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SUBJECT: Set Public Hearing Date for Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2013-2014 & 2015-2020 – April 29, 2014
DATE: April 11, 2014

SUMMARY:

Setting the date and time for a public hearing before the City Council on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., for the purpose of adopting the amended *Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2013-2014 & 2015-2020*.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Plan for and improve public infrastructure that meets the transportation needs of all Tacoma residents and visitors.

As a result of submitting a revised *Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program*, the City is eligible to compete for and obtain State and Federal grant funding for necessary transportation 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. 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 program may at any time be revised by a majority of the legislative body of a city or town, but only after a public hearing.

Staff presented the proposed addition of one project, the North Vassault Street Sidewalk project, to the *Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2013-2014 & 2015-2020* to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee on April 9, 2014.

ISSUE:

The City was awarded a Transportation Improvement Board grant to repair a retaining wall, complete missing link (portions of) sidewalks, and install or upgrade curb ramps and driveways to ADA standards. Inclusion of this project in the *Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2013-2014 & 2015-2020* is necessary for expenditure of grant funds.

Before submission of the *Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2013-2014 & 2015-2020* to the Secretary of Transportation of the State of Washington, the City must fulfill certain citizen participation requirements including holding a public hearing on the proposed changes.



ALTERNATIVES:

Adoption of the proposed *Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2013-2014 & 2015-2020* can be completed at a later date or in conjunction with the regular annual amendment process. A deferred adoption may result in a loss of grant funds or delayed construction.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends setting the time and date for a public hearing before the City Council as Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., for the purpose of adopting the amended *Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2013-2014 & 2015-2020*. Addition of the new project, North Vassault Street Sidewalk project, allows the City to obtain 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 a transportation project that meets the Project Selection Criteria within the *Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program* preface. No action may result in a loss of or delay in funding and project completion.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.