



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 9, 2015

TO: Mayor Balducci and Members of the City Council

FROM: Transportation Commission

SUBJECT: City of Bellevue 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Update Recommendation

We are pleased to recommend the City Council's adoption of the proposed City of Bellevue 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. This project list was developed by staff and reviewed by the Commission at our meeting on March 12. The Transportation Commission held a Public Hearing on the associated project list at our meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2015.

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 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 2015-2020 Local TIP on May 19, 2014 (Res. 8745).

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 Proposed City of Bellevue 2016-2021 Local TIP includes projects from the adopted 2015-2021 CIP, the 2013-2024 Transportation Facilities Plan, and other project priorities emerging from current or recent transportation planning and analysis work. The proposed 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 the lead agency. While the TIP is not revenue constrained, the Transportation Commission does recognize the challenges the City has with revenue constraints and 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 proposed 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 adoption of the proposed City of Bellevue 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program at your earliest convenience.