

**City of
Bellevue**



Transportation Commission Study Session

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SUBJECT: 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

DIRECTION REQUESTED

_____ Action

_____ Discussion

☒ _____ Information

At the February 10 Commission meeting, staff will present an overview of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the status of the Comprehensive Transportation Project List (CTPL) projects that are now being incorporated into the TIP. We will also review the function of the TIP in the transportation planning and financial programming process. This is an information only item as staff will return on March 10, 2022, to share the complete TIP list with updates and will, at that time, seek Commission input on the updates and your direction to return with a Proposed 2023-2028 TIP to a public hearing, tentatively scheduled for April 14, 2022.

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 8, 2021, the Transportation Commission hosted a virtual public hearing via Zoom and recommended adoption of the current 2022-2027 Local TIP. On May 10, 2021, the City Council adopted the current TIP (Resolution No. 9932).

Repeal of the Comprehensive Transportation Project List, Ordinance No. 6632

The CTPL was developed by the Transportation Commission and adopted by the City Council as part of the 2015 update to the Comprehensive Plan. There were six localized transportation facility plans and several subarea transportation plans in separate sections of the Comprehensive Plan. These dispersed plans each contained a separate list of projects, a total of 781 transportation projects overall. Since these plans and lists were created over many years, individual projects were often completed, outdated, redundant, conflicting with one another, or inconsistent with the city's current land use planning objectives. The consolidation of these project lists in 2015 was the mechanism to repeal completed or outdated projects and eliminate redundancies and conflicts that existed between the project descriptions in different plans. Subsequent transportation planning – for example, the Downtown Transportation Plan and the Eastgate Transportation Study – added new projects to the CTPL through amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

The TIP project list essentially duplicates the CTPL, however the TIP is more responsive to changed circumstances because it is updated annually, separate from any Comprehensive Plan Amendment process. In contrast, updating the CTPL required a formal amendment to the Comprehensive Plan – a process that could be done annually, but that required several additional steps beyond the Transportation Commission process, including initiation by the City Council, and study sessions, public hearing, and recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Because of this extra process to amend the Comprehensive Plan, that in the end created a duplicate project list, staff recommended to repeal the CTPL and to use the TIP as the one aggregated listing of planned transportation projects for Bellevue. On December 13, 2021, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 6632 (Attachment 2) which repealed the CTPL from Volume Two of the Comprehensive Plan and provided direction to use the TIP as the one Citywide inventory of planned transportation projects. Attachment 1 shows the CTPL and its relationship to the current TIP and the status of each individual project. The attachment indicates whether each “former” CTPL project is in the Capital Investment Program (CIP) plan, the Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) and/or the adopted TIP as well as the current project status/recommendation for this year's TIP update – Retain, Repeal, Superseded or Complete.

Function of the TIP

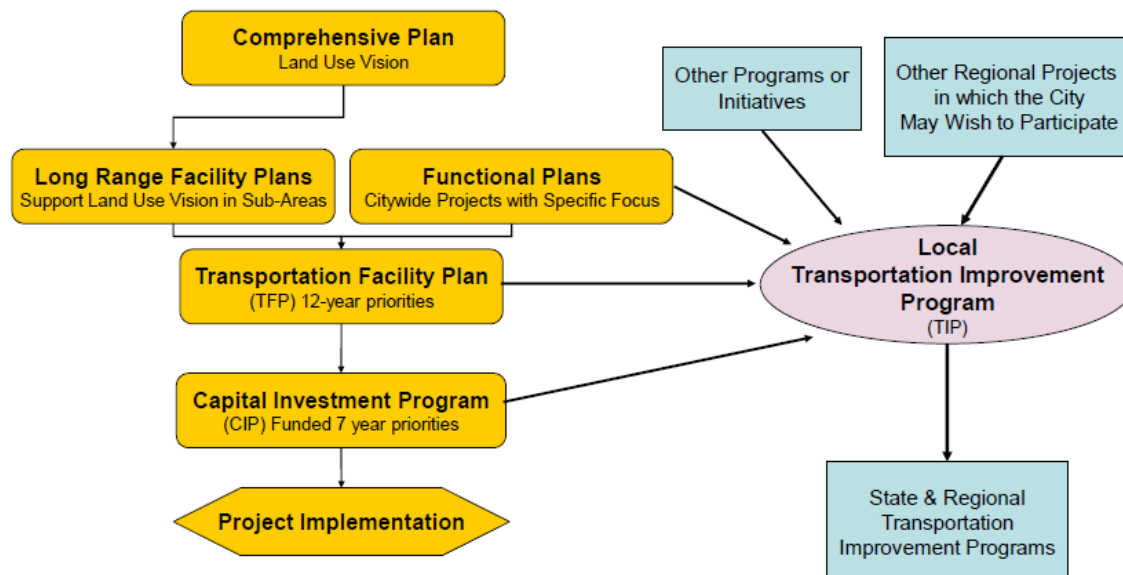
The six-year Local TIP serves as a rough work plan for the development of local transportation systems and, as such, represents an important planning component under the State's Growth

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 CIP plan and the TFP, the city can include projects and programs we would implement within the 6-year timeframe if the funding and staffing resources are 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



Proposed City of Bellevue 2023-2028 TIP

All projects listed will fall within one of four color-coded categories, or sections, as described below:

- Section I Uncompleted CIP Projects (included in the Adopted 2021-2027 Capital Investment Program Plan – full or partial funding secured)
- Section II TFP Projects (unfunded projects included in the Preliminary 2022-2033 Transportation Facilities Plan)

Section III

Other unfunded local projects identified in the Comprehensive Transportation Project List or 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

NEXT STEPS

Proposed TIP update timeline:

- March 10, 2022 – Commission status review of 2022-2027 TIP and proposed updates for the 2023-2028 TIP.
- April 14, 2021 (Tentative) -
 - Commission hosts a Public Hearing on the content of the Proposed 2023-2028 TIP.
 - Commission considers public testimony, potentially amends the Proposed 2023-2028 TIP, and recommends a TIP for City Council consideration and adoption.
- May/June 2022 – City Council reviews and adopts the Proposed 2023-2028 TIP.
- June 2022 – Formatting and submittal of the adopted 2023-2028 TIP to PSRC and WSDOT.

ATTACHMENT

1. City of Bellevue Comprehensive Transportation Project List updates and map for inclusion in the TIP
2. Ordinance 6632