

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution adopting the City of Bellevue 2027-2032 Transportation Improvement Program.

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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 Transportation Improvement Program (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 May 14, the Transportation Commission hosted a public hearing and recommended adoption of the proposed 2027-2032 Local TIP. This Resolution will adopt the City of Bellevue 2027-2032 TIP.

## RECOMMENDATION

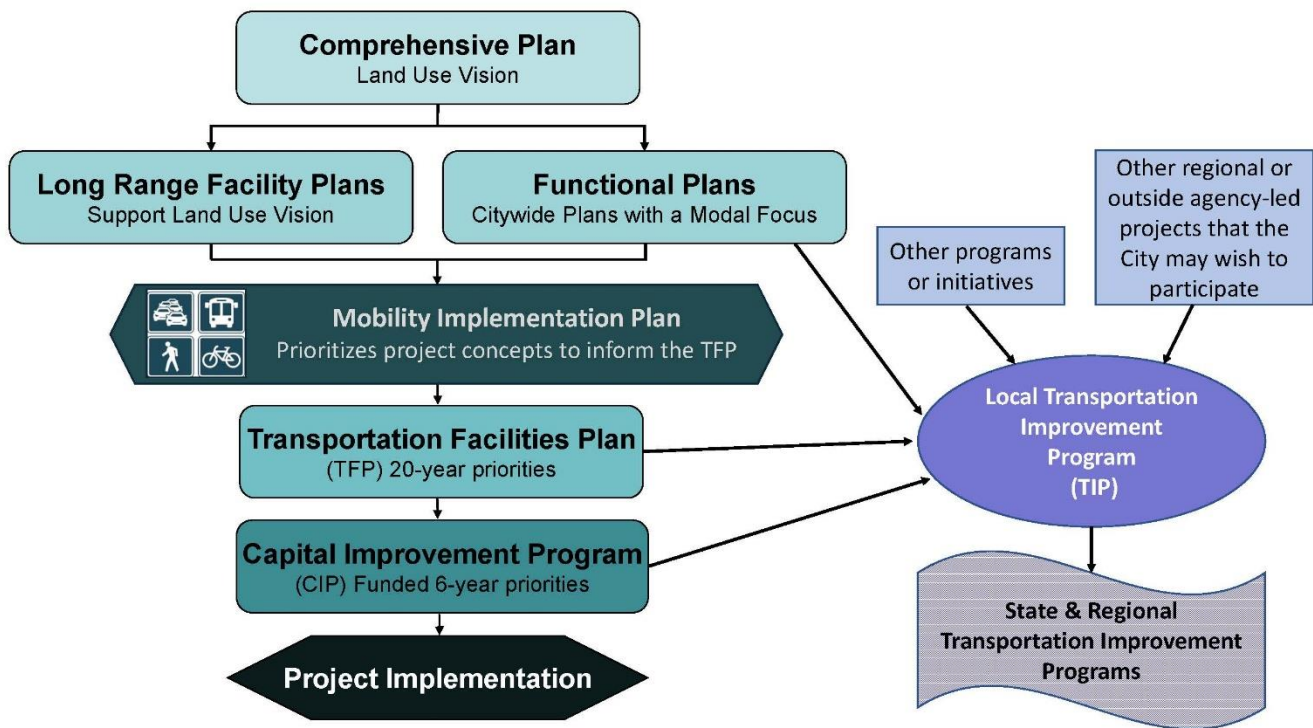
Move to adopt Resolution No. 10642

## 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 2026-2031 Local TIP at its June 3, 2025 meeting (Resolution No. 10514).

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 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Transportation Facilities Plan (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 20-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.

#### Transportation Improvement Program (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 2027-2032 Local TIP which is comprised primarily of a project list. The comprehensive list includes four sections of projects:

- Section I. TIP Reference Nos. 1-42a: Uncompleted projects included in the Adopted 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program Plan – full or partial funding secured;
- Section II. TIP Reference Nos. 43-82: Unfunded projects included in the Adopted 2026-2045 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP);

- Section III. TIP Reference Nos. 83-108: Other unfunded local projects identified and scoped by completed Alternative Analyses and Planning or Pre-design Studies; and,
- Section IV. TIP Reference Nos. 109-113: Regional or Outside Agency-led projects in which the city may choose to participate financially.

There are 12 new projects recommended to be added to the TIP as follows:

- One (TIP No. 35) is a project assumed to be finished prior to the current 2026-2031 TIP that is still active and being considered for grant funding.
- Seven (TIP Nos. 5a, 5b, 16b, 31a, 33a, 33b and 42a) are new subprojects within an existing program or project in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). These projects would be added to Section I of the TIP;
- One (TIP No. 66) is a new project in the 2026-2045 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP). This project would be added to Section II of the TIP;
- Three (TIP Nos. 106, 107 and 108) are new projects related to the Intersection, Pedestrian and Bicycle performance gaps identified in the Mobility Implementation Plan (MIP). These projects will be added to Section III of the TIP.

30 projects are recommended to be removed from the current 2026-2031 TIP as they will be substantially completed by the end of 2026 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. 32 (Neighborhood Sidewalk Program), 83 (Transportation Demand Management Program) and all projects in Section IV (109-113); (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 2027-2032 TIP was held as part of the Transportation Commission’s May 14 meeting. No written communication was received. Two people spoke during public testimony. One commended Commission and staff for the work they had done and were in support of TIP No. 106 addressing the Mobility Implementation Plan’s Intersection Performance gaps and the other encouraging the Commission to help create transit connections in neighborhoods that connect to the new light rail stations. Staff addressed the transit connections question during the TIP presentation. After public testimony and thorough discussion, the Transportation Commission

approved the recommended TIP project list.

#### Transportation Commission Recommendation

By unanimous vote at their May 14 meeting, and as further described in the attached transmittal memorandum, the Transportation Commission recommends Council adoption of the attached City of Bellevue 2027-2032 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 2027-2032 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 2027-2032 Transportation Improvement Program.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Recommended City of Bellevue 2027-2032 Transportation Improvement Program plan
- B. Transportation Commission Recommendation Memorandum  
Proposed Resolution No. 10642

### **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

N/A