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SUBJECT: Ordinance – Adoption of the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2019 and 2020-2025 – June 18, 2019
DATE: June 3, 2019

SUMMARY:

An ordinance adopting the amended Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2019 and 2020-2025.

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 ensuing 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 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. RCW 35.77.010 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, and amended in June 2018, which includes a prioritized list of transportation projects. The adoption of the TMP included citywide community outreach and two public hearings. The proposed list of projects to be added to the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2019 and 2020-2025 (draft program) supports the goals and policies as well as network priorities outlined in the TMP.

Staff presented a proposed list of projects to be added to the draft program to the Transportation Commission on February 20 and March 20, 2019, the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee on February 27 and March 27, 2019, and the City Council at the April 9, 2019, Study Session.

A City Council public hearing was held on April 30, 2019. This hearing provided an opportunity for residents to comment on the proposed Six-Year Program. There were two public testimonies provided during the hearing that were related to the Pierce Transit Bus Rapid Transit project and congestion around I-5 at South 38th, 56th, and 72nd streets.



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. City staff will be pursuing, or has received, grants and City funds for the proposed 16 new projects.

ALTERNATIVES:

RCW 35.77.010 requires that the City hold a public hearing; therefore, staff has not identified an alternative.

The Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2019 and 2020-2025 must be adopted no later than July 1, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Works Department recommends the City Council approve an ordinance adopting the amended Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2019 and 2020-2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.