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# Transportation Commission Study Session

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**SUBJECT:** Transportation Facilities Plan 2022-2033 Update

## DIRECTION REQUESTED

☐ Action (Future)

☒ Discussion/Direction

☐ Information

On December 10, staff will continue discussion with the Transportation Commission on the update of the city's Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP). *Staff is seeking Commission concurrence regarding the public survey, including survey questions and interactive map element.* In addition, staff will brief the Commission on transportation-related results of the citywide Budget Survey, released in March this year.

## BACKGROUND

The Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) is required and adopted pursuant to the Bellevue City Code ([Title 22, Development Code](#)). The TFP is the City's 12-year, or intermediate-range, transportation capital facility planning document. The [current 2019-2030 TFP](#) was adopted by the City Council in July 2019. Staff provided a briefing to the Commission on the 2022-2033 TFP update process in September 2020, presented a preliminary list of candidate projects at the meeting on October 8 and further discussed the candidate projects at the meeting on November 12.

## INFORMATION

Soliciting input from the public is a key element of the TFP update process. As discussed in Commission meetings, input from the Bellevue community may identify additional projects for consideration in the TFP process and may be a factor for the Commission in determining prioritization of projects.

A document outlining the public involvement strategy for the TFP was transmitted to the Commission for the October 8 meeting and is also attached to this memo (Attachment 1).

### **Online Open House with Survey & Interactive Project Map**

Consistent with the public involvement strategy document, staff propose to conduct an online open house for the 2022-2033 TFP Update. The city has a new platform, called [Engaging Bellevue](#), to host online public engagement. The platform will support a robust presentation of the TFP purpose and the update process currently underway. It will also allow for people to comment and ask questions. Staff can post responses to the questions, so these are visible to other viewers.

For purposes of soliciting input, the most important elements are the survey and, especially, the interactive (“clickable”) project map. The survey questions can be incorporated directly into the Engaging Bellevue open house platform and focus on understanding the ways that people providing input customarily move around Bellevue and use the transportation system currently in place. The interactive online project map is the core element of the outreach and allows people to see the entire set of candidate projects, learn details of any that are of interest and provide input. The specific features include,

- Map showing all candidate projects
- Click on project to view details
- Ability to directly indicate opinion of project (Yes, No, Neutral)
- Option to input comments on particular project.

Attachment 2 shows the survey questions used for the 2019-2030 TFP update process and proposed to also be used for the current 2022-2033 TFP process (with the only difference being the survey questions will be hosted by the new Engaging Bellevue platform, rather than Survey Monkey).

Attachment 3 is an excerpt from the Public Involvement Report prepared for the 2019-2030 TFP update process and shows the map format used in that process and proposed to also be used for the current 2022-2033 TFP update. (The web map will be a link from the Open House on Engaging Bellevue, as the Engaging Bellevue platform is unable to directly host it.)

It is anticipated the survey and web map will be open for public comment for approximately three weeks in January and (potentially) early February. Afterward, the TFP update process information will remain accessible on the Engaging Bellevue platform and will be updated at key

points in the TFP process (such as when the Commission recommends a project list and at certain stages in the SEPA environmental review).

Messaging and announcements regarding the online open house (and related survey and project map) will be communicated via the City's [Neighborhood News](#) e-newsletter, postings on the city website, through social media and notices to community print and web publications. At the conclusion of the open house process, staff will prepare a Public Involvement Report summarizing the outreach activities and compiling the comments received from the public. This input will be available to staff and the Commission as a resource to inform the process of prioritizing projects.

### **Citywide Budget Survey**

The city has commissioned a Budget Survey every other year since 1998. The survey is designed to provide a statistically valid tool to enhance the city's knowledge of Bellevue residents' perceptions about the city and to better understand community priorities and expectations regarding city services. A report on the most recent, [2020 Bellevue Budget Survey](#) was published in March this year. Elements that relate to transportation include questions that ask respondents to weigh the relative *importance* of a range of city services and their level of *satisfaction* with these services. A quadrant chart (on page 30 of the report) shows the combined results—in terms of importance and satisfaction—across the 39 services (of which 12 pertain to transportation).

Also included is a “special topic” focus on transportation, in which respondents are asked about the extent to which they “agree” or “disagree” with four strategies to manage increased traffic congestion. The results show the strongest agreement (80%) with working to improve transit service and the least agreement (59%) with widening city roads (page 34 of the report).

At the December 10 meeting, staff will provide a summary overview of the results as they relate to Transportation issues. This survey is arguably the best information available on overall community perceptions and sentiment regarding transportation issues and priorities and is therefore relevant to the Commission's task of determining project priorities for the TFP. Commissioners are encouraged to review the report in advance of the meeting. Key charts from the report are included here as Attachment 4.

### **NEXT STEPS**

TFP project staff will incorporate Commission input and launch the online TFP open house and associated survey and interactive project map in January. Transportation Department staff are currently in the process of scoring the candidate Roadway-Intersection projects; the projects will be arranged in a score-ranked list for discussion at the Commission meeting on January 14. Also anticipated for the January meeting is a briefing from city Finance Department staff regarding the city budget. This will be a big-picture overview, along with some detail regarding funding for transportation, including indication of the projects funded in the new, 2021-2027

capital budget (CIP). Funding in the new budget provides the starting point for developing the revenue forecast for the 2022-2033 TFP, which will be developed and shared with the Commission in March or April.

If you have questions or need additional information prior to the meeting, please contact Michael Ingram at (425) 452-4166 or email [mingram@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:mingram@bellevuewa.gov) or Kristi Oosterveen at (425-452-4496) or email [koosterveen@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:koosterveen@bellevuewa.gov).

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. 2022-2033 TFP Public Involvement Strategy
2. Proposed survey questions (same as used for 2019-2030 TFP process)
3. Proposed format for interactive map (excerpt from the Public Involvement Report for 2019-2030 TFP)
4. Charts relating to Transportation from 2020 Budget Survey
5. 2022-2033 TFP Update Timeline—DRAFT