

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution adopting the City of Bellevue 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

State law (RCW 35.77.010) requires all local jurisdictions to annually adopt a six-year program of transportation improvements, known as the Local TIP. On June 25, 2020, the Transportation Commission hosted a public hearing and recommended adoption of the proposed 2021-2026 Local TIP.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9784

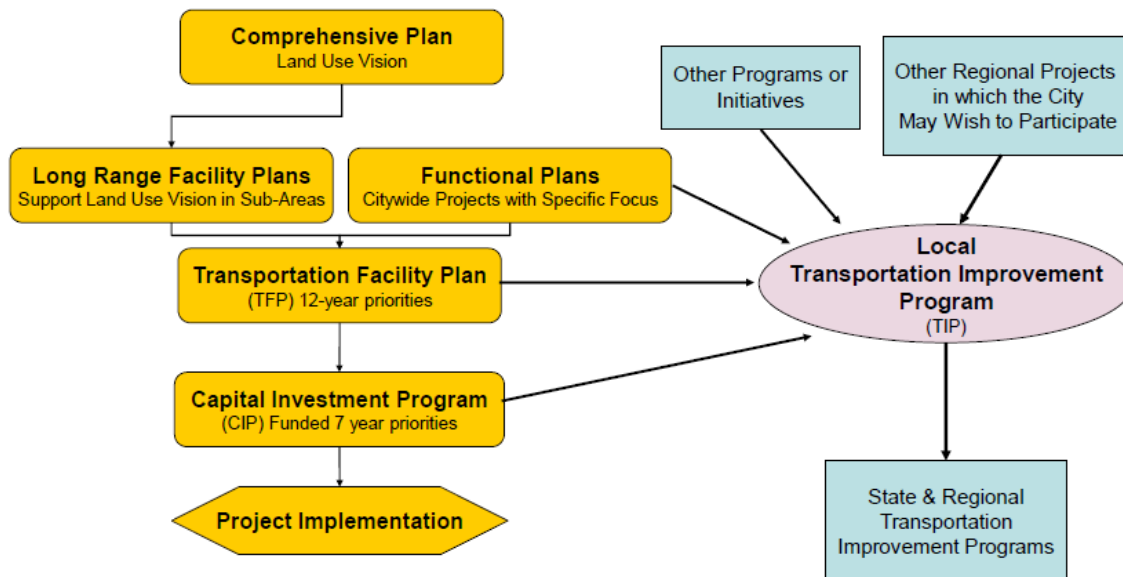
BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

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 2021-2026 TIP update is presented by the Transportation Commission for 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 2020-2025 Local TIP at its June 3, 2019 meeting (Resolution No. 9600).

The diagram below 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.

Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP)

The highest priority projects identified in sub-area long-range plans are included in the City-wide 12-year TFP, a financially constrained plan. Projects in the TFP form the basis for Transportation Impact Fee calculations and a City-wide environmental analysis of projected land use and traffic growth, which is used in the City's development review procedures.

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 2021-2026 Local TIP which is comprised primarily of a project list. The comprehensive list includes four sections of projects:

- Section I. TIP Reference Nos. 1-35: Uncompleted projects included in the Adopted 2019-2025 Capital Investment Program Plan – full or partial funding secured;
- Section II. TIP Reference Nos. 36-66: Unfunded projects included in the Adopted 2019-2030 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP);
- Section III. TIP Reference Nos. 67-100: Other unfunded local projects identified in the Comprehensive Transportation Project List or scoped by completed Alternative Analyses and Planning or Pre-design Studies; and,

- Section IV. TIP Reference Nos. 101-105: Regional or Outside Agency-led projects in which the City may choose to participate financially.

There are eight new projects and four new project descriptions proposed to be added to the TIP as follows:

- Eight projects (TIP Nos. 93-100) are new Comprehensive Transportation Project List (CTPL) projects associated with the Eastgate Transportation Study. These projects would be added to Section III of the TIP;
- One project description (TIP No. 42) was revised to reflect the updates from the Eastgate Transportation Study. This project description would be revised in Section II of the TIP; and
- Three project descriptions (TIP Nos. 101, 102 and 104) were revised to reflect the most current relevant information for regional or outside agency-led projects in which the City may choose to participate financially. These project descriptions would be revised in Section IV of the TIP.

Four projects are proposed to be removed from the current 2020-2025 TIP as they will be substantially completed by the end of 2020, are not listed in the Comprehensive Plan's Comprehensive Transportation Project List, or the City's position has already been defined elsewhere 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), 67 (Pedestrian and Bicycle Implementation Initiative) and all projects in Section IV (101-105); (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 2021-2026 TIP was held, virtually, as part of the Transportation Commission's June 25 meeting. One interested resident testified at the hearing. After the public testimony and a thorough discussion, the Transportation Commission approved the proposed TIP project list after reinstating TIP No. 105: SR 520, I-405 to West Lake Sammamish Parkway,

Transportation Commission Recommendation

By unanimous vote at their June 25 meeting, and as further described in the attached transmittal memorandum, the Transportation Commission recommends Council adoption of the proposed City of

Bellevue 2021-2026 TIP.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

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-131 to “Seek state and federal funds for transportation capital, maintenance, and operations.” To be eligible to seek federal and state funding, the City must comply with state law and adopt an annual TIP.

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact of adopting the 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. However, it is often a pre-requisite that projects be listed on an approved TIP to become eligible for federal and state grant funding programs.

OPTIONS

1. Approve the Resolution adopting the City of Bellevue 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
2. Do not approve the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff. Failure to adopt an updated Local TIP 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.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. Proposed City of Bellevue 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program
 - B. Transportation Commission Recommendation Memorandum
- Proposed Resolution No. 9784

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