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To: Mayor Lynn Robinson and Councilmembers

Subject: City of Bellevue 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program Update Recommendation

The Transportation Commission is pleased to recommend the City of Bellevue 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for City Council's consideration and adoption. The recommended TIP project list was developed by staff and reviewed by the Commission at our meeting on February 8. The Transportation Commission held a Public Hearing on the recommended TIP project list and recommended approval at our meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

State law (RCW 35.77.010) mandates that all local jurisdictions annually adopt and submit to the state a six-year program of transportation improvements, known as the Local TIP. The six-year Local TIP serves as a project inventory and 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. Council adopted the current 2025-2030 Local TIP on May 7, 2024 (Res. 10384).

Since local TIPs need not be revenue constrained, jurisdictions can include all projects they would choose to implement within the timeframe if funding were available. The recommended City of Bellevue 2026-2031 Local TIP includes projects from the adopted 2025-2030 CIP, the adopted 2022-2033 Transportation Facilities Plan, and other project priorities that have emerged from transportation planning and analysis work. The recommended TIP also includes other regional or outside agency-led projects (many on the three major freeway corridors serving Bellevue) in which the city could be a partner, but not necessarily as the lead agency. While the TIP is not revenue constrained, the Transportation Commission does recognize the fluctuating financial climate and will be cognizant of this when discussing future project timing and costs.

The particular importance of the local TIP is that, in most instances, projects must be included in a local TIP to be eligible for state and federal grant programs. The recommended local TIP includes many projects that would compete well against state and federal grant program criteria.

Due to the TIP's value in local and regional transportation planning and funding efforts, we recommend the City Council adopt the City of Bellevue 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program.