



## Staff Report

*June 1, 2020 Council Meeting*

### **Six Year Transportation Improvement Program Public Hearing**

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#### **SUMMARY/NEED:**

The Six Year Transportation Improvement Program, also known as the 6 Year Street Plan, is updated each year prior to commencement of the Washington State fiscal year of July 1 per the requirements of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35.77.010. This year's program is for calendar years 2021 through 2026. Projects that have obligated (committed) construction funding are pulled from the list each year. Staff will go over both Council and public comments received prior to the hearing. The plan consists of the list, map and appendices. The drafts are attached to this agenda item.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Per the RCWs, the purpose of the Plan is to assure that each city shall perpetually have available advanced plans looking to the future for not less than six years as a guide in carrying out a coordinated transportation program. There is often confusion amongst citizens and developers that, if there's a project included on the 6 Year Street Plan, it means that it is fully funded and will be constructed. To the contrary, as stated above, projects that have committed construction funding are actually pulled from the list each year. Most of the projects on the list do not currently have a funding source. Some grant sources require that a project be on the agency's 6 Year Street Plan in order to be eligible for funding. Typically, the priority number assigned is only for broader community planning purposes and is not of importance for reasons of funding. For example, the NW 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue project was prioritized as 16<sup>th</sup> in last year's plan. This project received federal funding for preliminary engineering (design) and right-of-way acquisition. Staff has moved this project up the list (recommended 4<sup>th</sup>) based on its receipt of grant funding.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Staff has received the following comments from Councilmembers for consideration:

- Add intersection improvements at NW McIntosh Road and NW Brady Road
- Add a left turn lane project for the intersection of NW Grand Ridge Drive and NW Brady Road
- Consider adding a connector route from NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Crown Road south to SR-14
- Consider moving projects north of Lacamas Lake farther down the list.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

As of noon Tuesday, May 26 there were no public comments received. Staff will disclose any public comments received after that time at the public hearing.

**SCHEDULE:**

Staff will return to Council with a resolution adopting the 6 Year Street Plan on June 15, 2020 in order to adopt the plan prior to the July 1 deadline.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Council hold a public hearing, consider comments and public testimony, provide direction to staff on desired changes, and direct the city attorney to prepare a resolution for adoption of the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2021 through 2026.