

City of
Bellevue



Transportation Commission Study Session

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SUBJECT: 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

DIRECTION REQUESTED *SELECT AN OPTION FROM CHOICES BELOW WITH AN X.*

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 Information

The proposed 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was introduced to the Transportation Commission on February 13, 2020. Staff reviewed with the Commission potential additions, deletions, and modifications to the list of projects in the current 2020-2025 TIP. The Commission agreed to make the proposed 2021-2026 TIP project list the basis for a mandated public hearing on the City's Local TIP update (see Attachments 1 and 2).

On June 25, 2020, the Transportation Commission will host a public hearing and be asked to make a recommendation to the City Council for adoption of the Proposed City of Bellevue 2021-2026 TIP. The City Council is scheduled to take action on the TIP update on July 6, 2020.

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 May 9, 2019, the Transportation Commission hosted a public hearing and recommended adoption of the current 2020-2025 Local TIP. On June 3, 2019, the City Council adopted the current TIP (Resolution No. 9600).

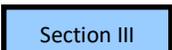
The six-year Local TIP serves as a rough work plan for the development of local transportation systems and, as such, represents an important planning component under the State's Growth Management Act. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Puget

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.

Proposed City of Bellevue 2021-2026 TIP

Attachment 1 is the project list that comprises the proposed City of Bellevue 2021-2026 Local TIP update. All projects listed fall within one of four color-coded categories, or sections, as described below:

-  TIP Reference Nos. 1-35: Uncompleted CIP Projects (included in the Adopted 2019-2025 Capital Investment Program Plan – full or partial funding secured)
-  TIP Reference Nos. 36-66: TFP Projects (unfunded projects included in the Proposed 2019-2030 Transportation Facilities Plan)
-  TIP Reference Nos. 67-100: Other unfunded local projects identified in the Comprehensive Transportation Project List or scoped by completed Alternative Analyses and Planning or Pre-design Studies
-  TIP Reference Nos. 101-104: Regional or Outside Agency-led projects in which the City may choose to participate financially

As reviewed with the Commission at the meeting on February 13, 2020 and updated:

There are eight new projects and four new project descriptions proposed to be added to the TIP as follows:

- Eight projects (TIP Nos. 93-100) are new Comprehensive Transportation Project List (CTPL) projects associated with the Eastgate Transportation Study. These projects would be added to Section III of the TIP;
- One project description (TIP No. 42) was revised to reflect the updates from the Eastgate Transportation Study. This project description would be revised in Section II of the TIP; and
- Three project descriptions (TIP Nos. 101, 102 and 104) were revised to reflect the most current relevant information for regional or outside agency-led projects in which the

City may choose to participate financially. These project descriptions would be revised in Section IV of the TIP.

There are five projects proposed to be removed from the current 2020-2025 TIP (Attachment 3):

- One CIP project in Section I is projected to be substantially completed in 2020;
- One project in Section II is proposed to be removed as it was completed with grant and CIP program funds;
- One project in Section III is proposed to be removed as it was not a recommendation of the Eastgate Transportation Study and is no longer included in the CTPL;
- One project in Section IV is proposed to be removed because the State does not plan to study the area; and
- One project in Section IV is proposed to be removed because the City's participation has already been defined.

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.

REQUESTED ACTION

Staff request approval of a formal motion recommending that the City Council adopt the Proposed City of Bellevue 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program.

A draft Transportation Commission transmittal memorandum is attached for your consideration (see Attachment 4). Typically for this action, no Commission representative need be present to deliver the recommendation to Council.

NEXT STEPS

Proposed TIP update timeline:

- July 6, 2020 – City Council reviews and adopts the Proposed 2021-2026 TIP.
- July 15, 2020 – Formatting and submittal of the adopted 2021-2026 TIP to PSRC and WSDOT.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed City of Bellevue 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Project List
2. Proposed City of Bellevue 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Project Map
3. Projects Proposed to be Deleted from the current 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Project list
4. Draft Transportation Commission Recommendation Transmittal Memorandum