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Transportation Commission Study Session

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SUBJECT: Transportation Facilities Plan Update

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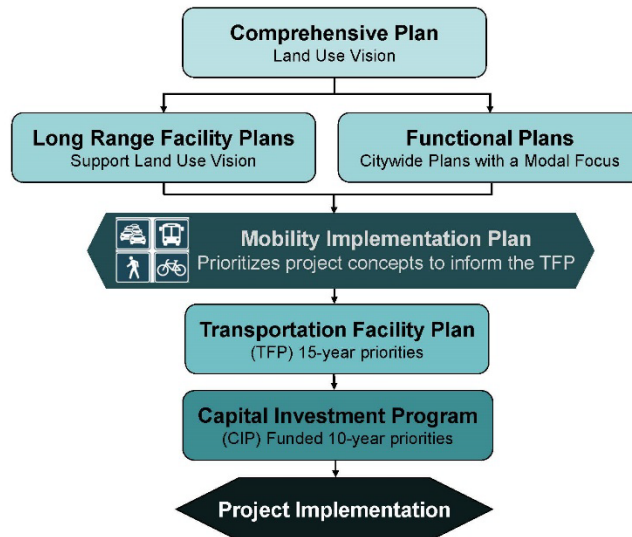
- Action (Future)
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- Information

On September 12, staff will outline for the Transportation Commission the proposed process to update the city's Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP). Staff will present and describe a preliminary update timeline with indication of key process components, including Commission roles and decision points. Development of the new 2026-2040 TFP will be informed by the Mobility Implementation Plan (MIP) framework adopted by the City Council in 2022. The MIP provides a system for describing and evaluating transportation system performance for motor vehicle mode, bicycle mode, walking mode and transit mode.

BACKGROUND

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 plan period (traditionally, 12 years). The TFP provides the first level of citywide prioritization of transportation facility projects associated with performance "gaps" identified in the MIP as well as projects identified via other city studies and outreach efforts.

The TFP informs the list of candidate projects considered for inclusion in the city’s capital budget (Capital Investment Program or CIP), which is updated biennially, with each budget cycle.



The other important function of the TFP is to support the city’s [Transportation Impact Fee program](#). Impact fees are charged to new land use development projects to pay for a portion of the costs of roadway and intersection capacity needed to serve the traffic growth associated with the new development. The roadway and intersection capacity projects with full implementation funding allocated in the adopted TFP form the basis for the City’s current Transportation Impact Fee program.

Bellevue’s TFP is a “financially constrained” plan. This means that the identified cost of projects in the TFP must be balanced with the amount of transportation revenue the city forecasts will be available over the plan period.

Bellevue City Code ([Section 22.16.050](#)) requires that the Transportation Commission present an update of the TFP to the City Council for consideration every two years or as otherwise directed by the Council. The Commission’s role in developing the TFP includes reviewing the lists of candidate projects for the vehicle, bicycle and walk modes and providing input on the development of an overall, combined list of priority projects (involving all modes) that can be included, given anticipated amount of funding available during the plan period. To inform this process, the Commission solicits public comment on candidate projects and on project priorities.

By current code, the TFP is a 12-year plan, a timespan that extends 5 years beyond the 7-year period traditionally captured in the CIP. With the budget process now underway, the city is shifting to a 10-year CIP. Staff therefore recommend extending the timespan for the new TFP to 15 years, which will provide a pool of projects for consideration across several biennial budget cycles. Extending the timeline of the TFP will require an amendment to City Code. Staff are

researching the procedural steps involved with pursuing this change and will inform the Commission when the process and proposed timeline is determined.

The current [2022-2033 TFP](#) was adopted by the City Council in July 2022, concluding a process that began in September 2020. The new MIP framework and the associated project evaluation work that has been shared with the Commission at the April, June and July meetings and will be further discussed at the September 12 meeting provides a baseline for the upcoming TFP process. The project concepts, technical scoring and public comment are inputs to the TFP and create efficiencies in the TFP update process. This update process is being planned to result in the adoption of a new 2026-2040 TFP in Summer 2025.

NEXT STEPS

Prior to the meeting on the 12th, please take a few minutes to review the current 2022-2033 Transportation Facilities Plan document, which is attached to this memo (with added project update/status information) and a draft timeline for the 2026-2040 TFP update process.

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. 2022-2033 TFP document
2. 2022-2033 TFP projects with current status notes
3. 2026-2040 TFP Update Timeline—DRAFT