



Transportation Commission Study Session

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SUBJECT: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Annual Update (2026-2031)

DIRECTION REQUESTED

- ☒ Action
- ☒ Discussion
- ☒ Information

At the February 13 Commission meeting, staff will present an overview of the status of projects in the current 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and proposed updates for the new 2026-2031 TIP. We will also review the function of the TIP in the transportation planning and financial programming process. Staff seek Commission input on the updates and your direction to return with a Recommended 2026-2031 TIP to a public hearing. Commission Action is requested to set a public hearing date of April 10, 2025.

BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION

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. On April 11, 2024, the Transportation Commission hosted an in-person public hearing with a virtual option via Zoom and recommended adoption of the current 2025-2030 Local TIP. On May 7, 2024, the City Council adopted the current TIP (Resolution No. 10384).

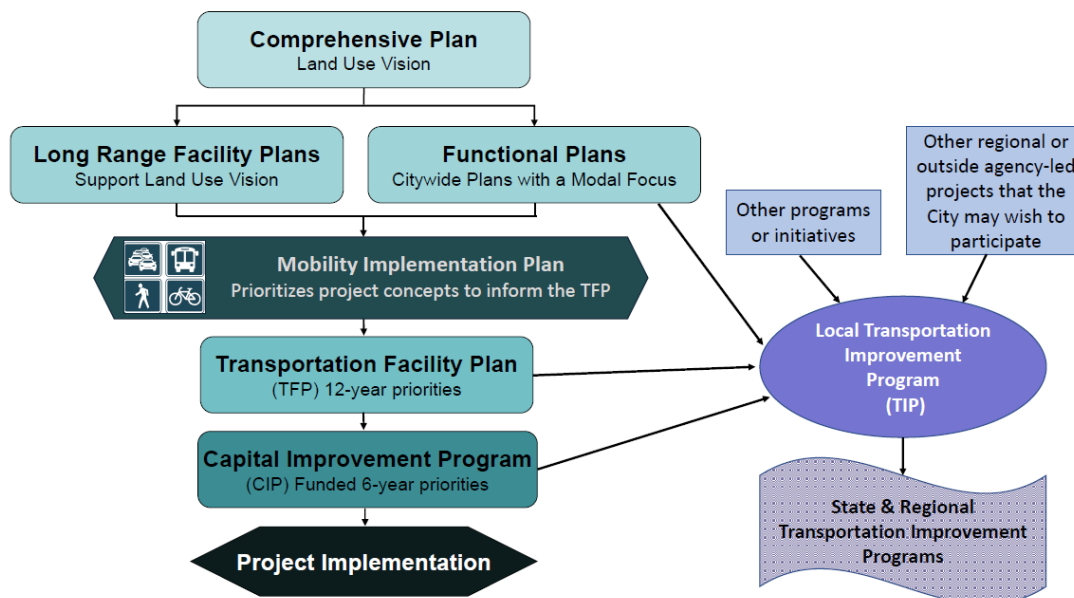
The six-year Local TIP serves as a rough work plan for the development of local transportation systems and, as such, represents an important planning component under the State's Growth Management Act. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) use Local TIPs as a tool for coordinating the transportation

programs of local jurisdictions with those of regional agencies. PSRC also 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.

For the City of Bellevue, the primary importance of the Local TIP is that, in most instances, projects must be included on a Local TIP to be eligible for funding from state and federal grant programs. Because Local TIPs are not revenue constrained, like Bellevue's Capital Investment Program (CIP) plan and Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP), the city can include projects and programs we would implement within the 6-year timeframe if the funding was available. Local TIPs then, by definition, represent a comprehensive listing of projects and programs deemed necessary to ensure a balanced investment in the City's multimodal transportation system.

Figure 1 illustrates the relationship between the TIP, the Capital Investment Program, and the Transportation Facilities Plan.

Figure 1



Recommended City of Bellevue 2026-2031 TIP

Attached to this memo is the current 2025-2030 TIP project list, with mark-ups showing recommended revisions for the 2026-2031 TIP update. All projects listed fall within one of four color-coded categories, or sections, as described below:

Section I

Uncompleted CIP Projects (included in the Adopted 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program Plan – full or partial funding secured)

Section II

TFP Projects (unfunded projects included in the Adopted 2022-2033 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP))

Section III

Other unfunded local projects identified and scoped by completed Alternative Analyses and Planning or Pre-design Studies (may be considered for inclusion in the next TFP update)

Section IV

Regional or Outside Agency-led projects in which the city may choose to participate financially.

Projects recommended to be added to, deleted from, or transferred between sections of the current 2025-2030 TIP can be identified by the following three colors on the attachment:

New

New projects recommended to be added to the current 2025-2030 TIP are shaded green.

There are 40 new projects recommended to be added to the TIP as follows:

- Five projects are new CIP projects that were adopted during the last budget update. These projects will be added to Section I.
- One project is a new CIP program project within the Neighborhood Sidewalks Program. This project will be added to Section I.
- 34 projects are TFP candidate projects that are being evaluated for the 2026-2037 TFP process. These projects will be added to Section III.

Remove

Projects included in the current 2025-2030 TIP that are recommended to be removed due to their completion, deletion, or combination with another existing TIP project are shaded red.

There are 15 projects recommended to be removed from the current 2025-2030 TIP:

- Two CIP projects in Section I are recommended to be removed as they are projected to be substantially completed by 2026 (TIP Ref Nos. 11 and 36).
- Two CIP projects in Section I are recommended to be removed as they were removed from the CIP during the last budget update (TIP Ref Nos. 7 and 38).
- Nine CIP programs' sub-projects in Section I are recommended to be removed as they are complete or will be substantially complete by 2026 (TIP Ref Nos. 4a, 21c, 33a, 33b, 33c, 33e, 33f, 33g and 33h).
- Two projects (TIP Ref. Nos. 58 and 59) in Section II are recommended to be deleted because they are now part of the CIP program project WB-85 Bicycle Network Facilities Implementation (TIP Ref No. 34).



Projects included in the current 2025-2030 TIP that are recommended to be transferred between TIP sections have been shaded light blue.

There are 13 projects recommended to be transferred between TIP sections:

- Two projects in Section I are proposed to be transferred to Section III. The Bridge and Pavement Preservation Program (TIP Ref No. 1) was moved to the general fund as part of the budget update and 148th Ave SE/SE 8th Street to Main Street Flood Mitigation project (TIP Ref No. 6) completed its initial assessment.
- One project in Section I (TIP No. 16) is proposed to be transferred to Section II, as there is no further capital funding, and it is a current TFP project.
- Four projects from Section II (TIP Ref Nos. 41, 48, 50, and 62) are proposed to be transferred to Section I as they are new 2025-2030 CIP projects.
- Three projects from Section II (TIP Ref Nos. 57, 63 and 64) are proposed to be transferred to Section I as they are now part of the sub-project list for the Neighborhood Congestion Management Project Implementation program (TIP Ref No. 21).
- Three projects from Section III (TIP Ref Nos. 104, 107 and 108) are proposed to be transferred to Section I as they are new 2025-2030 CIP projects.

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. Because the Local TIP is not revenue constrained, project costs are given one of two designations:

1. **Secured Funding.** Projects with secured funding have local or other sources of funding allocated to support full or partial project implementation.
2. **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.

Due to the TIP update timing occurring at the beginning of a budget (CIP) adoption year, not all project description updates, and current cost information were available at the time of the packet publication. Staff anticipate having a complete project list and the latest financial information available prior to the planned public hearing in April. Any project additions or substantive changes from the material provided here will be described in the April agenda material.

NEXT STEPS

Proposed TIP update timeline:

- February 13, 2025 – Commission status review of 2025-2030 TIP and recommended updates for the 2026-2031 TIP.
- March 13, 2025 – Commission completes review of recommended 2026-2031, if necessary.

- April 10, 2025 (Tentative) -
 - Commission hosts a Public Hearing on the content of the Recommended 2026-2031 TIP.
 - Commission considers public testimony, potentially amends the Recommended 2026-2031 TIP, and recommends a TIP for City Council consideration and adoption.
- May/June 2025 – City Council reviews and adopts the Recommended 2026-2031 TIP.
- June 2025 – Formatting and submittal of the adopted 2026-2031 TIP to PSRC and WSDOT.

ATTACHMENTS

1. City of Bellevue 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program project list with recommended revisions for 2026-2031 TIP.
2. 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Map