

City of Tacoma

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COPY:	City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT:	Resolution – Setting Public Hearing Date for the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation
	Program – May 2, 2017
DATE:	April 4, 2017

SUMMARY:

A resolution setting Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at approximately 5:15 p.m., as the date and time for a public hearing before the City Council for the purpose of adopting the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2016-2017 and 2018-2023.

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.

A public hearing will allow residents and interested stakeholders to review and comment on the City's proposed transportation program 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. 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 citywide community outreach and two public hearings. The proposed list of projects to be added to the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2016-2017 and 2018-2023 support 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 Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2016-2017 and 2018-2023 to the Transportation Commission on February 15, 2017, and to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee on February 22 and March 22, 2017.

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 20 new projects. This resolution will set Tuesday, May 16, 2017, as the date for a public hearing.



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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 2016-2017 and 2018-2023 must be adopted no later than July 1, 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Works Department recommends City Council approve this request to set Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at approximately 5:15 p.m., as the date and time for a public hearing before the City Council for the purpose of adopting the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2016-2017 and 2018-2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact. This action only sets the date for a public hearing before the City Council.