

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution adopting the City of Bellevue 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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 a public hearing and recommended adoption of the proposed 2024-2029 Local TIP.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution No. 10258 adopting the City of Bellevue 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

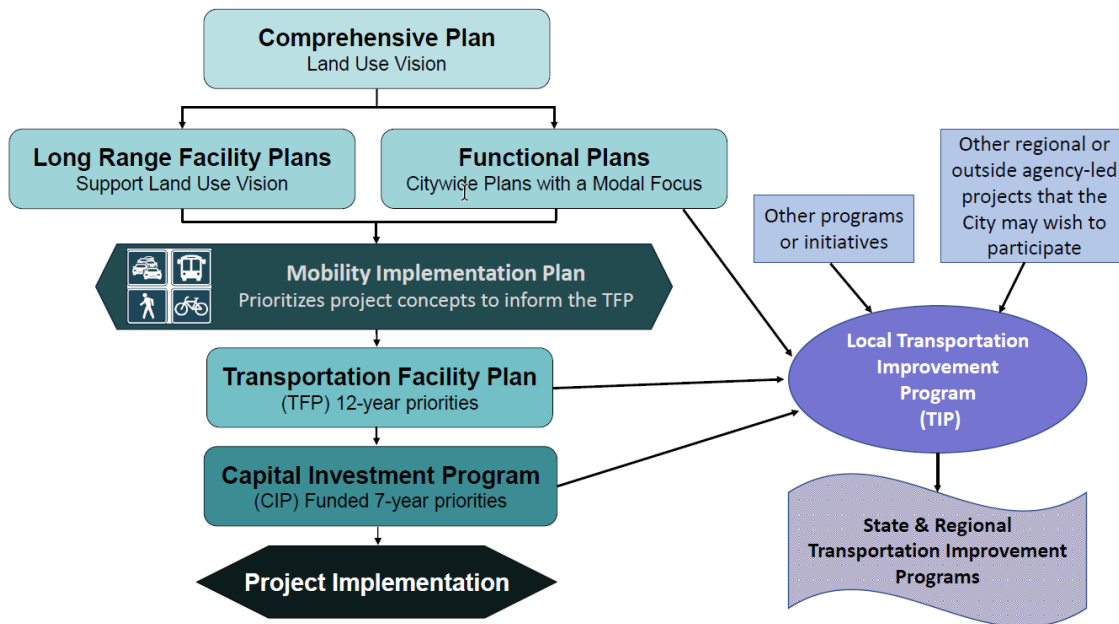
BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Local TIPs are not revenue constrained. In most instances, projects must be included on a Local TIP to be eligible for state and federal grant programs.

The Recommended City of Bellevue 2024-2029 TIP update is presented by the Transportation Commission for Council's review and adoption.

The six-year Local TIP serves as an inventory of projects and 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 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. In most instances, projects must be included on a Local TIP to be eligible for state and federal grant programs. Council adopted the current 2023-2028 Local TIP at its June 6, 2022 meeting (Resolution No. 10101).

The diagram below depicts the relationship between Bellevue's Local TIP and the City's multi-phased transportation planning and capital programming process, including the CIP and TFP.



Boxes on the left depict the stages of transportation project development, from policy development and planning to project prioritization, funding, and implementation.

Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP)

The highest priority projects identified in sub-area long-range facility and functional plans are included in the citywide 12-year TFP, a financially constrained plan, after a prioritization using the Mobility Implementation Plan’s framework to vet out project concepts. The roadway vehicular capacity projects in the TFP also form the basis for Transportation Impact Fee Program and calculations.

TFP projects are prioritized again, along with other projects – scoped to address emerging operational, safety and maintenance needs identified by City staff, the public or other sources – before implementation funding is allocated in the 7-year Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan.

TIP

Because **Local TIPs are not revenue constrained**, jurisdictions can include projects they would choose to implement within the timeframe, if funding were available. Attached is the recommended City of Bellevue 2024-2029 Local TIP which is comprised primarily of a project list. The comprehensive list includes four sections of projects:

- Section I. TIP Reference Nos. 1-40: Uncompleted projects included in the Adopted 2023-2029 Capital Investment Program Plan – full or partial funding secured;
- Section II. TIP Reference Nos. 41-77: Unfunded projects included in the Adopted 2022-2033 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP);
- Section III. TIP Reference Nos. 78-106: Other unfunded local projects identified and scoped

by completed Alternative Analyses and Planning or Pre-design Studies; and,

- Section IV. TIP Reference Nos. 107-111: Regional or Outside Agency-led projects in which the City may choose to participate financially.

There are nine new projects are recommended to be added to the TIP as follows:

- Seven projects (TIP Nos. 8, 31, 34g, 34h, 34i, 37, 39) are new Capital Investment Program (CIP) projects. These projects would be added to Section I of the TIP; and,
- Two projects (TIP Nos. 105 & 106) are new staff recommended projects. These projects would be added to Section III of the TIP.

Three projects are recommended to be removed from the current 2023-2028 TIP as they will be substantially completed by the end of 2023 or have been superseded by another project or process.

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. Exceptions to this method are the placeholder figures utilized for the costs associated with several TIP projects including TIP Reference Nos. 34 (Neighborhood Sidewalk Program), 78 (Pedestrian and Bicycle Implementation Initiative) and all projects in Section IV (107-111); (Regional or Outside Agency-Led Projects in which the City may choose to participate financially).

These figures provide general placeholders for currently unsecured funding necessary to advance implementation of these broader plans and projects. Because the Local TIP is not revenue constrained, project costs are given one of two designations:

- Secured Funding. Projects with secured funding have local or other sources of funding dedicated to support full or partial project implementation.
- 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.

TIP Public Hearing before the Transportation Commission

A Public Hearing on the recommended City of Bellevue 2024-2029 TIP was held as part of the Transportation Commission’s May 11 meeting. One written communication was received requesting two TFP projects listed in Section II (TIP Nos. 47 and 48) be removed. Section II of the recommended project list is a reflection of projects included in the adopted TFP, so it was explained that appropriate consideration would be given to these projects during the next review and update of the TFP, likely during 2024. A second written communication was received opposing the recommendation of the TIP adoption as the costs reflected do not represent full project life-cycle costs. Three people spoke in person during the public testimony portion of the hearing, two of which spoke in support of the recommendation to approve the TIP. After public testimony and thorough discussion, the Transportation Commission approved the recommended TIP project list.

Transportation Commission Recommendation

By unanimous vote at their May 11 meeting, and as further described in the attached transmittal memorandum, the Transportation Commission recommends Council adoption of the recommended

City of Bellevue 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

State law:

RCW 35.77.010 mandates that all local jurisdictions annually adopt and submit to the state a six-year program of transportation improvements, known as the Local TIP.

Comprehensive Plan:

Adopting the annual TIP directly supports Comprehensive Plan Policy TR-131 to “Seek state and federal funds for transportation capital, maintenance, and operations.” To be eligible to seek federal and state funding, the City must comply with state law and adopt an annual TIP.

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact of adopting the 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. However, it is often a pre-requisite that projects be listed on an approved TIP to become eligible for federal and state grant funding programs.

OPTIONS

1. Approve Resolution No. 10258 adopting the City of Bellevue 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
2. Do not approve the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff. Failure to adopt an updated Local TIP before July 1 would cause the city to be out of compliance with state law and potentially jeopardize the city’s ability to seek grant funding for transportation projects.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Recommended City of Bellevue 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program
- B. Transportation Commission Recommendation Memorandum
Proposed Resolution No. 10258

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