

**City of
Bellevue**



Transportation Commission Study Session

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SUBJECT: Transportation Facilities Plan 2022-2033 Update

DIRECTION REQUESTED

☐ Action (Future)

☒ Discussion/Direction

☐ Information

On March 11, staff will continue discussion with the Transportation Commission on the update of the city's Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP). Transportation staff will describe the process used to develop a preliminary prioritized list of projects and summarize the projects in each of the four prioritization categories. Commission Members are invited to provide comment and direction regarding the assignment or reassignment of individual projects to the categories (which are: already funded, recommended for inclusion in TFP with funding, recommended for inclusion in TFP with "placeholder" funding only, not recommended for inclusion in TFP).

The March meeting is the initial discussion of project prioritization. At the April meeting information regarding the 2022-2033 TFP revenue forecast will be available and the prioritized project list further refined, so as to propose funding allocations to each project and establish which projects are proposed to fall above and below the "funding line."

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. The public outreach process was discussed at the meeting on December 10. Results of the evaluation of roadway-intersection projects was discussed at the meeting on January 14.

INFORMATION

TFP Public Engagement Process

The online TFP open house opened on January 25, along with the associated survey and interactive project map. The interactive element of the open house, which allowed for direct input of comment on projects, was open for three weeks, through February 15. In this three-week period, there were a total of 382 unique visitors to the open house. Comments were received on many of the proposed projects, with the largest number of comments concerning TFP-257/TFP-267 West Lake Sammamish Parkway and bicycle projects along various corridors. Public input received via the online open house was compiled and informed the staff prioritization process. A report on the TFP public outreach, including all project comments received, is included as Attachment 1 to this memo. Also included in the report are excerpts from the City's biennial Budget Survey, which concerns resident priorities for city services and was discussed with the Commission at the meeting on December 10.

Preliminary Prioritization of Candidate TFP Projects

In the second half of February, TFP project staff pursued a process to develop a preliminary prioritized list of projects for the 2022-2033 TFP. This process involved about two dozen staff from multiple city departments, as well as representatives from key functional groups within the Transportation Department. Staff were provided information including the score-ranking of roadway/intersection projects (discussed with the Commission on January 14), project comments received in the online public open house and asked to consider additional qualitative factors, including extent of project development to date, project cost, project impacts, and opportunity to tie in with projects led by others (e.g., Sound Transit, WSDOT and private development). With these additional factors, staff were tasked with identifying a limited number of higher priority and lower priority projects. In the course of two working sessions, projects issues and opportunities were identified and discussed and projects assigned to higher or lower priority levels. The product of this effort, a preliminary prioritized list of projects for the 2022-2033 TFP, is included as Attachment 2 to this memo. (A map of the projects was

developed for the online open house and remains accessible at, <https://bit.ly/3sMccHd>; for best results, use the Chrome browser.)

Projects are organized into four categories:

- The first category is shown in gray fill; these projects are fully funded in the adopted 2021-2027 CIP and thus will be **automatically included** in the 2022-2033 TFP. (15 projects)
- The second category is shown in green fill; these projects are **recommended for inclusion** in the 2022-2033 TFP, with funding to support advancing project development and/or implementation. (27 projects, including 3 bike “network” projects. Additionally, in this category are 7 transit projects, for which staff envision allocation of a single “bucket” of funding.)
- The third category is shown in peach fill; these projects are **recommended for inclusion** in the 2022-2033 TFP, with a minimal “placeholder” level of funding. (14 projects)
- The fourth category is shown in red fill; these projects are **not recommended for inclusion** in the 2022-2033 TFP. (12 projects)

Included in the list are three new projects. In conjunction with overall staff prioritization process in February, it was determined that including these projects in the TFP would be helpful to advancing these needs. The three new projects are as follows:

- Future Vision Zero road safety projects along Bellevue's High Injury Network corridors (appears in the green fill section)
- 108th Avenue NE Downtown Spine / NE 4th Street to NE 8th Street (appears in the peach fill section)
- 143rd Place NE/ NE 20th Street to Bel-Red Road/NE 20th Place signal (appears in the peach fill section)

The first project will advance the implementation of the city’s recently-completed Vision Zero Action Plan. The second and third projects will help to coordinate a segment of 108th Ave NE and a new extension of 143rd Ave NE with adjacent private development. Also included in the list (in the peach section) is TFP-269, which will fill a gap in the bicycle facilities along 124th Ave NE between the NE 8th St and Bel-Red Rd. (Work is currently underway on an interim project that will improve pedestrian conditions in this segment; however, the project scope does not widen the corridor footprint to incorporate the planned bicycle facilities.)

At the meeting on March 11, staff will further describe the overall prioritization process and assignment of individual projects, as useful. Commission members are invited to pose questions about project prioritization and the assignment of individual projects to categories as well as any questions regarding the new projects included in the list. There will be additional discussion of the preliminary prioritized list of projects at the Commission meeting on April 8 (see Next Steps section, below).

It should be noted that the 2022-2033 TFP update process now underway is largely following the traditional steps to evaluate and prioritize projects. Future updates of the TFP are

anticipated to utilize project selection and prioritization criteria that are now being identified and refined via the current and forthcoming work to develop a multimodal concurrency framework and Mobility Implementation Plan.

NEXT STEPS

Transportation Department staff and Finance Department staff will develop a 12-year revenue forecast for the 2022-2033 TFP. This revenue forecast will be shared with the Commission at the next meeting, on April 8. Staff will also continue work on developing and updating cost estimates for the candidate TFP projects. The revenue forecast and cost estimates will inform the next phase of staff work in the prioritization process, which involves assigning dollar amounts to individual projects. The revised preliminary project list, with dollars assigned to projects, will be a primary topic of discussion and Commission input at the April 8 meeting. To advance the TFP update process, the Commission will need to endorse a Preliminary 2022-2033 TFP proposed project list; the vote to endorse a proposed project list may be taken at the April meeting or at the following meeting, on May 13. Following the endorsement of the project list, a Commission representative and staff will brief the City Council on the TFP update process and the proposed project list. With the endorsement of the Council, the project list will provide the basis for proceeding to the environmental review phase of the TFP update process.

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 or Kristi Oosterveen at (425-452-4496) or email koosterveen@bellevuewa.gov.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2022-2033 TFP Public Involvement Report
2. Preliminary prioritized list of projects for the 2022-2033 TFP
3. 2022-2033 TFP Update Timeline