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SUBJECT: Ordinance – Adoption of the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program Amended 2014-2015 for 2016-2021– September 29, 2015
DATE: September 14, 2015

SUMMARY:

An ordinance adopting the amended Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2014-2015 for 2016-2021.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

The City’s proposed transportation program includes budgeted and planned transportation projects for the following six years, which includes roadways, bridges, active transportation facilities, sidewalks, and other transportation capital improvement projects.

BACKGROUND:

Section 35.77.010 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) provides that the legislative body of each city and town prepare and adopt a comprehensive transportation program for the following six calendar years and annually thereafter pursuant to one or more public hearings, prepare and adopt a revised and extended comprehensive transportation program, and each one year extension and revision thereof will be filed with the Secretary of Transportation of the State of Washington. Section 35.77.010 of the RCW further provides that each city will include in their comprehensive transportation program how they intend to expend the revenues for non-motorized transportation purposes.

Staff presented the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2014-2015 for 2016-2021 to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee on August 27, 2014, and October 8, 2014. Staff also presented the proposed capital projects to the Transportation Commission on September 3, 2014, and October 1, 2014. On December 9, 2014, the City Council adopted the 2015-2020 Capital Facilities Program (Ordinance No. 28269) and the 2015-2016 City of Tacoma Budget (Ordinance No. 28270). Both documents include a majority of the projects in the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2014-2015 for 2016-2021. A City Council public hearing was held on June 23, 2015. This hearing provided an opportunity for citizens to comment on the amended Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2014-2015 for 2016-2021.

ISSUE:

Cities and towns are required to update and adopt their comprehensive transportation program annually. The program is necessary to allow the City to compete for and obtain State and Federal grant funding. All proposed projects meet the Project Selection Criteria, which was created by the City Council in 2009 and added to each Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program preface.



ALTERNATIVES:

No action taken on the approval of the proposed Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2014-2015 for 2016-2021 may result in a loss or delay in funding and project completion.

RECOMMENDATION:

Public Works recommends adoption of the amended Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2014-2015 for 2016-2021. Addition of the new projects allows the City to compete for and obtain Federal and State grants funds, which leverages the City's Street Special Revenue Fund. The amendment also allows the City to repair hazardous street conditions and pursue transportation projects that meet the Project Selection Criteria within the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Preface.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.