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SUBJECT:

Resolution - Setting Public Hearing Date - June 9, 2015

Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program Amended 2014/2015 & 2016-2021

DATE:

May 21, 2015

SUMMARY:

A resolution setting Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at approximately 5:30 p.m., as the date and time for a public hearing before the City Council for the purpose of adopting the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2014/2015 & 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.

A public hearing will allow residents and interested stakeholders to review and comment on the City's proposed transportation program 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 & 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 & 2016-2021.

ISSUE:

Cities and towns are required to update and adopt their comprehensive transportation program annually. Adoption of the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program for Amended 2014/2015 & 2016-2021 is required by July 1st of each year.

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:

Approval of the proposed draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2014/2015 & 2016-2021 can be completed at a later date or revisions can be made to the proposed list no later than July 1, 2015. No action may result in a loss of or delay in funding and project completion.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Works Department recommends City Council approve this request to set the public hearing date and time for June 23, 2015, at approximately 5:30 p.m., before the City Council, to allow residents and interested stakeholders to review and comment on the City's proposed transportation program, for the purpose of adopting the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2014/2015 & 2016-2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.