

City of  
Bellevue



# Transportation Commission Study Session

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**SUBJECT:** 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

## DIRECTION REQUESTED

- Action  
 Discussion  
 Information

On April 11, 2024, the Transportation Commission will host a public hearing and will be asked to make a recommendation to the City Council for adoption of the City of Bellevue 2025-2030 TIP. The City Council is scheduled to take action on the TIP update on May 7, 2024.

## 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 May 11, 2023, the Transportation Commission hosted a public hearing and recommended adoption of the current 2024-2029 Local TIP. On June 5, 2023, the City Council adopted the current TIP (Resolution No. 10258).

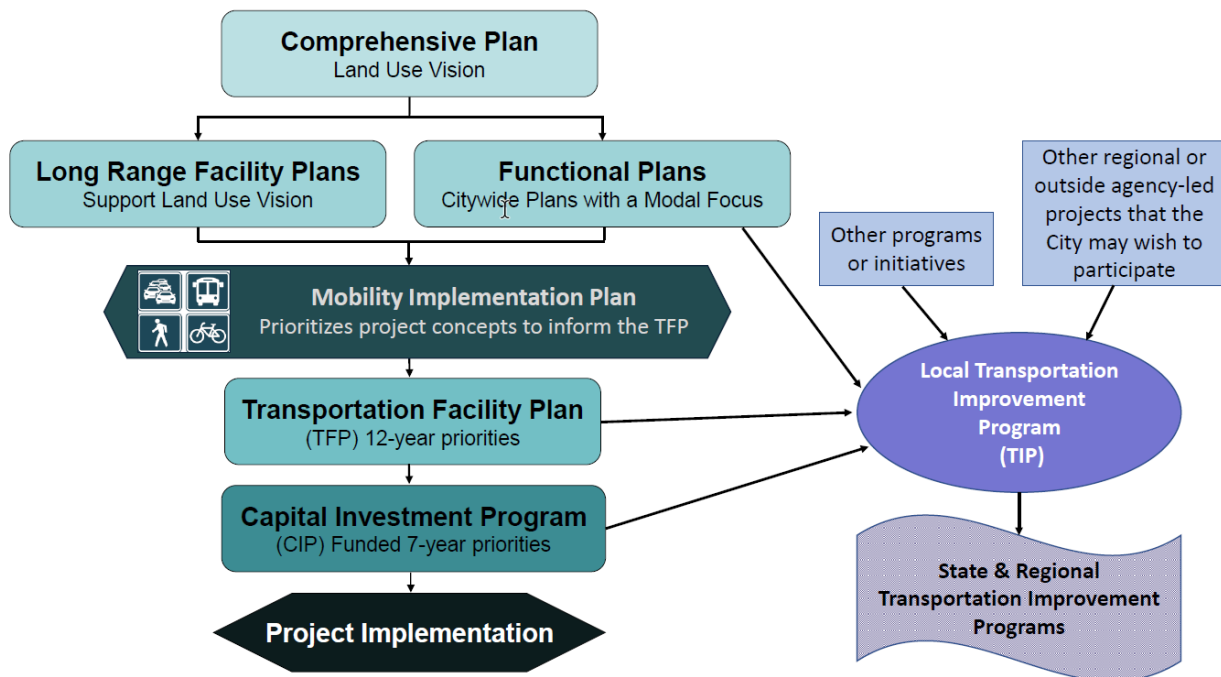
The six-year Local TIP serves as an inventory of projects and a rough work plan for the development of local transportation systems and, as such, represents an important planning component under the state Growth Management Act. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Puget Sound 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 and resources were 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.

Figure 1 illustrates the relationship between the TIP, the Capital Investment Program, and the Transportation Facilities Plan.

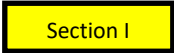

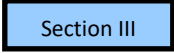

**Figure 1**



## Recommended City of Bellevue 2025-2030 TIP

The preliminary recommended 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was introduced to the Transportation Commission on February 8, 2024. Staff reviewed with the Commission recommended additions, deletions, and modifications to the list of projects in the current 2024-2029 TIP. The Commission agreed to offer the recommended 2025-2030 TIP project list as the basis for a mandated public hearing on the City's Local TIP update (see Attachments 1 and 2). Since the February 8 meeting, staff has identified five additional new projects recommended for inclusion in this TIP update (details below).

Attachment 1 is the project list that comprises the recommended City of Bellevue 2025-2030 Local TIP update. All projects fall within one of four color-coded categories, or sections, as described below:

-  Section I TIP Reference Nos. 1-39: Uncompleted CIP Projects (included in the Adopted 2023-2029 Capital Investment Program Plan – full or partial funding secured)
-  Section II TIP Reference Nos. 40-76: TFP Projects (unfunded projects included in the Adopted 2022-2033 Transportation Facilities Plan)
-  Section III TIP Reference Nos. 77-108: Other unfunded local projects identified and scoped by completed Alternative Analyses and Planning or Pre-design Studies (may be considered for inclusion in the next TFP update)
-  Section IV TIP Reference Nos. 109-113: Regional or Outside Agency-led projects in which the city may choose to participate financially

Staff reviewed the recommended 2025-2030 Local TIP with the Commission at the meeting on February 8, 2024, with updates as follows:

There are five new projects recommended to be added to the TIP. The packet for the February 8 meeting did not include any recommended new projects, however, after reviewing the department's candidate funding proposals for the 2025-2034 CIP budget update (The City is transitioning to a 10-year CIP with this year's budget process), it was decided to recommend the following five projects be incorporated into this TIP update:

- Two entries are proposed new subprojects under existing programs in the adopted 2023-2029 CIP for which the city has recently been awarded new federal grant funding. These subprojects would be added to Section I of the TIP. City Council action to authorize grant agreements and formally amend the CIP to include these new projects and revenue is anticipated later this year.

- TIP No. 10a – Real-Time Traffic Signal Safety Interventions (RTSSI) Project (Awarded a \$1.427 million *Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART)* grant by the USDOT); and
  - TIP No. 23a – Bellevue Safe Access for Everyone (BSAFE) Project (Awarded a \$2.788 million *Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)* grant by the USDOT.
- Three additional new projects/programs are recommended to be added to Section III of the TIP as the department is developing new capital funding proposals associated with this year’s CIP update process:
    - TIP No. 106 – NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street – 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to Bellevue Way NE Multi-Purpose Path (to fund a northside 12-foot-wide multi-purpose path);
    - TIP No. 107 – Safe Routes to School Program (to fund roadway safety improvement projects near schools and support the development of roadway safety and encouragement programs in Bellevue schools); and
    - TIP No. 108 – Arterial Sidewalk Program (to fund sidewalk projects on arterials throughout the city that are not covered by the Neighborhood Sidewalk Program (TIP No. 33, CIP No. W/B-76))

In addition, there was one project recommended to be transferred between TIP sections:

- One project previously in Section I, is proposed to be transferred to Section III (TIP No. 105) as a portion of the project was completed with a grant and the remaining portions will remain on the list to fill a missing gap.

There are five projects recommended to be removed from the current 2024-2029 TIP (Attachment 3). In the memo that was reviewed with the Commission on February 8, it stated that four projects would be removed from the proposed 2025-2030 TIP. Since that time, one additional subproject has been added to the list as it will be completed in 2024 due to a recent grant acceptance:

- Four CIP projects in Section I are recommended to be removed as they are projected to be substantially completed in 2024.
- One project in Section III is recommended to be removed as it is now part of the Bellevue College Connection (TIP No. 22, CIP No. R-201)

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**

1. Staff requests the Transportation Commission approve a motion to recommend that the City Council adopt the City of Bellevue 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program.
2. 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 in person to transmit the recommendation to Council.

### **NEXT STEPS**

TIP update timeline:

- May 7, 2024 – City Council reviews and adopts the Recommended 2025-2030 TIP.
- June 30, 2024 – Formatting and submittal of the adopted 2025-2030 TIP to PSRC and WSDOT.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Recommended City of Bellevue 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Project List
2. Recommended City of Bellevue 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Project Map
3. Projects Recommended to be Deleted from the current 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Project list
4. Draft Transportation Commission Recommendation Transmittal Memorandum