City of Bellevue

Transportation Commission Study Session

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TO: Chair Stash and Members of the Transportation Commission

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SUBJECT: 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

DIRECTION REQUESTED

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Discussion

Information

On April 24, 2024, the Transportation Commission will host a public hearing and will be asked to make a recommendation to the City Council for adoption of the City of Bellevue 2026-2031 TIP. The City Council is scheduled to take action on the TIP update on June 3, 2025.

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 11, 2024, the Transportation Commission hosted an in-person public hearing with a virtual option via Zoom and recommended adoption of the current 2025-2030 Local TIP. On May 7, 2024, the City Council adopted the current TIP (Resolution No. 10384).

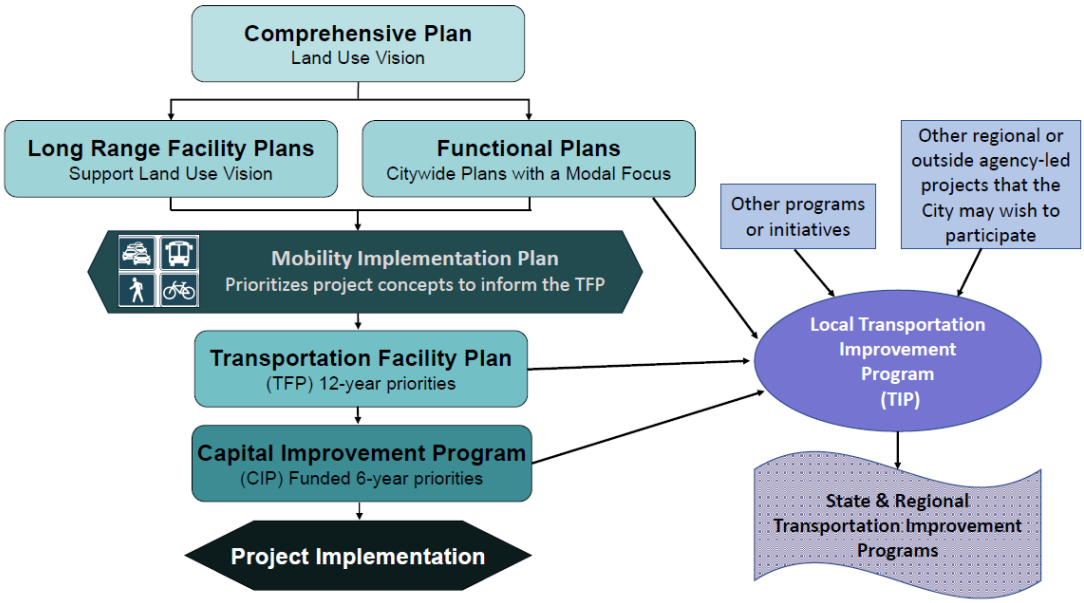
The six-year Local TIP serves as an inventory of projects and a rough work plan for the development of local transportation systems and, as such, represents an important planning component under the state Growth Management Act. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Puget Sound 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 Improvement 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 and resources were 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 2026-2031 TIP

The preliminary recommended 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was introduced to the Transportation Commission on February 13, 2025. Staff reviewed with the Commission recommended additions, deletions, and modifications to the list of projects in the current 2025-2030 TIP. The Commission agreed to offer the recommended 2026-2031 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 13 meeting, staff identified one additional project for deletion in this TIP update (details below).

Attachment 1 is the project list that comprises the recommended City of Bellevue 2026-2031 Local TIP update. All projects fall within one of four color-coded categories, or sections, as described below:

Section I	TIP Reference Nos. 1-42: Uncompleted CIP Projects (included in the Adopted 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program Plan – full or partial funding secured)
Section II	TIP Reference Nos. 43-71: TFP Projects (unfunded projects included in the Adopted 2022-2033 Transportation Facilities Plan)
Section III	TIP Reference Nos. 72-136: 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. 137-141: Regional or Outside Agency-led projects in which the city may choose to participate financially

Staff reviewed the recommended 2026-2031 Local TIP with the Commission at the meeting on February 13, 2025, with updates as follows:

There is one project recommended to be removed from the current 2025-2030 TIP (Attachment 3). In the memo that was reviewed with the Commission on February 8, it stated that 15 projects would be removed from the proposed 2026-2031 TIP. Since that time, one ongoing program has been added to the list as it was merged with another ongoing program in the latest CIP update:

- One CIP program project in Section I is recommended to be removed as it was merged with another CIP program project (TIP No. 5).

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 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program.

2. Staff requests the Transportation Commission approve the transmittal memorandum that is attached for your consideration (see Attachment 4). Typically for this action, a Commission representative need not be present in person to transmit the recommendation to Council.

NEXT STEPS

TIP update timeline:

- June 3, 2025 – City Council reviews and adopts the Recommended 2026-2031 TIP.
- June 30, 2025 – Formatting and submittal of the adopted 2026-2031 TIP to PSRC and WSDOT.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Recommended City of Bellevue 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program Project List

2. Recommended City of Bellevue 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program Project Map

3. Projects Recommended to be Deleted from the current 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Project list

4. Draft Transportation Commission Recommendation Transmittal Memorandum