

Bellevue Transportation Commission

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TO: Bellevue City Council

FROM: Transportation Commission

SUBJECT: 2026-2045 Transportation Facilities Plan

Commissioners:

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Kevin McDonald, AICP 425-452-4558 kmcdonald@ bellevuewa.gov Pursuant to Bellevue City Code Chapter 22.16, the Bellevue Transportation Commission is pleased to present to the City Council our proposed 2026-2045 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) for your consideration. The TFP document lists the transportation improvements planned for Bellevue over the next twenty years. We recommend this updated TFP—which we approved on October 9th—for adoption by the City Council.

Starting in September 2024, we engaged with Transportation Department staff and the public to evaluate existing and candidate projects for inclusion in the TFP update. The Preliminary 2026-2045 TFP project list was presented to the Council on August 4. In response to Council direction at that meeting, we have added seven transit projects to the project list in the 2026-2045 TFP. The proposed 2026-2045 TFP, including a list and map of projects, is attached.

In developing the TFP Project List we considered a candidate pool of projects drawn from the current 2022-2033 TFP, projects referred to the TFP process from the Bike Bellevue initiative and projects that address "gap" locations in the pedestrian and bicycle system networks in the Mobility Implementation Plan. We also considered intersections where analysis for the update of the Comprehensive Plan showed potential for vehicle demand to exceed performance targets in 2044.

Projects were evaluated and scored according to the Mobility Implementation Plan system to develop an initial score by mode (vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle). We conducted a public outreach process in February and March that involved an online open house on the Engaging Bellevue platform and two in-person open house events. We then considered additional factors, including the extent to which investments have already been made to advance certain projects and the opportunity to partner with other agencies to implement projects.

The TFP project list includes 13 projects that have full implementation funding in the current 2025-2030 CIP, as well as 12 projects anticipated to be implemented via ongoing Transportation capital programs (including the Neighborhood Congestion Reduction program funded in part by the Transportation Levy). The total available for allocation to the remaining 51 projects in the 20-year TFP is \$10.5 million, which is a significantly lower amount than in past TFP cycles. Therefore, we agreed with staff to not assign dollars to a few specific projects. Instead, the proposed 2026-2045 TFP project list maintains them all as "placeholders," active candidates for funding and implementation as opportunities may arise.

We recommend the adoption of the proposed 2026-2045 Transportation Facilities Plan. If you have questions about our recommendation or the TFP update process in general, please contact, Karen Stash, Transportation Commission Chair or Mike Ingram, Senior Transportation Planner, at 425-452-4166 or mingram@bellevuewa.gov.

Attachment 1 – Proposed 2026-2045 Transportation Facilities Plan