



City of Tacoma

## City Council Action Memorandum

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**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Setting Public Hearing Date for the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program – May 6, 2025  
**DATE:** April 21, 2025

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### SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution setting Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 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 2025 and 2026-2031.

### 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 its comprehensive transportation program how it intends 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:

To date in 2025, staff provided presentations to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee on the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program (Program) amendment process and timeline on February 26, 2025, and the full draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2025 and 2026-2031 on April 23, 2025. Staff also provided a presentation to the Transportation Commission on the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amendment process, timeline, and the proposed list of projects to be added to or removed from the draft Program on April 16, 2025.

### 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.



**Civic Engagement:** *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Elected officials, boards, commissions, and volunteer leadership will reflect the diversity of the Tacoma community. 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 2025 and 2026-2031.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. According to RCW 35.77.010, the draft Program must be adopted no later than July 1st 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 2025 and 2026-2031 would allow for the planning document to be more in alignment with new funding allocations or grants received since the adoption of the Biennial Budget.	Delaying the adoption of the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2025 and 2026-2031 may result in the loss or delay of State and Federal grant funding, and project delivery.

**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 2025 and 2026-2031 that will be presented to City Council at a later date.

**STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The Public Works Department recommends City Council approve this request to set Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 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 2025 and 2026-2031.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.