

**City of
Bellevue**



Transportation Commission Study Session

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SUBJECT: 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

DIRECTION REQUESTED

☒ Action

☐ Discussion

☐ Information

On May 11, 2023, the Transportation Commission will host a public hearing and will be asked to make a recommendation to the City Council for adoption of the recommended City of Bellevue 2024-2029 TIP. The City Council is scheduled to take action on the TIP update on June 5, 2023.

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 12, 2022, the Transportation Commission hosted a virtual public hearing via Zoom and recommended adoption of the current 2023-2028 Local TIP. On June 6, 2022, the City Council adopted the current TIP (Resolution No. 10101).

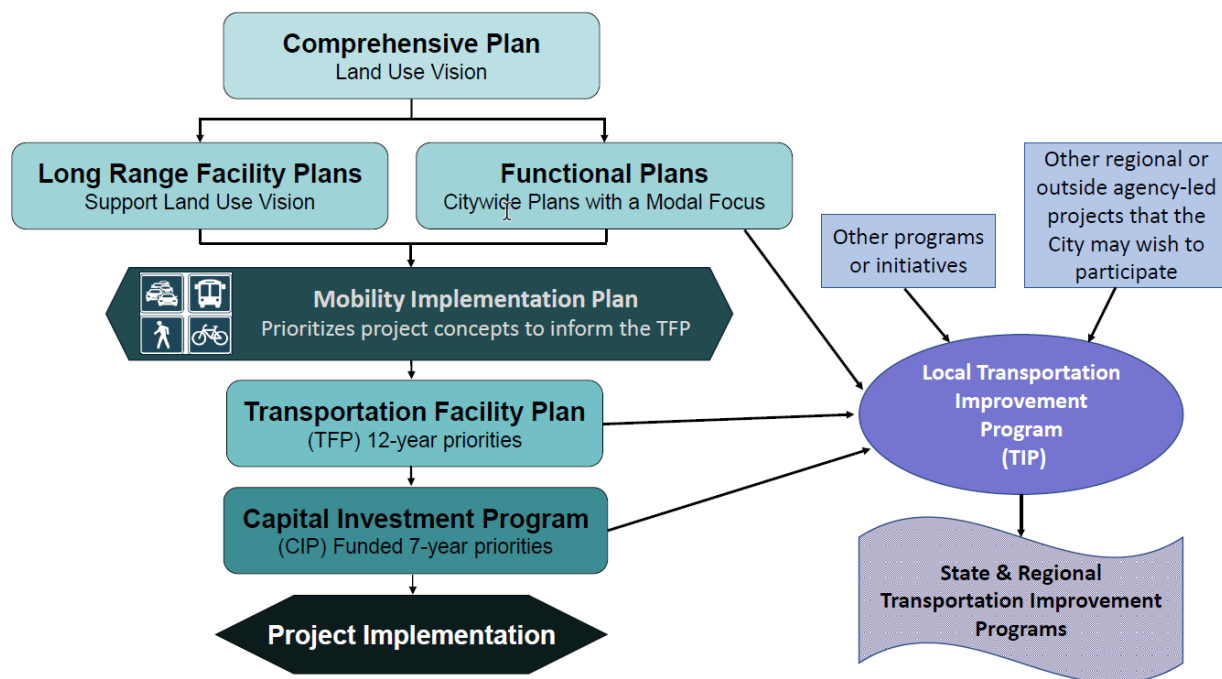
The six-year Local TIP serves as an inventory of projects and a rough work plan for the development of local transportation systems and, as such, represents an important planning component under the state Growth Management Act. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Puget Sound 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, is a comprehensive list 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 2024-2029 TIP

The preliminary recommended 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was introduced to the Transportation Commission on February 9, 2023. Staff reviewed with the Commission recommended additions, deletions, and modifications to the list of projects in the current 2023-2028 TIP. The Commission agreed to offer the recommended 2024-2029 TIP project list as the basis for a mandated public hearing on the City's Local TIP update (see Attachments 1 and 2). Since the February 9 meeting, staff has identified two additional new projects recommended for inclusion in this TIP update (details below).

Attachment 1 is the project list that comprises the recommended City of Bellevue 2024-2029 Local TIP update. All projects fall within one of four color-coded categories, or sections, as described below:

Section I	TIP Reference Nos. 1-40: Uncompleted CIP Projects (included in the Adopted 2023-2029 Capital Investment Program Plan – full or partial funding secured)
Section II	TIP Reference Nos. 41-77: TFP Projects (unfunded projects included in the Adopted 2022-2033 Transportation Facilities Plan)
Section III	TIP Reference Nos. 78-106: 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	TIP Reference Nos. 107-111: Regional or Outside Agency-led projects in which the city may choose to participate financially

Staff reviewed the recommended 2024-2029 Local TIP with the Commission at the meeting on February 9, 2023, with updates as follows:

There are 9 new projects recommended to be added to the TIP. The memo for the February 9 meeting stated 7 new projects, however, the two additional projects have been added to the list (TIP Nos. 105 & 106) and their rationales will be listed below. The delineation of the new projects is as follows:

- Seven projects (TIP Nos. 8, 31, 34g, 34h, 34i, 37, 39) are new Capital Investment Program (CIP) projects. These projects would be added to Section I of the TIP;

Proposed new additions since February 9 presentation:

- One project (TIP No. 105 – Transportation System Maintenance Program) would be added to Section III of the TIP due to the following:

The Transportation Department, as directed by the City Manager's Office, is exploring options for the formation of a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) within the city. A TBD is a funding mechanism authorized by statute (RCW 36.73) that can generate revenue to be used to fund one or more Transportation Improvements within the district. It is a requirement of the statute that the improvement project(s) to be funded must be included in the transportation plan of the city. The statute's definition of Transportation Improvement includes that, "Projects may also include the operation, preservation, and maintenance of these facilities or programs."

The intent of adding this Transportation System Maintenance Program project into the Local TIP is to ensure the described activities are eligible to be funded (in part) by this revenue stream should the City Council ultimately choose to form a TBD, and;

- One project (TIP No. 106 – NE 10th Street/102nd Ave NE Roundabout) would be added to Section III of the TIP due to the following:

There are two large multifamily/mixed use redevelopment projects, located on the northwest and southwest corners of the intersection, which are currently under review by the city. These two projects will include over 3,000 dwelling units, a relocated supermarket, and other neighborhood retail which will significantly increase the amount of pedestrian traffic in the vicinity. An analysis of the intersection shows that a roundabout will provide a better and safer pedestrian experience than the existing signal. The developer of the two projects will be conditioned to contribute fifty percent of the estimated cost of the improvement. Inclusion of the planned project in the adopted Local TIP will support and provide basis for the development condition.

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

- Seven projects (TIP Nos. 7, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 38) in Section II are recommended to be transferred to Section I as they are now new CIP projects.

There are three projects recommended to be removed from the current 2023-2028 TIP (Attachment 3):

- Three CIP projects in Section I are recommended to be removed as they are projected to be substantially completed in 2023.

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

1. Staff requests the Transportation Commission approve a motion to recommend that the City Council adopt the City of Bellevue 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.
2. A draft Transportation Commission transmittal memorandum is attached for your consideration (see Attachment 4). Typically for this action, a Commission representative need not be present to transmit the recommendation to Council.

NEXT STEPS

TIP update timeline:

- June 5, 2023 – City Council reviews and adopts the Recommended 2024-2029 TIP.
- June 30, 2023 – Formatting and submittal of the adopted 2024-2029 TIP to PSRC and WSDOT.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Recommended City of Bellevue 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Project List
2. Recommended City of Bellevue 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Project Map
3. Projects Recommended to be Deleted from the current 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Project list
4. Draft Transportation Commission Recommendation Transmittal Memorandum