

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC**

Resolution adopting the City of Bellevue 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****ACTION**

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. 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.

On April 24, 2025, the Transportation Commission hosted a public hearing and recommended adoption of the proposed 2026-2031 Local TIP. This Resolution will adopt the City of Bellevue 2026-2031 TIP.

**RECOMMENDATION**

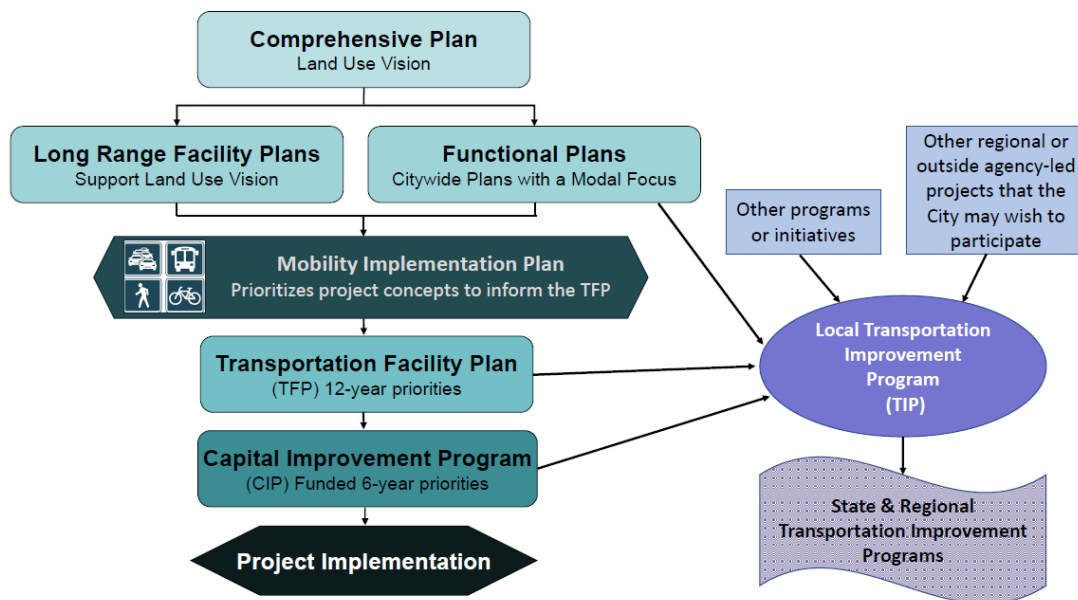
Move to adopt Resolution No. 10514

**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 six-year Local TIP serves as an inventory of projects and a preliminary 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 2025-2030 Local TIP at its May 7, 2024 meeting (Resolution No. 10384).

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 project concepts. 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 6-year Capital Improvement 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 2026-2031 Local TIP which is comprised primarily of a project list. The comprehensive list includes four sections of projects:

- Section I. TIP Reference Nos. 1-42: Uncompleted projects included in the Adopted 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program Plan – full or partial funding secured;
- Section II. TIP Reference Nos. 43-71: Unfunded projects included in the Adopted 2022-2033 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP);

- Section III. TIP Reference Nos. 72-136: Other unfunded local projects identified and scoped by completed Alternative Analyses and Planning or Pre-design Studies; and,
- Section IV. TIP Reference Nos. 137-141: Regional or Outside Agency-led projects in which the City may choose to participate financially.

There are 39 new projects recommended to be added to the TIP as follows:

- Four (TIP Nos. 25, 26, 30 and 41) are new projects in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). These projects would be added to Section I of the TIP;
- One (TIP No. 33b) is a new subproject within an existing program in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This subproject would be added to Section I of the TIP;
- 34 (TIP Nos. 103-136) are candidate projects in the 2026-2037 TFP update process, currently underway. These projects will be added to Section III of the TIP.

11 projects are recommended to be removed from the current 2025-2030 TIP as they will be substantially complete by the end of 2025 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 for project implementation during the six-year timeframe of the Local TIP. Exceptions to this approach are the placeholder figures utilized for the costs associated with several TIP entries including TIP Reference Nos. 33 (Neighborhood Sidewalk Program), 72 (Pedestrian and Bicycle Implementation Initiative) and all projects in Section IV (137-141; 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 2026-2031 TIP was held as part of the Transportation Commission’s April 24 meeting. No written communication was received. One person spoke during public testimony encouraging the Commission to continue efforts to create pedestrian-friendly connections to transit and rapid ride routes. After public testimony and thorough discussion, the Transportation Commission approved the recommended TIP project list.

#### Transportation Commission Recommendation

By unanimous vote at their April 24 meeting, and as further described in the attached transmittal memorandum, the Transportation Commission recommends Council adoption of the recommended City of Bellevue 2026-2031 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-123 to “Leverage local funding to seek and secure 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 2026-2031 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. Adopt the Resolution adopting the City of Bellevue 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Recommended City of Bellevue 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program
- B. Transportation Commission Recommendation Memorandum  
Proposed Resolution No. 10514

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