



City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Resolution – Setting Public Hearing Date for the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program – July 28, 2020
DATE: July 13, 2020

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution setting Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at approximately 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing before the City Council for the purpose of adopting the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2020 and 2021-2026.

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 Transportation Commission on the proposed list of projects to be added to and removed from the draft program on February 19, 2020 and the full draft program on June 15, 2020. The Transportation Commission reviews the draft program for consistency with the Transportation Master Plan. A presentation is scheduled for the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Council Standing Committee (IPS) on July 22, 2020.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

This resolution sets the date for a public hearing before the City Council. The public hearing provides residents with the opportunity to comment on planned transportation programs and projects that are vetted for consistency with the Transportation Master Plan, which includes mobility for all modes and abilities with active transportation as the priority.



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Civic Engagement: Equity Index Score: High Opportunity

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

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

A public hearing provides residents the opportunity to learn about and testify on the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2020 and 2021-2026.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
According to Section 35.77.010 of the RCW, the draft program must be adopted no later than July 1 st of each year; however, Washington State Department of Transportation has indicated that due to current restrictions, a delayed adoption will be allowed. 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 2020 and 2021-2026 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 2020 and 2021-2026 may result in the loss or delay of State and Federal grant funding.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

This resolution sets the date for a public hearing before the City Council. Testimony will inform the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2020 and 2021-2026 that will be presented to City Council at a later date.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Works Department recommends City Council approve this request to set Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at approximately 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing before the City Council for the purpose of adopting the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2020 and 2021-2026.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.