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SUBJECT: Ordinance – Adoption of the Six Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program
– June 20, 2023
DATE: May 30, 2023

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

An ordinance adopting the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2023 and 2024-2029.

BACKGROUND:

This Department’s recommendation is based on Section 35.77.010 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) that provides that the legislative body of each city and town prepare and adopt a comprehensive transportation program for the ensuing 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.

The City adopted the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) in December 2015, which includes a prioritized list of transportation projects. The adoption of the TMP included extensive citywide community outreach, including attendance at neighborhood festivals and clean-ups, and two public hearings. The proposed list of projects to be added to the draft Program supports the goals and policies, as well as network priorities outlined in the TMP.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Staff provided a presentation to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee on the proposed list of projects to be added to, removed from, or consolidated with other projects in the draft program on April 12, 2023 and a presentation on the full draft program on May 10, 2023. Staff also provided a presentation to the Transportation Commission on the proposed list of projects to be added to and removed from the draft program on March 15, 2023 and presented the full draft program on May 17, 2023. A presentation was also provided to the City Council at the May 23, 2023 Study Session. A public hearing is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at approximately 5:15 p.m., at the City Council meeting.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

This ordinance provides the City with an opportunity to implement the Transportation Master Plan that prioritizes mobility for all modes, ages, and abilities with active transportation as the priority. It also strives to eliminate pedestrian and bicycle fatalities and serious injuries.



Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the number of infrastructure projects and improvements that support existing and new business developments, and access to jobs.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Improve access and proximity by residents of diverse income levels and race/ethnicity to community facilities, services, infrastructure, and employment.

Decrease the percentage of individuals who are spending more than 45 percent of income on housing and transportation costs.

Reduce diesel emissions by improving freight efficiency and mitigate demand for vehicular trips, reducing the burdens of heavy traffic roadways.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).

The draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2023 and 2024-2029 was developed in concert with the Transportation Master Plan vision that Tacoma is a sustainable community with many drivers, residents, businesses, and visitors who have various transportation priorities. The City is strategic in how it plans its transportation system with an emphasis on carrying the people and goods that foster Tacoma's culture, character, and competitiveness. The transportation system offers multimodal travel options that provide safe access for all users and neighborhoods that encourage healthy living and protect the environment. The projects and programs included in the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2023 and 2024-2029 focus on being a partner, protecting the community, providing mobility for all, striving for fiscal, environmental, and social sustainability, leveraging programs and services, and linking to land use.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. According to RCW Section 35.77.010, the draft program must be adopted no later than July 1 st of each year. The public hearing can be scheduled for another date; however, that will delay adoption.	Delaying the adoption of the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2023 and 2024-2029 would allow for the planning document to be more in alignment with current or proposed funding.	Delaying the adoption of the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2023 and 2024-2029 may result in the loss or delay of State and Federal grant funding, and project delivery.
2. City Council can recommend changes to the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2023 and 2024-2029.	Making changes to the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2023 and 2024-2029 would allow for the planning document to be more in alignment with City Council priorities, current funding, or proposed funding.	Making changes to the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2023 and 2024-2029 may result in the delay of adoption that may result in the loss or delay of State and Federal grant funding.



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EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

The status of projects funded and infrastructure improvements completed will be tracked. This can be compared to the same data collected each year so that changes overtime can be observed and future Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Programs can be updated.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Works Department recommends City Council adopt the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2023 and 2024-2029.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2023 and 2024-2029.
- A list of proposed New and Removed Projects for the Draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2023 and 2024-2029.