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Transportation Commission Study Session

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SUBJECT: Transportation Facilities Plan Update—Candidate Projects Overview

DIRECTION REQUESTED

- Action (Future)
- Discussion/Direction
- Information

On January 23, staff will continue discussion of the Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) update with the Transportation Commission. The primary topic will be review of candidate projects, including projects carried over from the current 2022-2033 TFP and new candidate projects from the Mobility Implementation Plan analysis of network “gaps” conducted last year and shared with the Commission at the meeting on September 12 (a summary of analyses discussed at earlier meetings on April 11, June 13, and July 11). We will also review candidate projects referred to the TFP process from the Bike Bellevue initiative.

BACKGROUND

As detailed at the Commission meeting on September 12, the Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) is required and adopted pursuant to the Bellevue City Code ([Title 22, Development Code](#)). The TFP serves as the City’s intermediate-range transportation capital facility planning document. It includes a listing of projects balanced to projected revenue over the 12-year plan period. At the meeting on October 10, the Commission reviewed eight TFP projects that are fully funded in the City’s 6-year Capital Investment Program Plan (CIP); these projects will be

advanced into the new 2026-2037 TFP by default (the City Council has already decided to fund them). At the meeting on December 12, the Commission reviewed 19 projects included in the City's Impact Fee program (including 19 projects in the current 2022-2033 TFP and six completed projects that add vehicular capacity to support development for which the city is still paying the cost of financing). Also reviewed at the December meeting were five regional projects, connecting the city street network to regional highways (SR 520 and I-405).

INFORMATION

In the project list (Attachment 1) projects are grouped by category to facilitate understanding of their status (funded, partially funded, not funded), project type (transit projects, pedestrian projects, bicycle projects) and source (MIP, Bike Bellevue or Other New).

At the top of the list are projects that are fully funded and expected to be complete by the end of this year (12 projects). These appear for purposes of transparency but will not be considered in the 2026-2037 TFP process.

Projects to be considered in the 2026-2037 TFP process appear in the following categories:

- a. Fully funded in the city budget but not expected to be complete by the end of 2025 (10 projects). As noted above, these are carried forward into the new 2026-2037 TFP by default.
- b. Partially funded projects, which have funding in the city budget for some level of project design or right-of-way or construction (e.g., of a phase) but the level is less than needed for full implementation (23 projects). These will need to be considered in the 2026-2037 TFP process. The fact of their having some level of funding already committed will be a factor to take into account in project prioritization and ultimate funding allocation in the new TFP.
- c. Other current TFP projects that were included in the 2022-2033 TFP with placeholder or impact fee project funding (20 projects). These will need to be considered in the 2026-2037 TFP process and inclusion determined by funding available in the out years of the TFP.
- d. Transit projects, which are included in accordance with city priorities to have frequent, efficient service between five activity centers in Bellevue, as well as connections to adjacent communities and regional centers (8 projects). The city does not provide transit service but does have some influence on routing, as well as control over the roadways used by transit and the routes people use to access transit on foot, bike or scooter. For the 2026-2037 TFP process, staff propose adding a project specifically for the Rapid Ride K-line.
- e. Pedestrian "gap" projects from the MIP (6 projects). The MIP currently focuses on arterial streets and there are many facility "gaps" in locations around the city. The six projects currently in this category represent the higher-scoring locations (where the need and benefit are highest), as previously shared with the Commission at the September meeting.
- f. Bicycle "gap" projects from MIP (11 projects). There are many bicycle system "gap" locations around the city. The eleven projects on this TFP candidate list are the higher-scoring locations, as previously shared with the Commission at the September meeting.

- g. Bicycle projects referred from Bike Bellevue (13 projects). The Bike Bellevue initiative was a focus for the Commission in 2023 and 2024 and generated significant public comment. The Bike Bellevue corridors are captured in the projects listed in this section, with project descriptions reflecting guidance provided by the Commission and City leadership.
- h. New projects from other sources (currently 4 projects). These include three intersection locations identified as potentially falling short of their V/C target in the 2044 horizon analysis conducted for the 2024 update of the city's Comprehensive Plan.

At the meeting, staff will highlight key projects and project categories. This will include discussion of candidate bicycle projects and how they fit together with one another or with existing facilities to create continuous routes. Attachment 2 is a map of the Priority Bicycle Corridors, with completion status of each. These corridors are designated in the city's 2009 Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan and represent the goal of having connected routes for comfortable movement by bicycle across the city. Some of the candidate projects for the TFP are at locations along these corridors and would address red (uncompleted) segments. Another resource to understand the status and progress of pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements is the city's online Pedestrian and Bicycle Progress report story map, located on the City website (search for [Pedestrian and Bicycle Progress Report](#)).

NEXT STEPS

Prior to the meeting on the 23rd, please become acquainted with the list of candidate projects (Attachment 1). Staff are working on a map, showing all the candidate projects; we hope to have a draft map available as a reference at the meeting on February 13. The map will be a key element for the public engagement process, anticipated to start in late February online, using the Engaging Bellevue platform, and in-person. In-person Open House events are currently scheduled for Crossroads Mall (February 25, 11am-1pm) and City Hall (February 26, 5-6:30pm). We are working to also arrange for an in-person Open House event at the Marketplace at Factoria (date, time TBD).

The anticipated focus for the meeting on February 13 will be evaluation of projects. Staff have started scoring the candidate projects according to the MIP system and expect to have scores available for the candidate pedestrian and bicycle projects. Staff will also pursue scoring for the candidate roadway/vehicle projects.

If you have questions or need additional information prior to the meeting, please contact Michael Ingram at (425) 452-4166 or mingram@bellevuewa.gov or Kristi Oosterveen at (425-452-4496) or koosterveen@bellevuewa.gov.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2026-2037 Preliminary TFP Candidate Project List, with current status notes
2. Map: Priority Bicycle Corridors, with completion status as of December 31, 2023
3. 2026-2037 TFP Update Timeline - PLANNED