

June 15, 2015

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 8933 adopting the City's 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact of adopting the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. However, projects listed on an approved TIP become eligible for federal and state grant funding.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION:

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.

Comprehensive Plan:

Adopting the annual TIP directly supports Comprehensive Plan Policy TR-105 to "Aggressively seek available state and federal funds for transportation capital, maintenance, operational, service, and demand-oriented improvements." To be eligible to seek federal and state funding, the City must comply with state law and adopt an annual TIP.

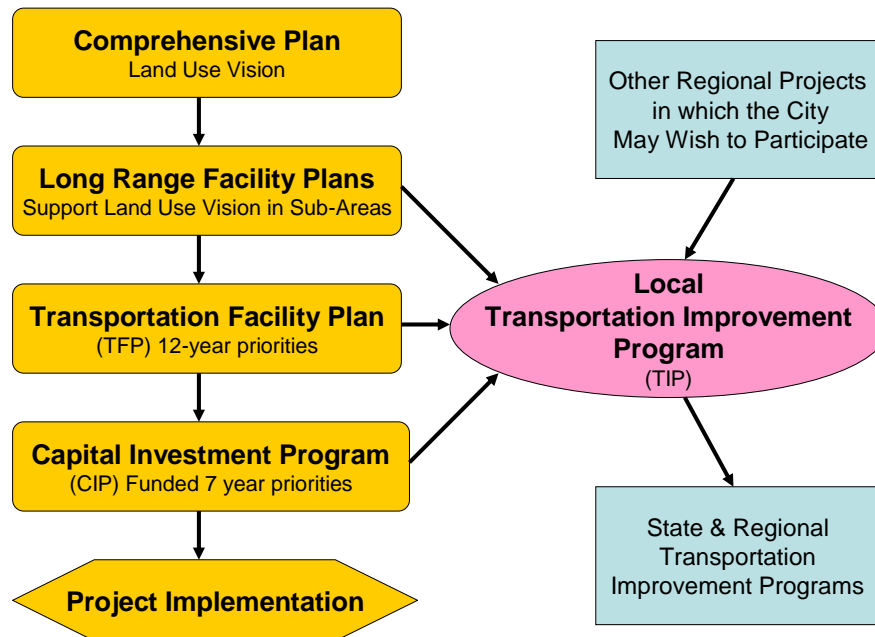
BACKGROUND:

Local TIPs are not revenue constrained. In most instances, projects must be included on a Local TIP to be eligible for state and federal grant programs.

The Proposed City of Bellevue 2016-2021 TIP update is presented by the Transportation Commission for the City Council's review and adoption.

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 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. **In most instances, projects must be included on a Local TIP to be eligible for state and federal grant programs.** Council adopted the current 2015-2020 Local TIP at its May 19, 2014 meeting (Resolution No. 8745).

The diagram on the next page depicts the relationship between Bellevue's Local TIP and the City's multi-phased transportation planning and capital programming process, including the CIP and TFP.



Boxes on the left depict the stages of transportation project development, from policy development and planning, to project prioritization, funding and implementation.

TIP

The highest priority projects identified in sub-area long-range plans are included in the citywide 12-year Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP), a financially constrained plan. Projects in the TFP form the basis for Transportation Impact Fee calculations and a citywide environmental analysis of projected land use and traffic growth, which is used in the City's development review procedures. Study Session has been scheduled for June 22, 2015 to discuss the 2016-2027 TFP update process.

TFP projects are prioritized again, along with other projects – scoped to address emerging operational, safety and maintenance needs identified by City staff, the public or other sources – before implementation funding is allocated in the 7-year Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan.

TIP

Because **Local TIPs are not revenue constrained**, jurisdictions can include projects they would choose to implement within the timeframe, if funding were available. Attached is the proposed City of Bellevue 2016-2021 Local TIP which is comprised primarily of a project list. The comprehensive list includes four sections of projects:

- Section I. TIP Reference Nos. 1-34: Uncompleted projects included in the Adopted 2015-2021 Capital Investment Program Plan – full or partial funding secured
- Section II. TIP Reference Nos. 35-63: Unfunded projects included in the Adopted 2013-2024 Transportation Facilities Plan
- Section III. TIP Reference Nos. 64-91: Other unfunded local projects identified or scoped by completed Alternative Analyses and Planning or Pre-design Studies; and,
- Section IV. TIP Reference Nos. 92-97: Regional or Outside Agency-led projects in

which the City may choose to participate financially.

Eighteen new projects are proposed to be added to the 2016-2021 TIP as follows:

- Three projects are newly funded 2015-2021 CIP plan projects. These projects would be added to Section I of the TIP;
- Fifteen projects are proposed to be added to Section III. Thirteen are considered “candidates” for inclusion in the 2016-2027 TFP update (currently in process), one is associated with implementation of the recently adopted Bellevue Transit Master Plan, and one is associated with the recently Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and Sound Transit regarding implementation of the East Link Project (This project is discussed further below under “Staff Recommended Additions to the Proposed TIP” section-heading.

Six projects are proposed to be removed from the current 2015-2020 TIP as they will be completed by the end of 2015, or they have been superseded by or combined with other projects remaining in the TIP.

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. Exceptions to this method are the placeholder figures utilized for the costs associated with several TIP projects including TIP Reference Nos. 30 (Neighborhood Sidewalk Program), 66 (Pedestrian and Bicycle Implementation Implementation) and all projects in Section IV (92-97; Regional or Outside Agency-Led Projects in which the City may choose to participate financially). These figures provide general placeholders for currently unsecured funding necessary to advance implementation of these broader plans and projects. Because the Local TIP is not revenue constrained, project costs are given one of two designations:

- Secured Funding. Projects with secured funding have local or other sources of funding dedicated to support full or partial project implementation.
- 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.

TIP Public Hearing before the Transportation Commission

A Public Hearing on the proposed City of Bellevue 2016-2021 TIP was held as part of the Transportation Commission’s April 9, 2015 meeting. Six interested citizens testified at the hearing. After the public testimony and thorough discussion, the Transportation Commission moved to accept the proposed TIP project list as presented by staff at that time.

Transportation Commission Recommendation

By unanimous vote at their April 9, 2015 meeting, and as further described in the attached transmittal memorandum, the Transportation Commission recommends Council adoption of the proposed City of Bellevue 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

Staff Recommended Additions to Proposed TIP

The Transportation Commission’s review and recommendation regarding the 2016-2021 TIP preceded the City Council’s actions to authorize the MOU with Sound Transit regarding the implementation of the East Link Project (Resolution No. 8903, April 20, 2015) and to amend the 2015-2021 CIP (Ordinance No. 6227, May 18, 2015). In addition to MOU-consistent

adjustments to applicable CIP project funding entries in Section I of the TIP, staff recommends the inclusion of three additional new projects to the Proposed 2016-2021 TIP. These three projects are listed below and are further described in the Proposed TIP, attached (See TIP Reference Nos. 89, 90, and 91 in Section III).

<u>TIP Ref. No.</u>	<u>Project Name</u>
89	NE 16 th Street/116 th to 120 th Avenues NE
90	120 th Avenue NE (Stage 4)/NE 16 th Street to Northup Way
91	124 th Avenue NE/NE 18 th Street to Northup Way

The primary rationale for the addition of three projects is to help ensure proper coordination between the City and Sound Transit associated with the development of the East Link project and the potential development of a Sound Transit Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility located to the north of the NE 16th Street alignment and to the west of the existing 120th Avenue NE corridor. A roadway on the NE 16th Street alignment was also among the network alternatives considered during the Bel-Red Corridor Plan development process.

The Transportation Commission has been briefed regarding these staff recommended changes to their 2016-2021 TIP adoption recommendation and the circumstances which led to them.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

If approved, this Resolution becomes effective immediately upon Council adoption.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the Resolution adopting the City of Bellevue 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.
2. Do not approve the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff. Failure to adopt an updated Local TIP before July 1 would cause the City to be out of compliance with state law and potentially jeopardize the City's ability to seek grant funding for transportation projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

Option 1.

MOTION:

Move to approve Resolution No. 8933 adopting the City of Bellevue 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Transportation Commission Recommendation Memorandum
2. Proposed City of Bellevue 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program
3. Proposed Resolution No. 8933