



City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Ordinance – Adoption of the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program
– June 9, 2026
DATE: May 20, 2026

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

An ordinance adopting the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2026 and 2027-2032.

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.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

The City adopted the Transportation and Mobility Plan (TMP) in June 2025, which includes a prioritized list of transportation projects. The adoption of the TMP included extensive citywide community outreach, including attendance at neighborhood events 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. To date in 2026, staff provided a presentation to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Council Committee on the annual Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amendment process and major changes on March 11, 2026, and received a recommendation to forward the draft program to City Council on April 22, 2026. Staff presented the recommended draft to City Council study session on May 12, 2026. Staff also provided a presentation to the Transportation Commission on the annual Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amendment process on January 21, 2026, and major changes on March 18, 2026.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

This ordinance provides the City with an opportunity to implement the Transportation and Mobility Plan that prioritizes safe and connected access for all modes, ages, and abilities with active transportation and access to transit as the priority.

Livability: Equity Index Score: High Opportunity

Improve access and proximity by residents to diverse income levels and race/ethnicity to community facilities, services, infrastructure, and employment.

Decrease the percentage of individuals who are spending more than 45% of their income on housing and transportation costs.



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

The draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2026 and 2027-2032 was developed in concert with the Transportation and Mobility Plan vision to create and sustain a transformative multimodal system that connects people to places and people to people. The City is strategic in how it plans its transportation system with an emphasis on carrying the people and goods that foster Tacoma's culture, character, and competitiveness. The transportation system offers multimodal travel options that provide safe access for all users and neighborhoods that encourage healthy living and protect the environment. The projects and programs included in the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2026 and 2027-2032 focus on being a partner, protecting the community, providing mobility for all, striving for fiscal, environmental, and social sustainability, leveraging programs and services, and linking to land use.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
None - according to RCW 35.77.010, the draft Program must be adopted no later than July 1st of each year.	Delaying the adoption of the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2026 and 2027-2032 would allow for the planning document to be more in alignment with new funding allocations or grants received since the Biennial Budget.	Delaying the adoption of the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2026 and 2027-2032 may result in the loss or delay of State and Federal grant funding, and project delivery.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

The status of projects funded, and infrastructure improvements completed are tracked through the Streets Initiative Annual Report and annual Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amendments. This can be compared to the same data collected each year so that changes overtime can be observed, and future Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Programs can be updated.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Works Department recommends City Council adopt the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2026 and 2027-2032.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2025 and 2026-2032.