

TO: Mayor Balducci and City Councilmembers
FROM: Dave Berg, Transportation Director
DATE: November 16, 2015
SUBJECT: Transmittal of the Transportation Commission Recommendation to Adopt the 2016-2027 Transportation Facilities Plan Update

Representatives from the Transportation Commission are providing their recommended 2016-27 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) Update for Council consideration. Additional information regarding the purpose and history of the TFP is included in Attachment 1. The Transportation Commission's recommendation memorandum (Attachment 2) and the proposed 2016-2027 TFP document (Attachment 3) are also included here for your consideration.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of the TFP. A subset of the projects included within the proposed TFP constitute the transportation impact fee project list. This list of roadway capacity projects supports the impact fee rates included in the adopted impact fee rate schedule and will also support a proposed technical update to the impact fee schedule – to be presented and discussed at a future Council Study Session, currently scheduled for November 23.

POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Comprehensive Plan:

Policy CF-1 of the Capital Facilities Element and policies TR-22, TR-34, TR-35, TR-129, and TR-132 of the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan provide a framework for the City's compliance with the requirements of the Growth Management Act and the Traffic Standards Code.

Bellevue City Code:

BCC 22.16, the Transportation Impact Fee Program, designates the Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) as the long-term transportation plan for identifying improvements to meet future development needs. The list of projects to which impact fees are applied is derived from the TFP and represents the roadway and intersection (vehicular) capacity projects that will serve growth-related traffic impacts.

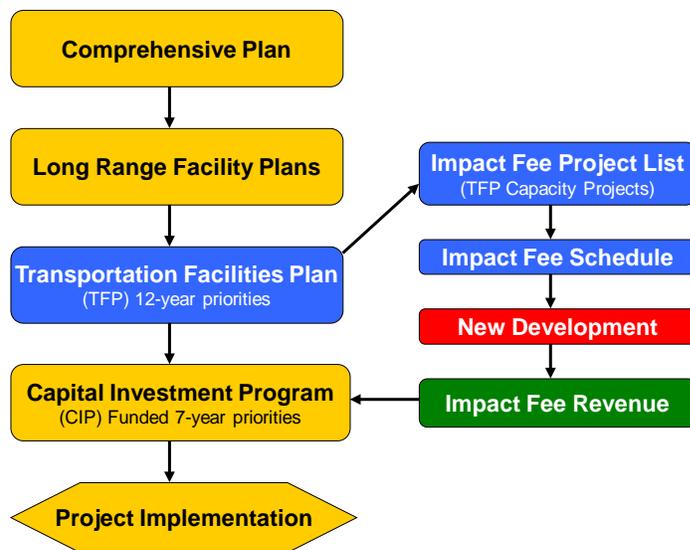
DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL:

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

With Council direction, staff will return to a subsequent Regular Session with legislation to adopt the proposed 2016-2027 Transportation Facilities Plan. As mentioned above, staff will return to a future Council Study Session, currently scheduled for November 23, to present and discuss issues related to the 2015 Transportation Impact Fee Program Review.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The diagram below depicts the relationship between the Comprehensive Plan, long-range facility plans, the TFP, impact fee project list, impact fee schedule and the Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan.



Transportation Facilities Plan

The Transportation Facilities Plan is a 12-year transportation program; a listing of planned improvements balanced to projected revenues. This program is one phase in the City’s multi-phased approach to planning for future transportation improvements – represented by the left-hand boxes in the diagram above. Attachment 1 provides additional background on the purpose and history of the TFP. Attachment 3 provides a copy of the Proposed 2016-2027 Transportation Facilities Plan document.

2016-2027 TFP Update Process

The Transportation Commission started the process to update the Transportation Facilities Plan in November 2014. Key steps included a review of the status of projects in the current, 2013-2024 TFP, identification of candidate projects for the updated TFP, endorsement of evaluation criteria, and evaluation and scoring of projects according to the criteria. Projects were prioritized based on their ranking according to the criteria as well as additional relevant considerations, including extent of prior investment in project development and public input.

The Preliminary 2016-2027 TFP project list and funding allocations were presented to the City Council on June 22 and the Council agreed to use the Commission's recommended project list to continue the TFP update process into the environmental review phase. Because the proposed 2016-2027 TFP project list is very similar to the project list for the current 2013-2024 TFP, it was determined by the city's Environmental Coordinator that developing a new environmental impact statement was not necessary. Instead, for this TFP update the City developed an Addendum to the Final EIS for the 2013-2024 TFP; the addendum was issued on October 8, 2015. (Under SEPA, an addendum can be issued for changes to plans or projects in which the extent of impacts does not significantly exceed the adverse impacts previously identified and evaluated in the EIS for the original plan or project.)

Transportation Commission TFP Update Recommendation

At their meeting on October 8, 2015, the Transportation Commission voted to recommend to Council the approval and adoption of the proposed 2016-2027 TFP. Attachment 2 provides a copy of the Commission's TFP adoption recommendation transmittal memorandum. One or more Transportation Commission members will be present at the November 2 Council meeting to discuss the Commission's recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Additional TFP Background Information
2. Bellevue Transportation Commission transmittal memorandum recommending adoption of the proposed 2016-2027 Transportation Facilities Plan
3. Proposed 2016-2027 Transportation Facilities Plan

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL DOCUMENT LIBRARY:

2013-2024 TFP Final Environmental Impact Statement and Addendum for the 2016-2027 TFP