

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Ordinance amending the Bellevue City Code (BCC) to change the plan horizon duration of the Transportation Facility Plan from 12 to 20 years; amending BCC sections 22.16.020 and 22.16.050; and establishing an effective date.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

Transportation staff and the Transportation Commission Vice-chair presented the Preliminary 2026-2045 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) project list at a Council Study Session on August 4, along with a recommendation to extend the TFP timespan from 12 years to 20 years. At that meeting the Council directed the continuation of the TFP update process and expressed support for changing the TFP timespan to 20 years. The Transportation Commission formally recommended Council adoption of the 2026-2045 TFP at their meeting on October 9. This Ordinance will amend Bellevue City Code Section 22.16 to change the TFP term to 20 years.

A separate City Council Agenda Topic and Council action at this meeting will adopt the 2026-2046 TFP.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6886

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**Transportation Facilities Plan**

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 plan period. The TFP functions as a bridge between the Mobility Implementation Plan (MIP), long-range facility plans and modal plans (e.g., Transit Master Plan) and the funded projects in the adopted 6-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Plan. The TFP provides the first level of citywide prioritization of transportation facility projects identified in the MIP, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and in long-range transportation studies.

The current 2022-2033 TFP, a 12-year plan, was adopted by Council on July 11, 2022 (Resolution No. 10112). The Proposed 2026-2045 TFP, a 20-year plan, will be adopted by separate Council action at this meeting (refer to separate agenda memorandum for details).

Associated City Code Amendment

Bellevue City Code (BCC) 22.16.050 states “The Transportation Facilities Plan is a 12-year list of transportation improvements in the service area. These transportation improvements include design, acquisition of right-of-way, and construction. Every two years or as otherwise directed by Council, the Transportation Commission shall review and, as necessary, present an update of the TFP to the City Council for consideration.”

As discussed at the August 4 Council Study Session, the CIP plan includes more transportation projects, and project costs, than available funding can support in the 2025-2030 period of the CIP Plan. Current revenue projections indicate that a 12-year TFP period is not enough time to gain the revenue needed to complete the discrete projects and to continue to fund the ongoing capital programs in the current 2025-2030 CIP Plan. Therefore, Council agreed with staff and the Transportation Commission to extend the TFP period to 20 years, 2026-2045.

In addition, extending the TFP to 2045 puts it into alignment with the horizon of the City’s Comprehensive Plan, reinforcing the relationship between the vision for land use growth and a transportation system to accommodate that growth. This time span is consistent with the preferred practice suggested by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) during their review of the City’s Comprehensive Plan, prior to adoption of the update last year.

Extending the TFP timeframe requires revision of the City Code, changing two references to a 12-year plan to a 20-year plan (Refer to Attachments A and B for revised Code language). No other amendments to the code are proposed.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Comprehensive Plan

Policy CF-1 of the Capital Facilities Element and policies TR-1, TR-17 through TR-22, TR-40, TR-88, TR-96, TR-110, TR-120, TR-121 and TR-124 of the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan provide a framework for the City’s periodic update of the TFP.

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Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with revising City code regarding the TFP or adoption of the 2026-2045 TFP. A subset of the projects included within the proposed 2026-2045 TFP are on the transportation impact fee project list. The impact fee project list supports the impact fee rates included in the adopted impact fee rate schedule.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance amending the Bellevue City Code (BCC) to change the plan horizon duration of the Transportation Facility Plan from 12 to 20 years; amending BCC sections 22.16.020 and 22.16.050; and establishing an effective date.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Proposed revisions to BCC 22.16 (strike draft)
Proposed Ordinance No. 6886

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N/A