

**City of
Bellevue**



Transportation Commission Study Session

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SUBJECT: 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

DIRECTION REQUESTED

☒ Action

☐ Discussion

☐ Information

The recommended 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was introduced to the Transportation Commission on March 11, 2021. Staff reviewed with the Commission recommended additions, deletions, and modifications to the list of projects in the current 2021-2026 TIP. The Commission agreed to offer the recommended 2022-2027 TIP project list as the basis for a mandated public hearing on the City's Local TIP update (see Attachments 1 and 2).

On April 8, 2021, the Transportation Commission will host a public hearing and will be asked to make a recommendation to the City Council for adoption of the recommended City of Bellevue 2022-2027 TIP. The City Council is scheduled to take action on the TIP update on May 10, 2021.

BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION

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, by the end of June each year. On June 25, 2020, the Transportation Commission hosted a virtual public hearing via Zoom and recommended adoption of the current 2021-2026 Local TIP. Due to the Governor's restrictions on public meetings, the city was not able to meet the mandated deadline, but all jurisdictions were granted a reprieve due to the COVID pandemic. On July 6, 2020, the City Council adopted the current TIP (Resolution No. 9784).

The six-year Local TIP serves as an inventory of projects and a rough work plan for the development of local transportation systems and, as such, represents an important planning

component under the state 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 also 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.

For the City of Bellevue, the primary importance of the Local TIP is that, in most instances, projects must be included on a Local TIP to be eligible for funding from state and federal grant programs. Because Local TIPs are not revenue constrained, like Bellevue's Capital Investment Program (CIP) plan and Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP), the City can include projects and programs we would implement within the 6-year timeframe, if the funding was available. Local TIPs then, by definition, is a comprehensive list of projects and programs deemed necessary to ensure a balanced investment in the City's multimodal transportation system.

Recommended City of Bellevue 2022-2027 TIP

Attachment 1 is the project list that comprises the recommended City of Bellevue 2022-2027 Local TIP update. All projects fall within one of four color-coded categories, or sections, as described below:

Section I	TIP Reference Nos. 1-32: Uncompleted CIP Projects (included in the Adopted 2021-2027 Capital Investment Program Plan – full or partial funding secured)
Section II	TIP Reference Nos. 33-62: TFP Projects (unfunded projects included in the Adopted 2019-2030 Transportation Facilities Plan)
Section III	TIP Reference Nos. 63-105: Other unfunded local projects identified in the Comprehensive Transportation Project List or scoped by completed Alternative Analyses, Planning or Pre-design Studies or 2022-2033 TFP candidate projects
Section IV	TIP Reference Nos. 106-110: Regional or Outside Agency-led projects in which the City may choose to participate financially

Staff reviewed the recommended 2022-2027 Local TIP with the Commission at the meeting on March 11, 2021 with updates as follows:

There are 23 new projects and two new project descriptions recommended to be added to the TIP as follows:

- 14 projects (TIP Nos. 21a, 21b, 21c, 21d, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28a, 28b, 29c, 28d, 28e and 31) are new Capital Investment Program (CIP) projects. These projects would be added to Section I of the TIP;

- Nine projects (TIP Nos. 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105) are 2022-2033 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) candidate projects. These projects would be added to Section II of the TIP;
- One project description (TIP No. 21e) was revised to reflect the updates for the proposed Congestion Reduction Program project. This project description would be revised in Section I of the TIP; and
- One project description (TIP No. 39) was revised to reflect updates from the Eastgate Transportation Study. These project descriptions would be revised in Section II of the TIP.

There are seven projects recommended to be removed from the current 2021-2026 TIP (Attachment 3):

- Six CIP projects in Section I are projected to be substantially completed in 2021; and
- One project in Section II is recommended to be removed as it was completed with CIP program funds.

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. Because the Local TIP is not revenue constrained, project costs are given one of two designations:

1. Secured Funding. Projects with secured funding have local or other sources of funding allocated to support full or partial project implementation.
2. 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.

REQUESTED ACTION

Staff requests the Transportation Commission approve a motion to recommend that the City Council adopt the Recommended City of Bellevue 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

A draft Transportation Commission transmittal memorandum is attached for your consideration (see Attachment 4). Typically for this action, a Commission representative need not be present to transmit the recommendation to Council.

NEXT STEPS

TIP update timeline:

- May 10, 2021 – City Council reviews and adopts the Recommended 2022-2027 TIP.
- June 30, 2021 – Formatting and submittal of the adopted 2022-2027 TIP to PSRC and WSDOT.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Recommended City of Bellevue 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Project List
2. Recommended City of Bellevue 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Project Map
3. Projects Recommended to be Deleted from the current 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Project list
4. Draft Transportation Commission Recommendation Transmittal Memorandum