City of Bellevue



Transportation Commission Study Session

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SUBJECT: Transportation Facilities Plan Update

DIRECTION REQUESTED

X Action

X Discussion/Direction

Information

On October 9, staff will seek Commission's endorsement of the proposed 2026-2045 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) update. The proposed TFP project list was presented to the City Council on August 4 by staff and Commission Vice-Chair Magill. Council members expressed support for the proposed project list, while also directing that seven transit projects in the candidate list be included in the updated TFP. Council members also expressed support for extending the TFP timeframe from 12 years to 20 years. The Commission will be asked for a letter endorsing the updated TFP and to designate a representative to accompany staff in presenting the proposed TFP update to the Council.

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) is required and adopted pursuant to the Bellevue City Code (<u>Title 22, Development Code</u>). The TFP serves as the City's intermediate-range transportation capital facility planning document. The current <u>2022-2033 TFP</u> was adopted by the City Council on July 11, 2022.

The TFP update process started with a briefing to the Commission on September 12, 2024. Additional engagement with the Commission occurred at subsequent meetings:

- October 10, the Commission reviewed eight TFP projects that are included in the City's
 6-year Capital Improvement Program Plan (CIP); these projects will be advanced into the
 new TFP by default (the City Council has already decided to fund them).
- December 12, the Commission reviewed 25 projects included in the City's Impact Fee program. These included 19 projects in the current 2022-2033 TFP and six completed projects, all of which add(ed) vehicular capacity to support development (growth). The completed projects remain on the impact fee project list as the city is still paying the cost of financing. Also reviewed at the December meeting were five regional projects, adding or enhancing connections from the city arterial network to regional highways (SR 520 and I-405).
- January 23, the Commission reviewed the 27 bicycle network projects in the current candidate list.
- February 12, the Commission reviewed the score-ranking of projects, as evaluated per the <u>Mobility Implementation Plan</u> frameworks for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle mode project concepts.
- March 27, the Commission reviewed the public input received through various communications and outreach activities, including in-person open house events and an online map of candidate projects.
- May 8, the Commission was briefed on the process staff pursued for project prioritization and reviewed the initial prioritization of projects, as proposed by staff.
- July 10, the Commission received a briefing on funding anticipated for the TFP timeframe, endorsed a preliminary project list for the 2026-2045 TFP and a project transmittal letter to the City Council.

INFORMATION

The proposed 2026-2045 TFP includes a list of 76 discrete projects. Consistent with discussion at the July 10 meeting, the project list has been augmented to also include 15 ongoing transportation programs. Including the ongoing programs in the TFP provides a fuller picture of how the city implements transportation improvements and is useful in an overall context where the outlook for capital funding for transportation improvements is limited.

In the list, 25 projects have gray fill, indicating full implementation is anticipated in the TFP timeframe. In most cases, funding is in the current 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program, either as specific line items or via the ongoing capital programs. Updated cost estimates for six

priority Transportation Impact Fee projects in the Congestion Reduction Program show additional funding of \$16 million is needed to complete their implementation. This leaves a balance of \$10.5 million available as unallocated revenue. Other projects in the list have funding in the CIP, but it is less than needed for implementation, so they do not have gray fill. Two additional projects, TFP-110 and TFP-219, are expected to be implemented in conjunction with development adjacent to the project; both are located Downtown.

Projects in the TFP not shown with gray fill will be advanced for implementation as additional funds become available, as priorities evolve and as opportunities emerge. Projects TFP-303 to TFP-309 are transit projects; these were among the candidate projects considered in the TFP process and have been added to the list for the final TFP, per direction of the Council. Staff will be prepared to discuss the TFP project list at the Commission meeting, as useful.

A proposed 2026-2045 Transportation Facilities Plan document is included with this memo; see Attachment 1. Also attached is a draft transmittal letter from the Commission to Council, recommending the 2026-2045 TFP. Staff are seeking Commission recommendation of the proposed 2026-2045 TFP and approval of the letter, including any desired edits. Staff are also asking for the Commission to designate a member to accompany staff in presenting the proposed 2026-2045 TFP to the Council.

NEXT STEPS

The 2026-2045 TFP is anticipated to be a topic for the November 18 meeting of the City Council. Staff will include the transmittal letter from the Commission to the Council with the materials for the meeting. Staff and a Commissioner will be prepared to discuss the TFP process and recommended project list with the Council, as needed.

Staff are currently working on network modeling analysis and developing an updated Impact Fee Program Report (documenting the basis for the City's <u>transportation impact fee</u> rate charged to new land use development, which is based in part on the vehicular capacity projects in the TFP). Also in process is the required programmatic environmental review (SEPA checklist) for the new TFP; a determination of non-significance is anticipated for the TFP (individual projects in the TFP undergo SEPA review at time of implementation).

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 (425-4496) or koosterveen@bellevuewa.gov.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Proposed 2026-2045 Transportation Facilities Plan
- 2. 2026-2045 TFP transmittal letter from Commission to City Council—DRAFT