for the new 2025-2030 TIP. We will also review the function of the TIP in the transportation planning and financial programming process. Staff seeks Commission input on the updates and your direction to return with a Recommended 2025-2030 TIP to a public hearing. Commission Action is requested to set a public hearing date of April 11, 2024.

BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION

State law (RCW 35.77.010) requires all local jurisdictions to annually adopt a six-year program of transportation improvements, known as the Local TIP, by the end of June each year. On May 11, 2023, the Transportation Commission hosted an in-person public hearing with a virtual option via Zoom and recommended adoption of the current 2024-2029 Local TIP. On June 5, 2023, the City Council adopted the current TIP (Resolution No. 10258).

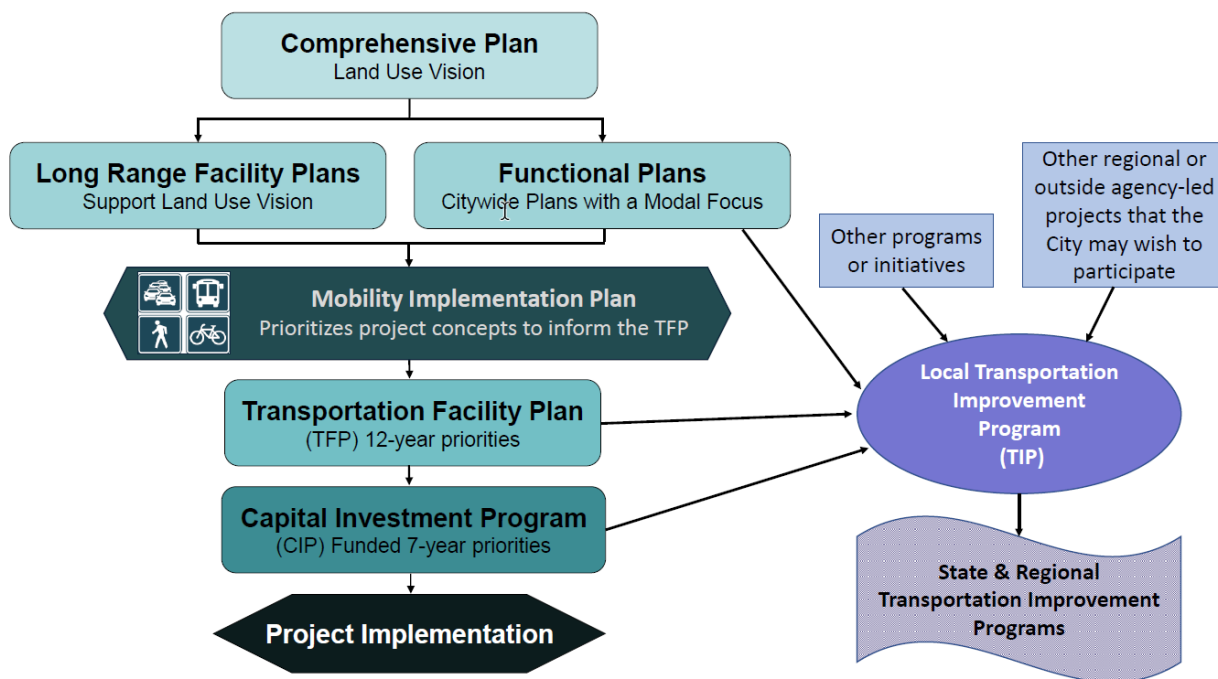
The six-year Local TIP serves as a rough work plan for the development of local transportation systems and, as such, represents an important planning component under the State's Growth Management Act. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) use Local TIPs as a tool for coordinating the transportation

programs of local jurisdictions with those of regional agencies. PSRC also monitors Local TIPs for projects of regional significance (to be modeled for Air Quality conformity) and projects supported by federal funds. These projects are incorporated into the Regional TIP, which is then forwarded for inclusion in the State TIP.

For the City of Bellevue, the primary importance of the Local TIP is that, in most instances, projects must be included on a Local TIP to be eligible for funding from state and federal grant programs. Because Local TIPs are not revenue constrained, like Bellevue’s Capital Investment Program (CIP) plan and Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP), the city can include projects and programs we would implement within the 6-year timeframe if the funding was available. Local TIPs then, by definition, represent a comprehensive listing of projects and programs deemed necessary to ensure a balanced investment in the City’s multimodal transportation system.

Figure 1 illustrates the relationship between the TIP, the Capital Investment Program, and the Transportation Facilities Plan.

Figure 1



Recommended City of Bellevue 2025-2030 TIP

Attached to this memo is the current 2024-2029 TIP project list, with mark-ups showing recommended revisions for the 2025-2030 TIP update. All projects listed fall within one of four color-coded categories, or sections, as described below:

- Section I Uncompleted CIP Projects (included in the Adopted 2023-2029 Capital Investment Program Plan – full or partial funding secured)

Section II

TFP Projects (unfunded projects included in the Adopted 2022-2033 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP))

Section III

Other unfunded local projects identified and scoped by completed Alternative Analyses and Planning or Pre-design Studies (may be considered for inclusion in the next TFP update)

Section IV

Regional or Outside Agency-led projects in which the city may choose to participate financially.

Projects recommended to be deleted from, or transferred between sections of the current 2024-2029 TIP can be identified by the following two colors on the attachment:

Remove

Projects included in the current 2024-2029 TIP that are recommended to be removed due to their completion, deletion, or combination with another existing TIP project are shaded red.

There are four projects recommended to be removed from the current 2024-2029 TIP:

- Two CIP projects in Section I are recommended to be removed as they are projected to be substantially completed in 2025 (TIP Ref Nos. 4a and 16).
- One CIP program’s sub-project in Section I is recommended to be deleted as it is no longer a recommended congestion management solution (TIP Ref No. 22b).
- One project (TIP Ref. No. 102) in Section III is recommended to be deleted because its benefit is now to be accomplished by implementing a roundabout as part of CIP project R-201 Bellevue College Connection (TIP Ref No. 23).

Transfer

Projects included in the current 2024-2029 TIP that are recommended to be transferred between TIP sections have been shaded light blue.

There is one project recommended to be transferred between TIP sections:

- One project in Section I (TIP Ref No. 33a) is proposed to be transferred to Section III as a portion of the project has been completed with a grant and the remaining portion will fill a missing gap.

The project costs listed in the “Project Funding Categories” columns of the attachment represent, in most cases, the actual level of funding budgeted or estimated to be needed by the city during the six-year timeframe of the Local TIP. Because the Local TIP is not revenue constrained, project costs are given one of two designations:

1. Secured Funding. Projects with secured funding have local or other sources of funding allocated to support full or partial project implementation.
2. Unsecured Funding. This designation reflects the portion of project costs that have no dedicated source of funding. Projects with unsecured funding at any level are included on

the list for planning purposes should funding become available within the six-year timeframe.

Due to the TIP update occurring at the beginning of a budget (CIP) adoption year, not all project description updates, and current cost information were available at the time of the packet mailing. Staff anticipates having a complete project list and the latest financial information available prior to the planned public hearing in April. Any project additions or substantive changes from the material provided here will be described in the April agenda material.

NEXT STEPS

Proposed TIP update timeline:

- February 8, 2024 – Commission status review of 2024-2029 TIP and recommended updates for the 2025-2030 TIP.
- April 11, 2024 (Tentative) -
 - Commission hosts a Public Hearing on the content of the Recommended 2025-2030 TIP.
 - Commission considers public testimony, potentially amends the Recommended 2025-20230 TIP, and recommends a TIP for City Council consideration and adoption.
- May/June 2024 – City Council reviews and adopts the Recommended 2025-2030 TIP.
- June 2024 – Formatting and submittal of the adopted 2025-2030 TIP to PSRC and WSDOT.

ATTACHMENTS

1. City of Bellevue 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program project list with recommended revisions for 2025-2030 TIP.
2. 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Map