

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

Resolution adopting the 2019-2030 Transportation Facilities Plan

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

As directed by Council on June 10, this Resolution adopts the 2019-2030 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP).

**RECOMMENDATION**

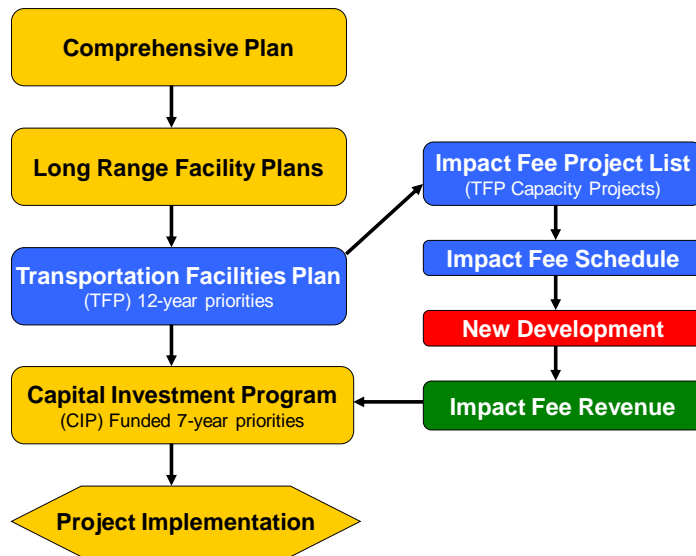
Move to adopt Resolution No. 9637

If approved, effective date: 07/15/2019

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

On June 10, Council received a briefing from Transportation Department staff and a representative of the Transportation Commission regarding the 2019-2030 TFP update process. The briefing included the differing TFP update recommendations of staff and the Commission regarding the inclusion of a specific project on SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street (TFP-158 which is to install a sidewalk and bike lanes on SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street between 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and 156<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE). Staff recommended its inclusion, and the Commission recommended its exclusion. Council's direction on June 10 was to return with legislation to adopt the proposed 2019-2030 TFP, including the SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street project.

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 below. The diagram 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.



Attachment A provides additional background on the purpose and history of the TFP. Attachment B is the Proposed 2019-2030 TFP document.

### 2019-2030 TFP Update Process

The Transportation Commission started the process to update the TFP in October 2017. The Preliminary 2019-2030 TFP project list and funding allocations were presented to Council on July 9, 2018. Council agreed to use the Commission's recommended project list to continue the TFP update process into the environmental review phase and also added the SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street project at that time.

The project list for the 2019-2030 TFP is very similar to the set of projects evaluated for the earlier 2013-2024 TFP and for the current 2016-2027 TFP (only a few new projects are added). This was a significant factor in the determination by the City's Environmental Coordinator that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was the appropriate approach to address State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements for environmental analysis for this TFP cycle. Under a Supplemental EIS, the SEPA documentation for the 2019-2030 TFP builds on the documentation prepared for the 2013-2024 TFP and the 2016-2027 TFP, rather than being a standalone document. The Draft Supplemental EIS for the 2019-2030 TFP was published on March 14. The Final Supplemental EIS for the 2019-2030 TFP was published on June 27 and includes responses to six comments received on the Draft Supplemental EIS. In response to one of the comments, the description of the NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street Extension project (TFP-211) in the 2019-2030 TFP document (Attachment B) has been augmented to clarify that the project scope analyzed for the 2019-2030 TFP Supplemental EIS extends only to 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE (consistent with the most likely opportunity for outside funding), although the overall project description extends to 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE (consistent with the Comprehensive Plan). As indicated in the 2019-2030 TFP plan document, the NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street Extension (TFP-211) is only allocated placeholder funding, not funding for implementation. Following publication of the Final Supplemental EIS staff were made aware of one additional comment letter submitted on the Draft Supplemental EIS. An Addendum

to the Final Supplemental EIS was published on July 11 to document and respond to this comment letter.

### **Transportation Impact Fee Program**

Chapter 22.16 of the Bellevue City Code (BCC) constitutes the City's Transportation Impact Fee Program and is enacted pursuant to Chapter 82.02 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW). Pursuant to BCC Chapter 22.16, the impact fee project list consists of the transportation improvements in the TFP needed to provide capacity on City roadways, where the capacity needs are reasonably related in part or in whole to new development. The impact fee project list is adopted by Council when it adopts the TFP.

The boxes on the right side of the Transportation Project Planning and Programming Process diagram presented above depict the relationship between the TFP, the impact fee project list, the impact fee schedule, and the fee revenue returning to partially fund the CIP Plan.

As Council also directed at the June 10 Study Session, staff will return to Council at a future study session with detailed impact fee program analysis and options for Council consideration regarding potential technical and policy-based updates to the adopted Transportation Impact Fee Schedule.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

#### **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 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.

BCC 22.16.050 directs that "Every two years or as otherwise directed by Council, the Transportation Commission shall review and, as necessary, present an update of the TFP to the City Council for consideration."

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no direct 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.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Resolution adopting the 2019-2030 Transportation Facilities Plan.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS**

- A. Additional TFP Background Information
- B. Proposed 2019-2030 Transportation Facilities Plan  
Proposed Resolution No. 9637

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

Final Supplemental EIS for the 2019-2030 TFP

Addendum to the Final Supplemental EIS for the 2019-2030 TFP