

Council Workshop

Budget Process Context and Transportation Needs

Community Development
Finance & Asset Management
Office of the Grand Connection
Transportation

April 21, 2026



Agenda

1. Section 1 – Budget and Financial

- a. Background and Process Discussion
- b. The Long View and Growth
- c. The Budget Decision Context

2. Section 2 – Transportation Needs

- a. Two Portfolios, One System
- b. Prioritizing Investments

3. Section 3 – Funding Tools

- a. The Gaps
- b. Funding Tools
- c. Achieving the Targets
- d. Public Engagement for Transportation Needs



Budget Process

The process and context for 2026 and beyond



Council Budget Calendar



February 25-27: Council Retreat & Approach to Budget Process



April 21: Council Workshop on Budget Process and Transportation



June 23: Forecast & 1st Public Hearing



September 15: Preliminary Budget & 2nd Public Hearing



September-October: Council Budget Briefings



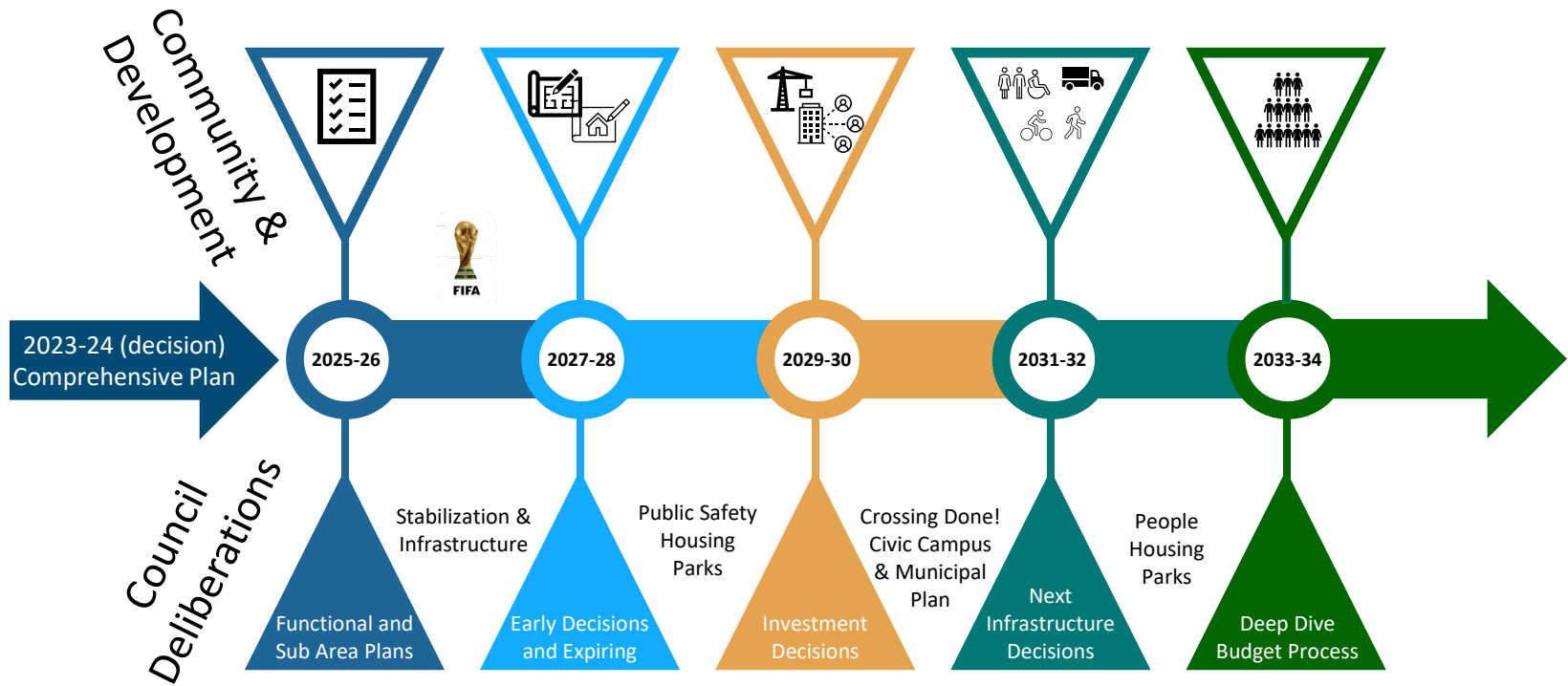
October 27: Final Public Hearing & Council Deliberation



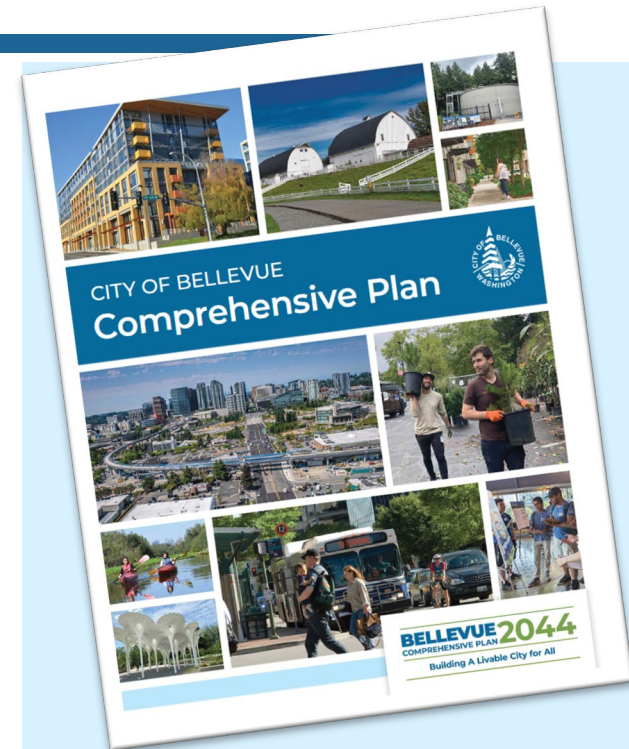
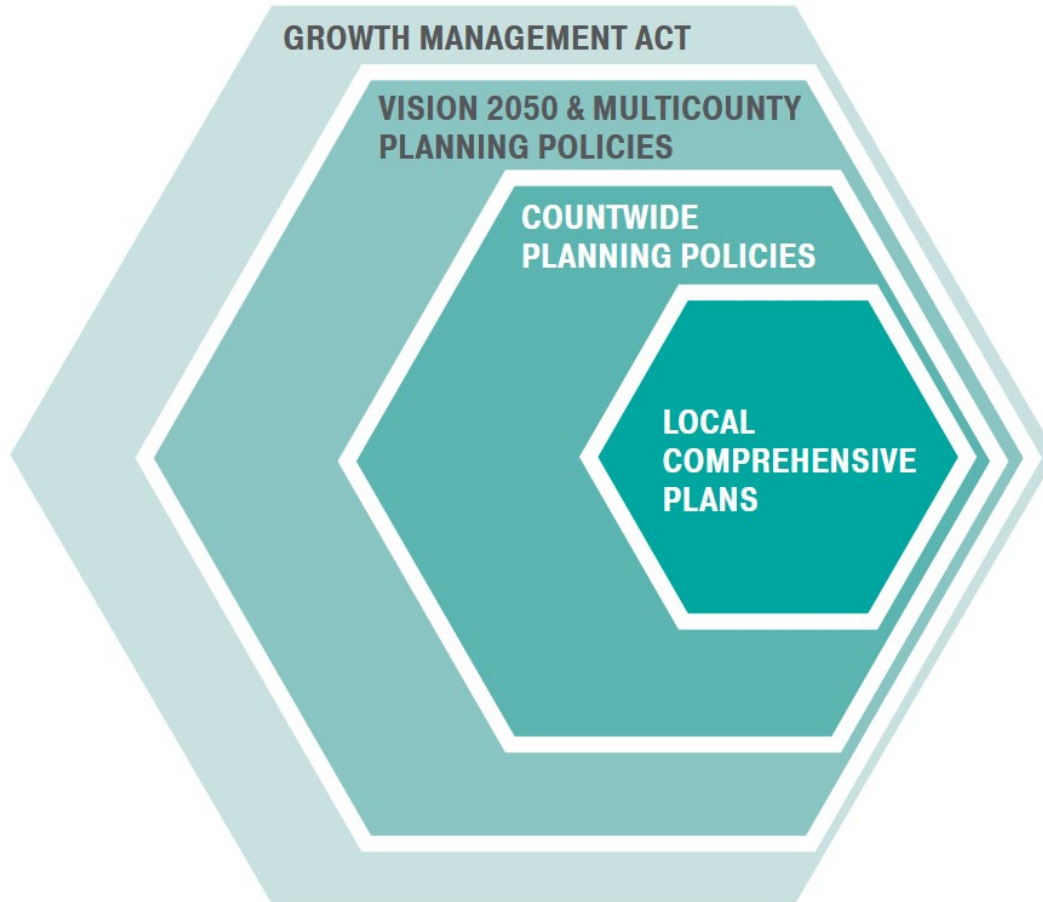
November 17: Tentative Adoption



The Long View



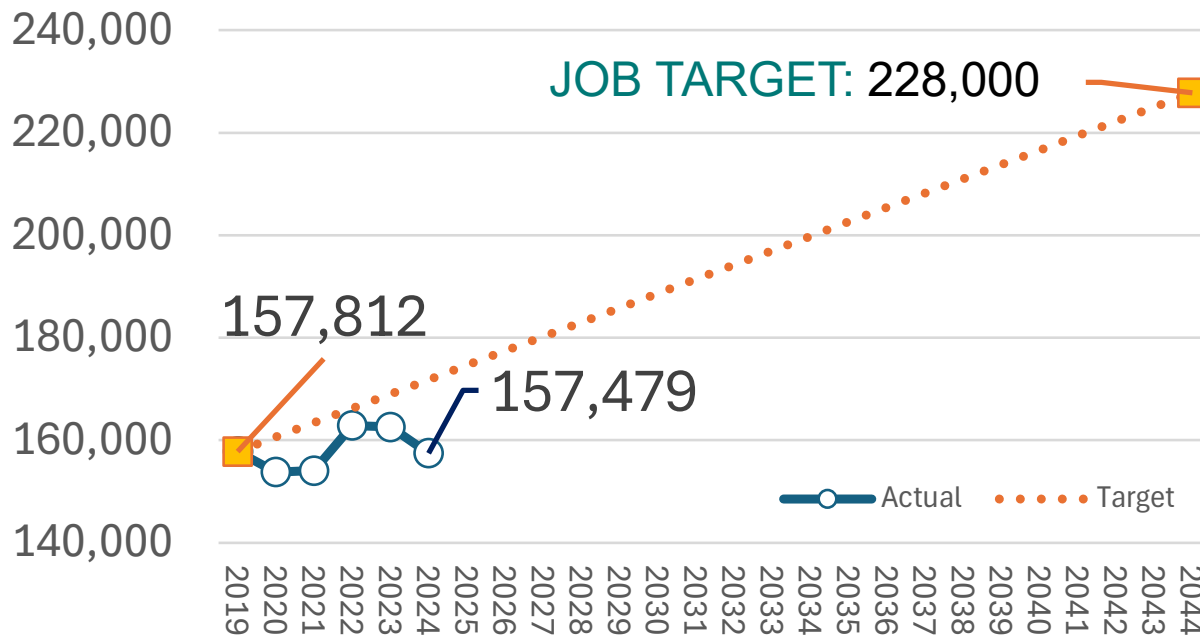
Comprehensive Plan: Roadmap for the Future



**October 2024:
Bellevue adopted
significant update**



Job Growth

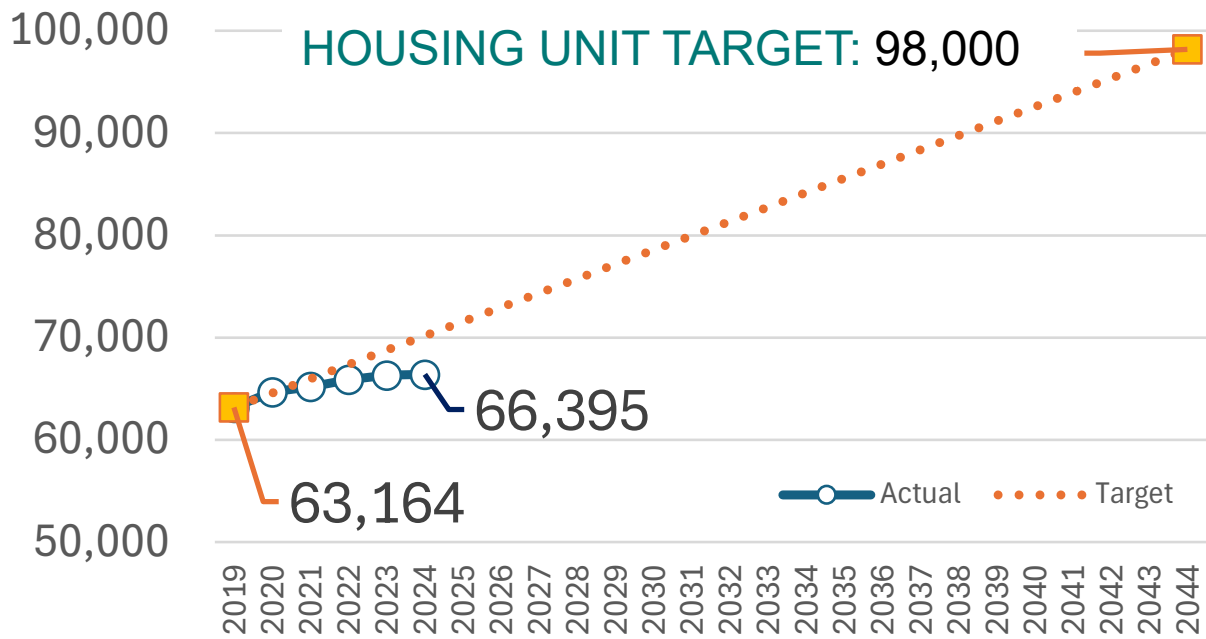


The City will need to add an average of 3,525 jobs per year to meet our target.

Job growth fluctuates based on larger economic cycles in addition to local conditions.

**Growth targets:
+70,000 jobs (2019-2044)**

Housing Growth



The City will need to add an average of 1,580 units per year to meet our target.

Density increases allowing for more units recently took effect.

**Growth targets:
+35,000 housing units
(2019-2044)**

Functional Plans: Implementing the Vision

Adopting a plan is the first step toward shaping the city's future.

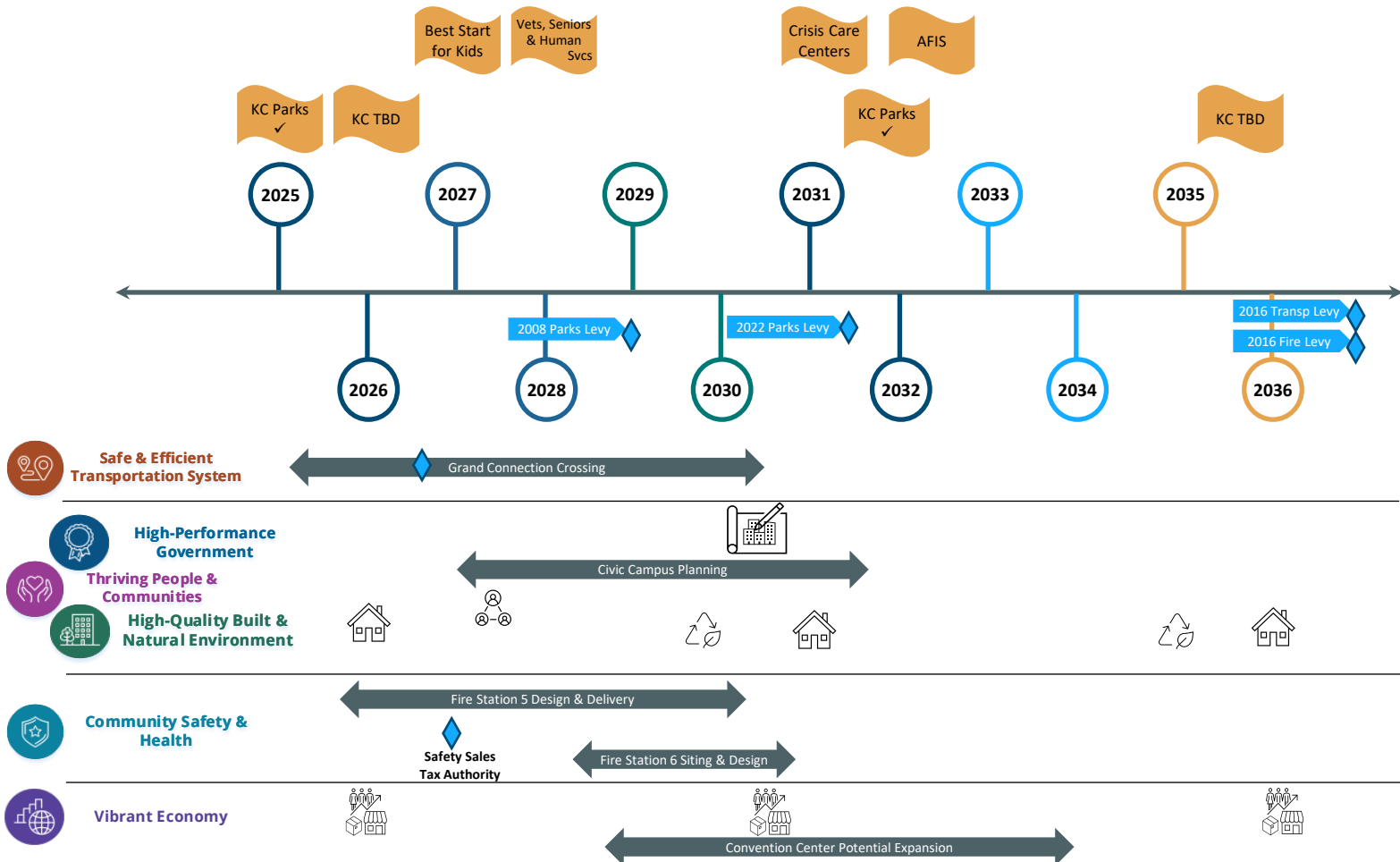
Implementation:

- Short-term and long-term actions
- Some actions guided by functional plans
- Actions taken by the city when required or as resources become available

- **Affordable Housing**
- **Diversity Action**
- **Economic Development**
- **Sustainable Bellevue**
- Human Services
- Parks, Open Space and Recreation
- Transportation Improvement
 - Mobility Implementation
 - Transportation Facilities
- Municipal Facilities and Growth
 - Fire
 - Police
 - General Government
- Vision Zero
- Storm and Surface Water
- Water and Wastewater Systems
- Watershed Management



Planning and Levies



2025-26 Expenditures by STA



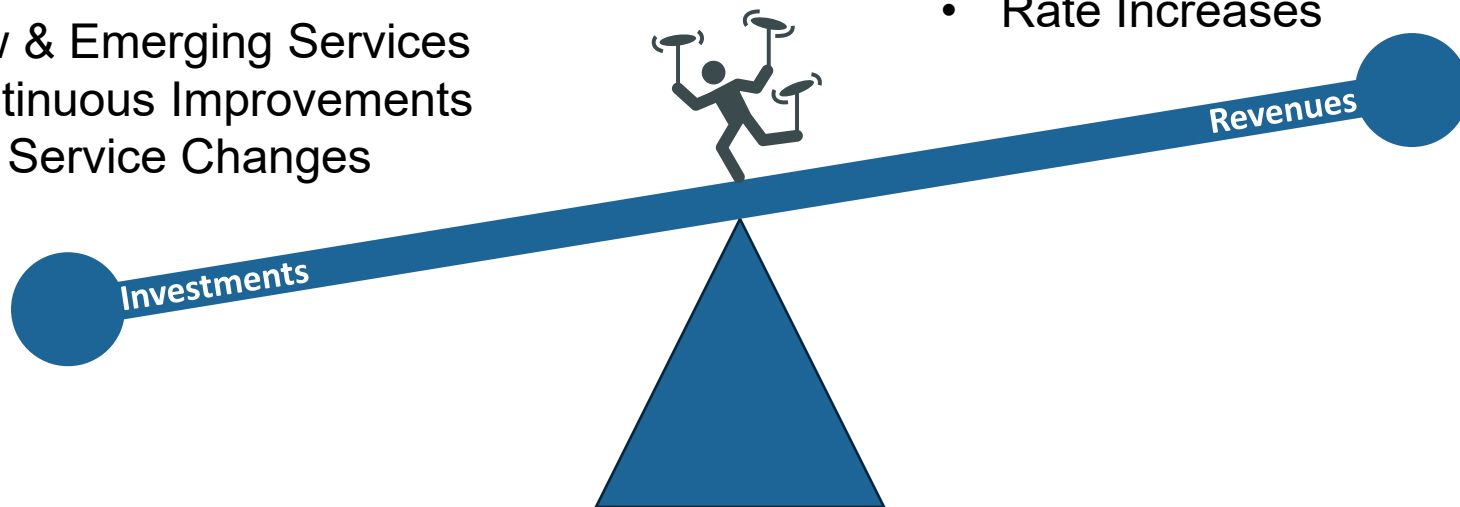
**Excludes Interfund & Debt Servicing*



2027-28 Deliberation Context

- What Expiring Services are Core (Policy Priorities)
- Infrastructure Investments
- New & Emerging Services
- Continuous Improvements and Service Changes

- Council Contingency
- Inflationary Revenue Growth
- New Revenues (Taxes and User Fees)
- Rate Increases



Discussion

Today v Future Decisions

Current Financial Decision Discussion

Readiness for Growth and Economic Recovery through
Transportation Infrastructure Investments

Future Financial Decisions Discussion

New Criminal Justice Sales Tax Authority

Expiring Levies

Aligning Citywide Investment Needs

**Affirming the right next decision(s) in our ten-
year cycle**



Break

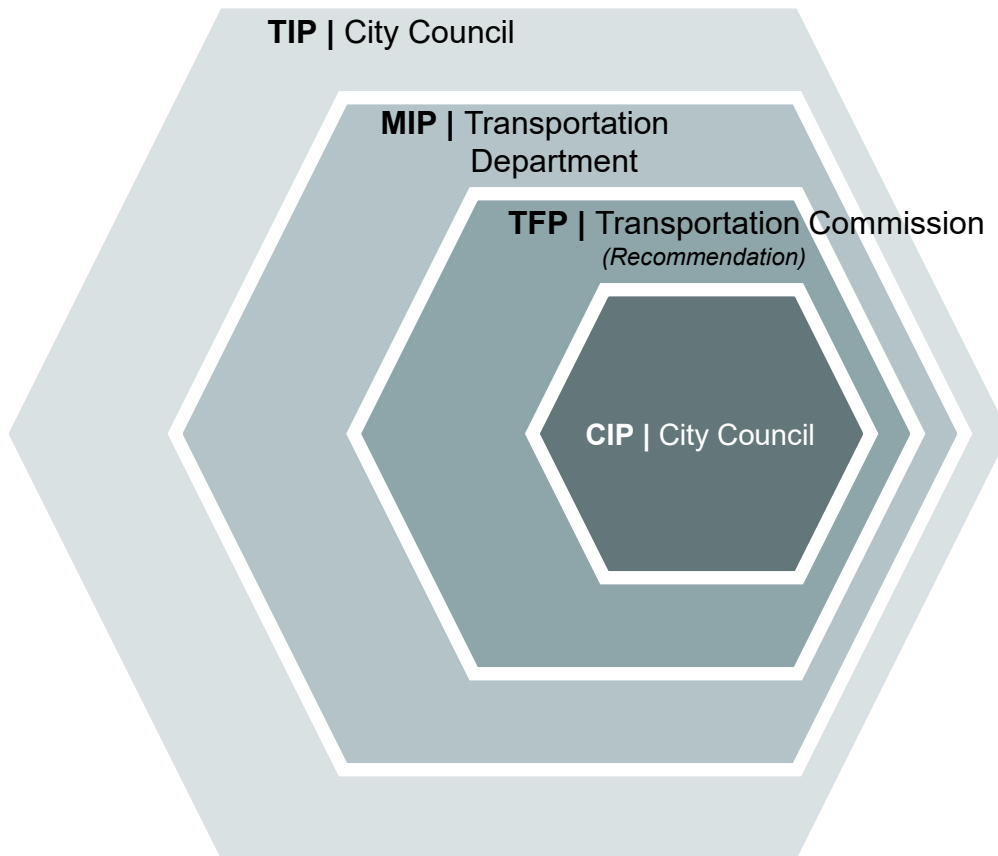


Transportation Needs

Prioritizing toward Delivery



Transportation Planning & Prioritization



Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) (All Project Concepts)

- What is the need for Bellevue and the region?

Mobility Implementation Plan (MIP) (Prioritization)

- Where are the biggest system gaps?

Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) (20-Year Plan – financially constrained)

- What projects will we have money to build and maintain?

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) (Investment & Spending Plan)

- What will we deliver in the next six-ten years?



Transportation Program Areas

A new approach to Transportation's capital improvement plan



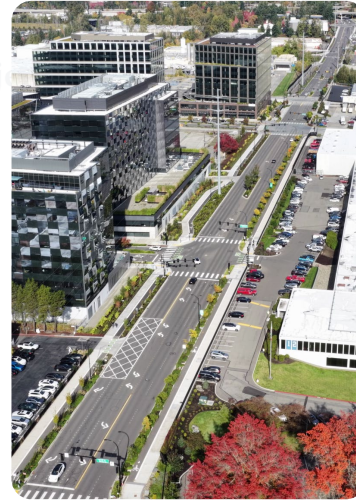
Vehicle Mobility



Pedestrian &
Bicycle Mobility



Neighborhood
Mobility



Major Projects



Preservation &
Reconstruction



Grand Connection Crossing

- Project cost estimated at \$200-\$225 million
- Kraemer selected as GC/CM contractor to advise on constructability and value capture through final design



CIP Investment Distribution

Overview of investment amounts across the five transportation program areas*

CIP Program Area (2027-2032)	2025-2030 CIP
Vehicle Mobility	10%
Ped/Bike Mobility	30%
Major Projects	30%
Neighborhood Mobility	20%
Preservation/Reconstruction	10%
Total	100%

*Excludes the transformational investments portfolio
(currently, the Grand Connection Crossing)



Discussion

Evolving Investment Levels

What Policy and Mobility outcomes should staff take into consideration in developing the final recommended allocations?



Funding Tools

Defining and Achieving the Targets



The Transportation Funding Gaps

Transportation Capital & New Maintenance

Transportation Levy \$10.5M
Annual Debt Service \$15.8M
Fuel Tax & Impact Fees \$3.2M
Grants \$10M

Target: \$50M/yr

**Gap:
\$10.5M/yr (CIP & Maint)**

Grand Connection Crossing

Anticipated Project Cost
\$225M (*\$15.5M Debt Svc*)

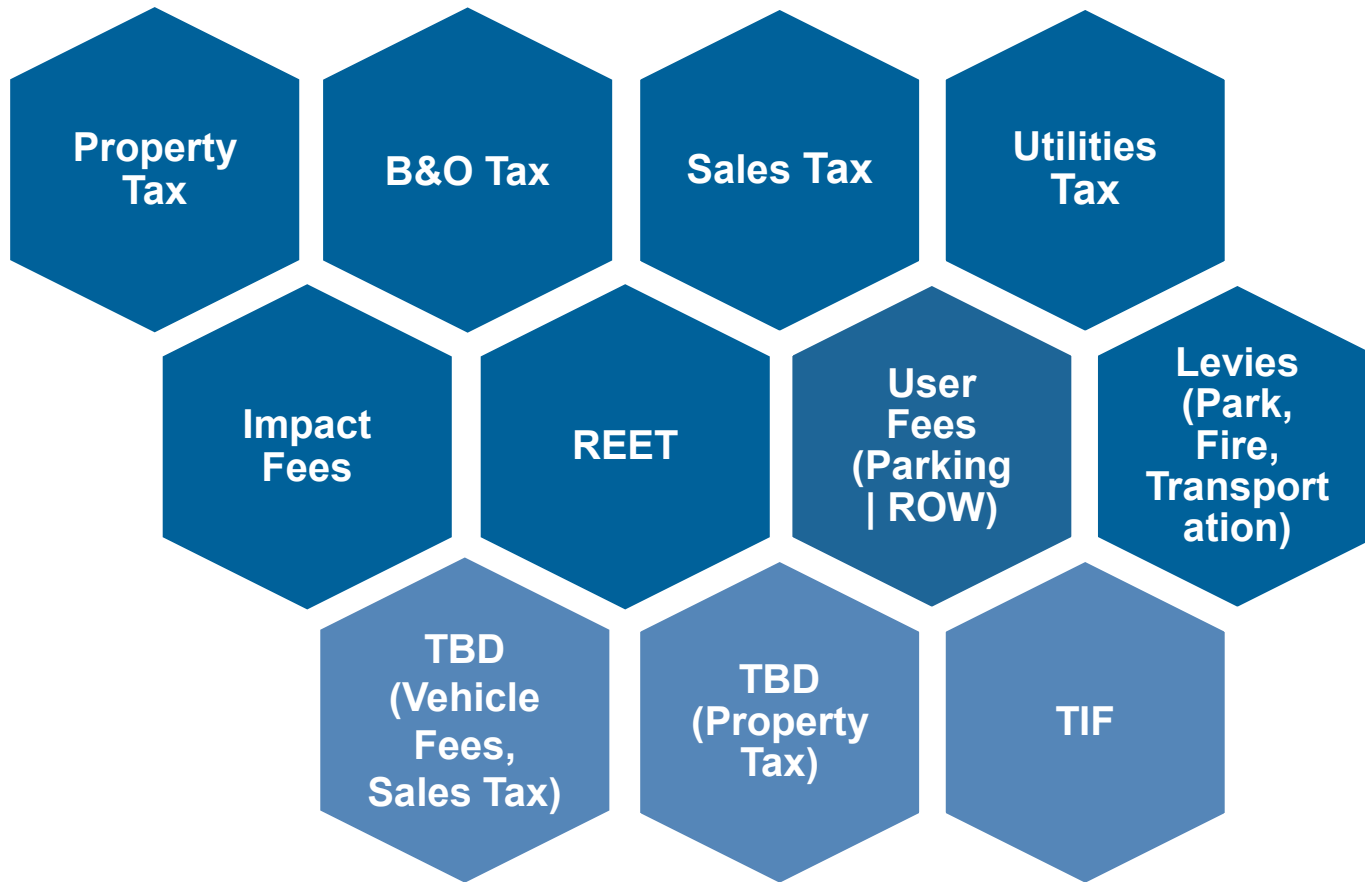
Existing GF & Contr. \$46.5M
Anticipated Contr. +\$25M

Target (via debt): \$153.5M

**Gap:
\$10.5M/yr (Debt Svc)**



General Revenue Tools



Specific Revenue Tools

Transportation Benefit District

Other Transportation-Specific Options

Anticipated 27-28
Budget Deliberations

TBD Vehicle Fees

Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

Decision needed by June 1

Transportation Impact Fees



TBD Sales Tax

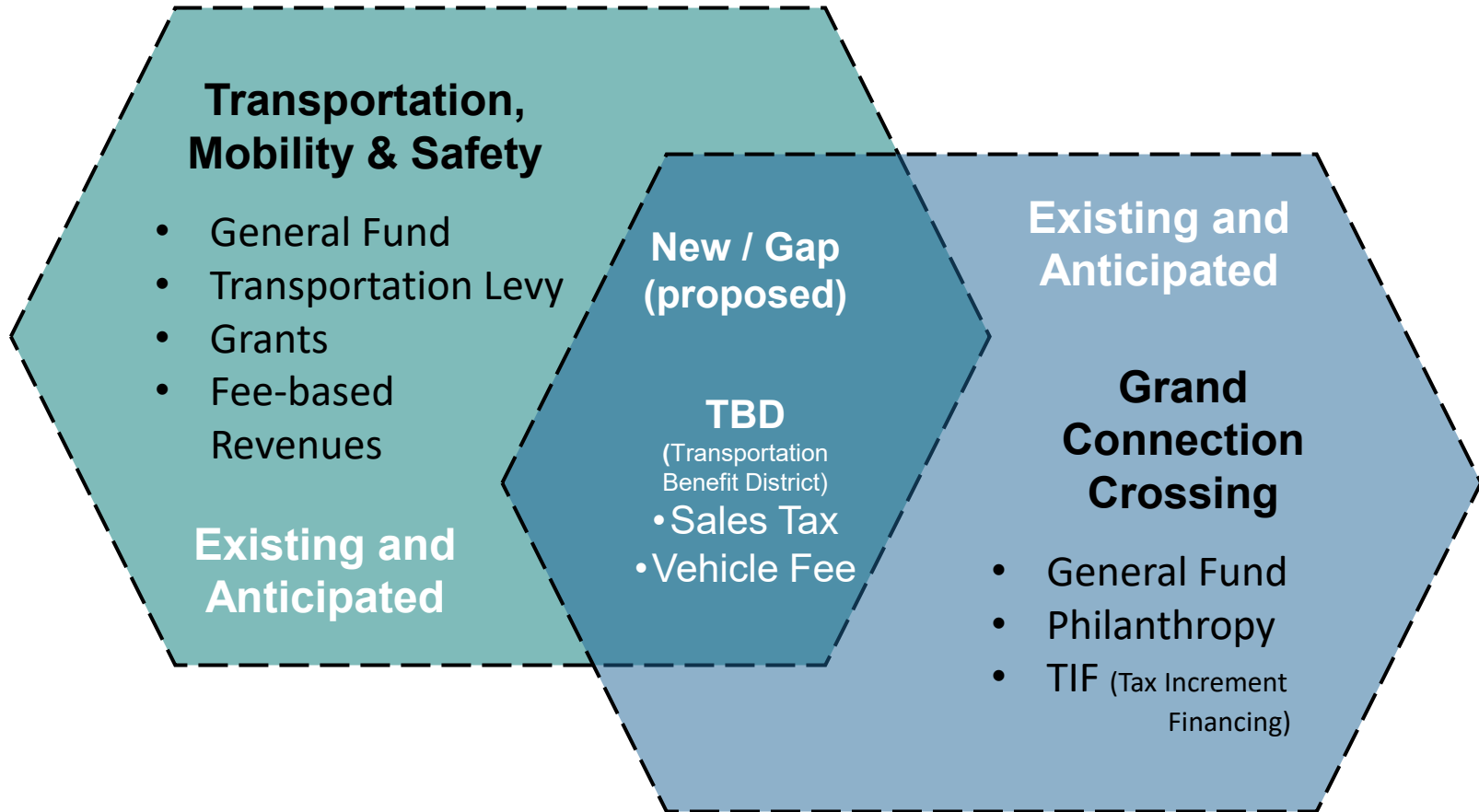
Curb Management



Automated Traffic Safety Cameras

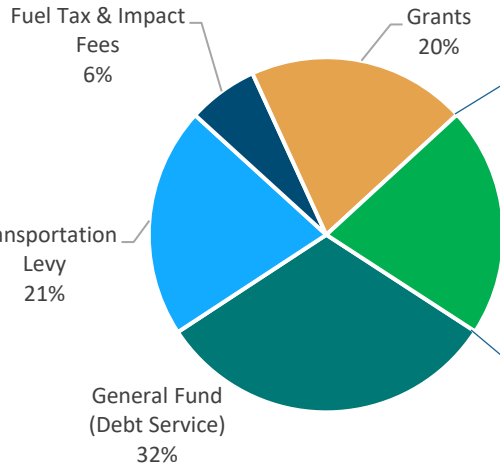


Solving for the Gap / Target



Proposed Approach to Achieving the Targets

Transportation Funding Target



Transportation Target Funding
\$11.7M

TBD: Vehicle Fee
1,200,000

TBD: Sales Tax
6,600,000

User-Based Fees
3,900,000

Transportation
Department

TBD: Vehicle Fee
800,000

TBD: Sales Tax
4,400,000

TIF
2,300,000

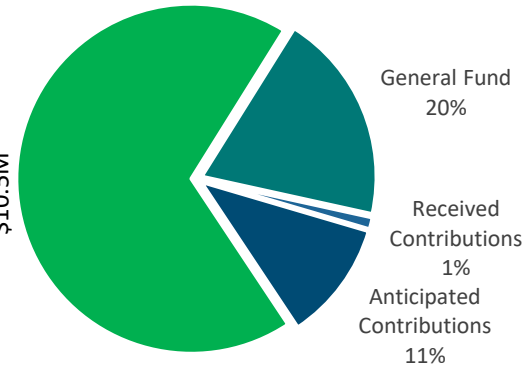
Grants
200,000

General Fund
2,800,000

Grand
Connection
Crossing

Grand Connection Crossing Funding Target

GCx Target Funding
\$10.5M



Discussion

Two Portfolios, One Investment

Discussion of Gaps and Targets



Public Engagement Overview

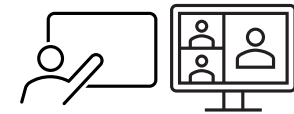
Objectives:

1. Increase community understanding of why new revenue is needed.
2. Demonstrate responsiveness to feedback provided in 2023 TBD discussions
3. Connect projects to everyday outcomes across the city
4. Engage in inclusive, culturally relevant outreach.

Approach



Dedicated webpage



In-person/virtual info sessions



City publications



Engaging Bellevue



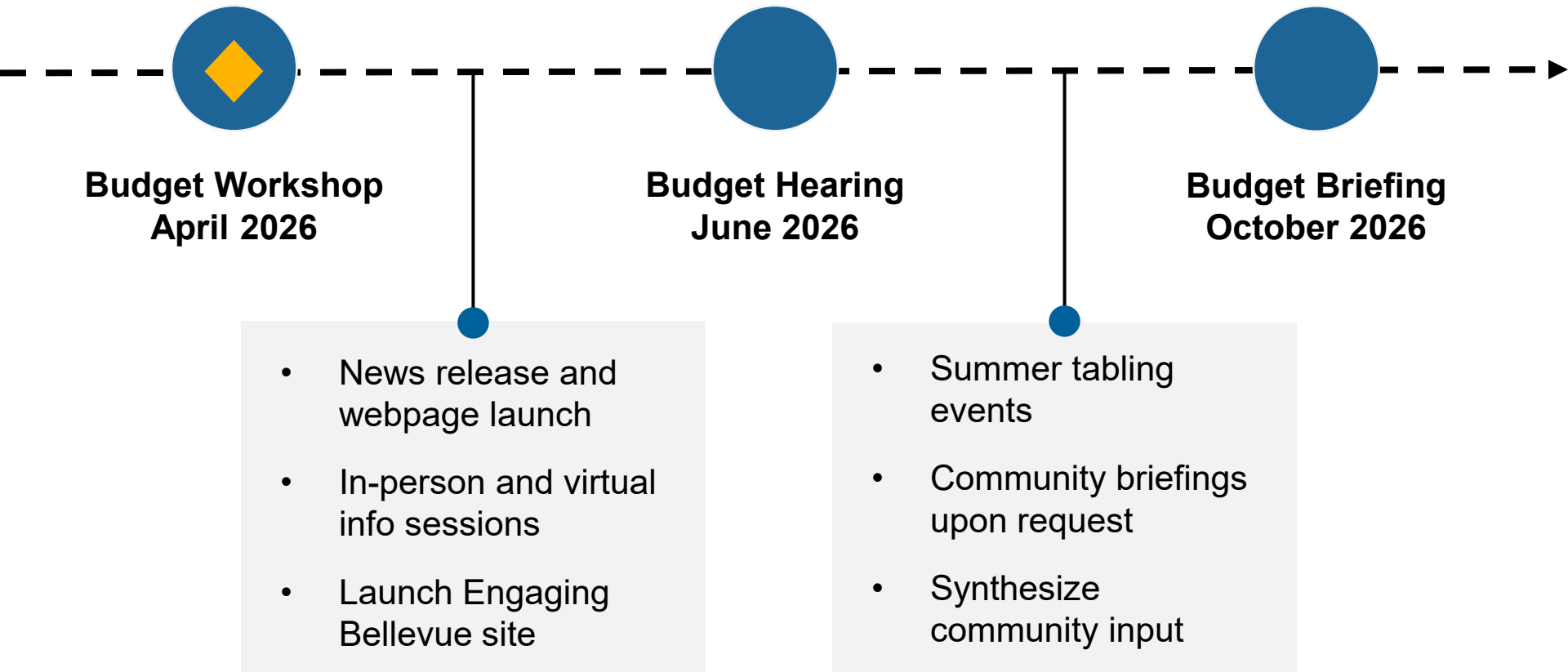
Summer tabling



Community briefings



Proposed Timeline



Summary

Staff will summarize key concepts and takeaways related to:

- 1. The right next decisions (and dialogue)**
- 2. Transportation needs and investment structure**
- 3. Proposed approach to the Gaps**



Conclusion of Workshop

Thank you

